

September 18, 1987

Virginia Polytechnic Institute  
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DIFFUSION

The Geography Department welcomes five new graduate students: Grace Conaway (from the U. of New Orleans); Dave Eborall (VPI & SU); Bill O'Brien (Radford U.); Pieter Waldenmaier (Glassboro State, NJ); and John Young (VPI & SU).

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On September 7th Sherry Perry successfully defended her M.S. thesis, "Acquisition of Geographic Information from Television News Maps."

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Molly Duquette successfully defended her M.S. thesis, "Effectiveness of Non-contiguous Value-by-Area Cartograms" on September 14th.

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Bob Morrill participated in a meeting of the GENIP Steering Committee at the National Geographic Society in Washington, September 11-12.

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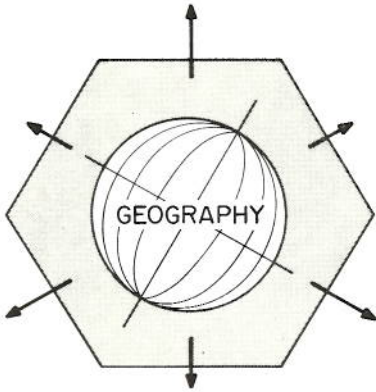
Jim Campbell is beginning service as a member of the Publications Committee of the American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing.

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On September 24th Jim Bohland will present a paper, "Spatial Restructuring of San Francisco's Medical Services, 1870-1910," at a conference dealing with the history of medical geography at the Wellcome Institute in London.

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Bon Richardson's article, "The Lowland Adaptation: Indian Settlements of Coastal Guyana," appears in Indian Labour Immigration (Mauritius: Mahatma Gandhi Institute Press, 1986), pp. 289-308.



October 9, 1987

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DIFFUSION

Charles Good's book, Ethnomedical Systems in Africa: Patterns of Traditional Medicine in Rural and urban Kenya, 1987, xxi + 354 pp., has been published by The Guilford Press of New York.

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Geographer David Lowenthal of the University of London will speak about "The Politics of the Past" this afternoon at 4:30 p.m. in McBryde 136.

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Tom Maraffa and Susan Brooker-Gross have published "Intrahousehold Commuting Behavior in a Nonmetropolitan Setting," in Tijdschrift voor Economische en Sociale Geografie, vol. 78, no. 2 (1987), pp. 108-113.

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Bon Richardson's review of Kenneth F. Kiple, The Caribbean Slave: A Biological History (Cambridge, 1974) appears in Caribbean Review (Spring, 1987), p. 42.

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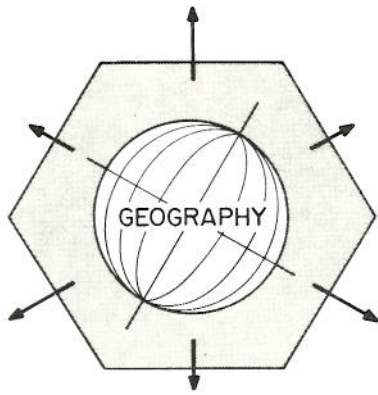
Jane Vyula has been invited to help coordinate the planning for a workshop for Arts and Sciences secretaries to be held next Spring.

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Geography department enrollment for Fall, 1987, is 557, up 47 from last year's fall quarter enrollment.

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Pat and Bill Carstensen's new son, Samuel Evan, was born September 19, 1987.



Department of Geography  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute  
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October 30, 1987

### DIFFUSION

Larry Grossman has received research grants from the Social Science Research Council of New York and the National Geographic Society for his forthcoming field project, "Tobacco Contract Farming, Diet, and Nutrition in Western Kenya."

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Alan Moore has been elected vice president of the Virginia Tech Chapter of ACSM/ASPRS.

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Susan Brooker-Gross is co-director of the VPI&SU Women's Studies Program for 1987-88.

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Bob Morrill gave a paper entitled "Geography Textbook Treatment of Small Nations: The Example of Finland," at the annual conference of the National Council for Geographic Education in Springfield, Missouri, October 17-22. Bill Carstensen ran a workshop on map use instruction at the same meeting.

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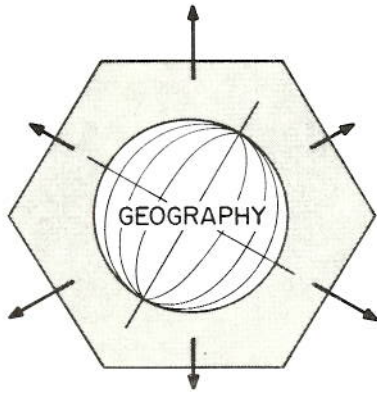
Charles Good's article, "Community Health in Tropical Africa: Is Medical Pluralism a Hindrance or a Resource?" appears in Health and Disease in Tropical Africa (Chur, Switzerland: Harwood Academic Publishers, 1987), pp. 13-50.

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Paul Knox has published "The Social Production of the Built Environment: Architects, Architecture and the Postmodern City" in Progress in Human Geography, vol. 11 (1987), pp. 354-377.

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Bon Richardson's article, "Men, Water, and Mudflats in Coastal Guyana," is in Resource Management and Optimization, vol. 5 (1987), pp. 213-236.



Virginia Polytechnic Institute  
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November 13, 1987

## DIFFUSION

Bob Morrill has been elected First Vice President and President-Elect of the National Council for Geographic Education effective January 1, 1988.

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Larry Grossman has received further funding from the Geography and Regional Science Division of the National Science Foundation, for his forthcoming study in Kenya.

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This afternoon Susan Brooker-Gross will give an invited talk ("Southern Newspapers and Urban Systems: A Geography") at the Geography Department at the University of Delaware, followed by her banquet address ("A Research Agenda for a Geography of News") at the annual meeting of the Delaware Valley Geography Association.

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Joe Curd successfully defended his M.S. thesis, "Determination of the Accuracy of Parcel Acreage Estimated in Land Descriptions," on November 9th.

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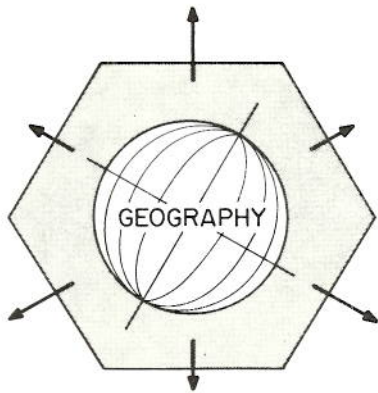
Paul Knox's article, "Collective Consumption and Socio-Spatial Change," appears in M. Pacione, ed., Social Geography: Progress and Prospect (London: Croom Helm, 1987).

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On November 9th Bon Richardson lectured about Latin American and Caribbean geography at the U.S. Foreign Service Institute in Arlington.

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Professor Philip Gersmehl, a geographer from the University of Minnesota, lectures this afternoon at 4pm in McBryde 136 about physical geography.



December 4, 1987

Virginia Polytechnic Institute &  
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Department of Geography

### DIFFUSION

Jim Campbell's book, Introduction to Remote Sensing has been published by the Guilford Press of New York (1987) 551 pp.

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Deborah Sturm's article about geography as an academic discipline appeared in the Collegiate Times to help mark Geography Awareness Week, November 15-22.

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Allan Cox has begun work as a Geographic Information System officer with the Montana State Library in Helena, Montana.

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The second edition of Paul Knox's Urban Social Geography (New York: Wiley) has just appeared.

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Charles Good presented a paper, "Traditional Healers and AIDS Management in Africa," at a special symposium ("AIDS in Africa: Symposium on Social and Policy Issues") at the meetings of the African Studies Association in Denver, Colorado, November 19-22.

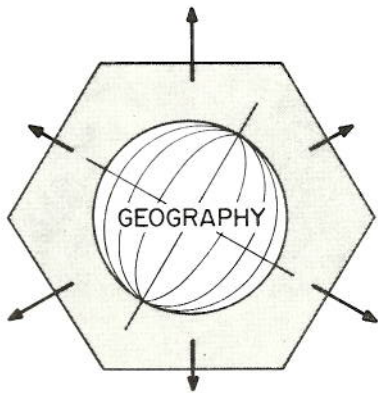
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Susan Brooker-Gross ("Nineteenth Century Urban Growth and Newspaper Portrayals of the City of Richmond, Virginia") and Bill Curscansen ("Desktop Scanning for Cartographic Laboratories") gave papers at the meetings of the Southeast Division of the Association of American Geographers in Charlotte, North Carolina, November 22-24.

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Jim Bohland was a panel spokesman concerning health needs of the working poor at the Conference for Virginia's Health Advocates in Roanoke on November 19th.

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December 18, 1987

### DIFFUSION

Paul Knox is co-editor, with R. J. Johnston of Sheffield University, for a series of 25 books to be published by Longmans dealing with "World Cities."

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Jim Bohland has received a recent grant from the Virginia Department of Human Resources for the evaluation of a mental health pilot program in Chesapeake, Virginia.

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Mike O'Neill has received a grant from the College of Arts and Sciences Small Grants Program for a project on "The Morphology and Dynamics of Steep Mountain Streams: Southwestern Virginia."

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On December 11 Prof. Hugh Mills of the Department of Earth Sciences, Tennessee Tech University, spoke about "The Relationship between Hillslope Form and Colluvial Deposits in Giles County, Virginia," as part of the department's colloquium series.

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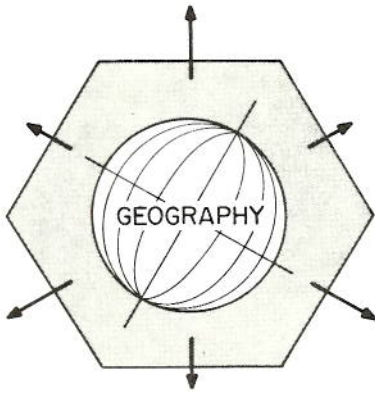
Bob Morrill has been appointed to the Long Range Planning and Steering Committee for the College of Arts and Sciences.

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Departmental enrollment for the Winter Quarter 1987-88 is 560, compared with 577 one year ago.

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The next "Diffusion" will appear in 1988. Best wishes for a pleasant and safe holiday season.



January 22, 1988

### DIFFUSION

Charles Good was an invited speaker at an international workshop in Washington on January 7-8, 1988, dealing with "Anthropological Perspectives on AIDS in Africa," co-sponsored by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases and USAID.

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Wendy Smith, a senior Geology major, received the Remote Sensing Award and James A. Gallion, a senior Geography major, received the Cartography Award at the recent ACSM-ASP student awards banquet.

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Professor Ronald Foresta of the University of Tennessee at Knoxville will talk about Amazon conservation in McBryde 136 at 4pm on February 5th.

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Susan Brooker-Gross is a consultant for the National Geographic Society's historical atlas of the United States.

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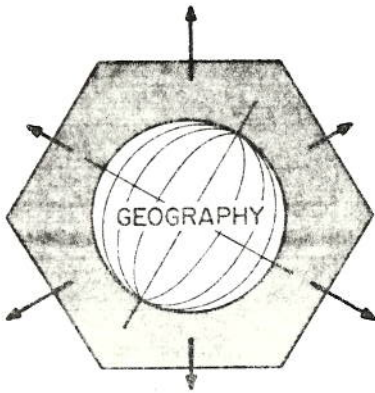
Paul Knox's review of Neil Smith and Peter Williams, eds., Gentrification of the City (Allen & Unwin, 1986), appears in the Annals, AAG, vol. 77, no. 4 (December, 1987), pp. 654-658.

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Bon Richardson's review of Michael Conniff, Black Labor on a White Canal (Pittsburgh, 1985), appears in Nieuwe West-Indische Gids, vol. 61, nos. 1&2 (1987), pp. 106-108.

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A faculty meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 22nd at 11am in Patton 317.



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March 11, 1988

DIFFUSION

Holly Myers-Jones successfully defended her Ph.D. dissertation, "Power, Geography, and Black Americans: Exploring the Implications of Black Suburbanization" at the University of Washington in Seattle on March 1st.

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Susan Brooker-Gross was an invited participant in a Graduate Education Workshop sponsored by the Department of Georgraphy, Arizona State University in Tempe, February 17-19.

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Former graduate student Meg Mayers has published "Selected Annotated Bibliographies for Adaptive Filtering," in U.S. Geological Survey Open File Report (February 1988), 65 pp.

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Former graduate student Mark Rehn and Wife Paula had their first child, Allison Marie Rehn, in January.

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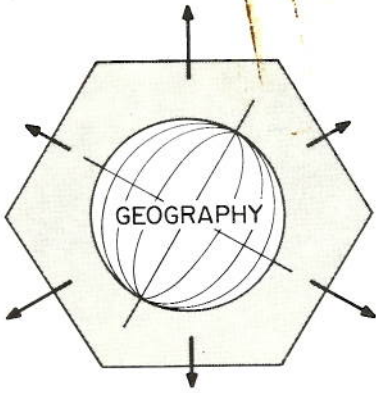
Bob Morrill has been appointed to serve on the University's Supplemental Grants Committee.

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Rex Honey, a geographer from the University of Iowa, will talk about regional planning in Jordan in Room B of the CEC on March 21st at 3:30pm.

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John Browder, a geographer/planner from Tulane University, will discuss his research in the Brazilian Amazon on March 24th at 4pm in Room F of the CEC.



April 5, 1988

Virginia Polytechnic Institute  
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DIFFUSION

The promotions of Jim Campbell to Professor and of Bill Carstensen to Associate Professor with tenure recently were approved by the University Promotion and Tenure Committee.

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Paul Knox has been appointed Director of the Center for Urban and Regional Studies in the College of Architecture and Urban Studies.

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On March 5th Bob Morrill attended a meeting of the Steering Committee of the Virginia Geographic Alliance in order to coordinate a summer geography institute at JMU in Harrisonburg.

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Susan Brooker-Gross is appointed to the search committee for the Arts and Sciences Coordinator of Women's Studies.

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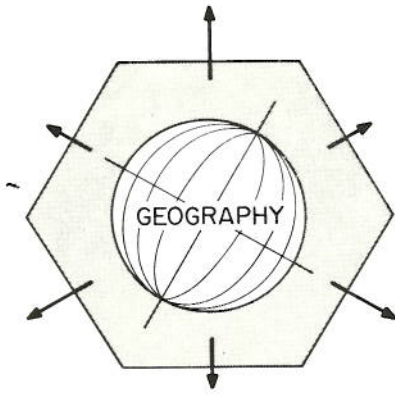
Former graduate student Dennis Slifer has accepted a position as a water resources analyst with the State of New Mexico.

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Former graduate student Meg Mayers is leaving her present job with TGS Technologies in Sioux Falls, SD, to accept a position with SPOT IMAGE Corporation in Reston, VA.

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Katharine Anne O'Neill, daughter of Wende and Mike and the newest addition to the Geography Department, was born on March 23rd.



April 29, 1988

Virginia Polytechnic Institute  
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### DIFFUSION

Susan Brooker-Gross has been elected President of the College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Association.

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Charles Good has been awarded a grant of \$54,000 for a two-year project, "Ethnomedicine and Primary Health Care in Kenya," by the International Development Research Centre of Canada.

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Bob Morrill presented a paper entitled "National Trends in Geographic Education" at the Annual Meeting of the Virginia Consortium of Social Studies Supervisors and College Educators on April 15th in Richmond.

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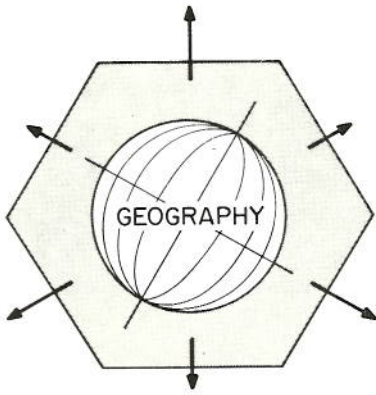
Several departmental faculty delivered papers at the annual meetings of the Association of American Geographers in Phoenix, Arizona, April 6-10: Susan Brooker-Gross, "A Fully Human Urban Social Geography: Combining Fact and Fiction"; Jim Campbell, "Pedologic Cartography"; Bill Carstensen, "Fractal Self-Similarity in Cartographic Line Generalization"; Holly Myers-Jones, "Black Suburbanization and Local Control"; Mike O'Neill, "The Length-Area Relationship for Small Drainage Basins: Inez, Kentucky"; and Bon Richardson, "Catastrophe and Change in the Caribbean in 1900."

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Congratulations to Mike Lupien and Terri Fromwiller who announce the birth of Edward Earl Lupien (9lbs. 7 oz.) on April 9th.

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Don't forget the VTGS spring picnic at the Blacksburg "Caboose Park" on Saturday, April 30th, from 10am to 4pm.



May 20, 1988

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DIFFUSION

The Department of Geography will award 19 BA degrees and 3 MS degrees at the VPI&SU commencement exercises on May 21st.

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Bob Morrill currently is in Finland in order to deliver an invited paper (May 21) at the centennial celebration conference of the Geographical Society of Finland.

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On May 4th Charles Good was an invited speaker ("Cooperation between Traditional Healers and Medical Professionals: An Emerging Strategy in Community Health Care") at a seminar series dealing with "Critical Medical and Health Issues in Africa" at Michigan State University.

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Meg Mayers has published "Boxcar Filtering on the Cray X-MP," in Projects in Scientific Computing, (Pittsburgh Supercomputing center, May 1988).

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Mike O'Neill is an author of "A New Model for Analysis of Network Regression," which appears in The Anatomical Record, vol. 220, no. 4 (April, 1988).

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Bill Carstensen has been elected to the College of Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee.

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Emmett Wright has been named to the Virginia Tech Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa.

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"Diffusion" will appear next during the Fall semester of academic year 1988-89.

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