

# Western Division, Canadian Association of Geographers

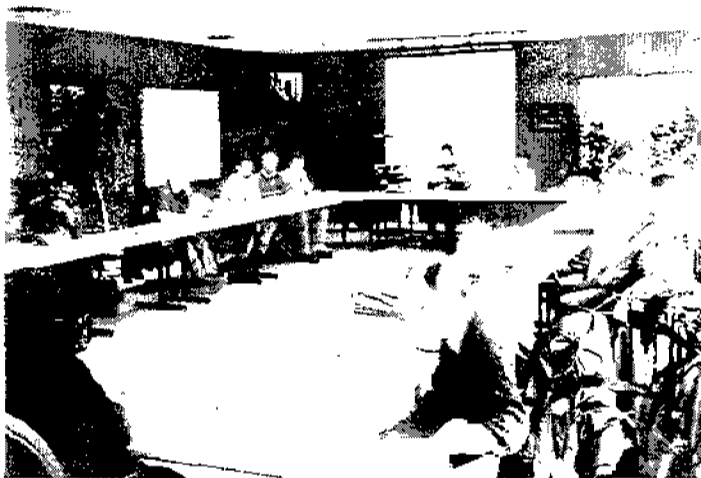


## Newsletter

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### ARTICULATION MEETING, May 1996

This year, the British Columbia Geography Articulation Meeting was hosted by the University College of the Fraser Valley (UCFV), in Abbotsford on May 10-11. The meeting has evolved into a two-day effort, with the first day focused on a field-trip around the host city, and the second day being the articulation meeting.



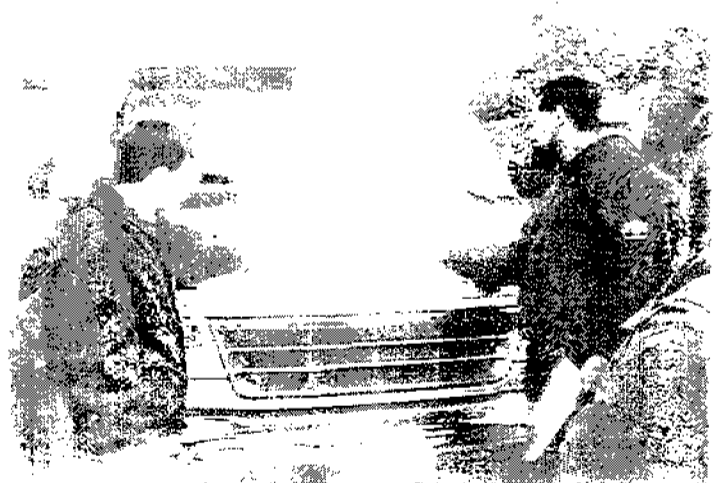
Geographers articulating at UCFV - The annual "Meeting" that brings together reps from B.C. colleges and universities to provide better links for educational transfer between institutions

At UCFV, Ian Okabe, climatologist and arranger, provided a great start-off workshop, on "Weather Surfing on the Internet", and the afternoon being the field trip around the Fraser Valley led by urban planner Cherie Enns and geomorphologist Sandy Vanderburgh.



Cherie Enns clarifying just what is this "new urbanism" is, with a look at some projects in the Fraser Valley.

The meeting provided an opportunity for university and college geographers in B.C. to sort out some thorny articulation problems and to communicate on a provincial basis between the universities and colleges, private colleges such as Coquitlam College, and alternatives such as the Open Learning Agency in B.C..



Earl Noah (Douglas College) and Cliff Raphael (College of New Caledonia) interpreting a geological map of the Fraser Valley. Sandy Vanderburgh was explaining why this was all under water eons ago.

## The Inside Story

This WCAG Newsletter remains an important benchmark for our Division. Despite "owning" both an electronic listserver and internet homepage, the Newsletter continues to provide an essential guide to departmental events Division-wide. This edition of the newsletter has taken a little bit longer to get out than normal - thanks to the wonders of the computer age and burned out mother boards. My apologies.

Like all of the Newsletter editors who have preceded me, I am indebted to those of you who forwarded material for inclusion. This time around that list includes: Glen Hvenegaard (AUC), Graeme Wynn (UBC), Steve Franklin (UC), Robert MacKinnon (UCC), Clifford Raphael (CNC), Doug Nicol (UCFV), Jim Bowers and Eric Grass (LC), Bob Rogerson (ULeth), Ben Moffat (MHC), Gail Fondahl and Roger Wheate and (UNBC), John Pierce and Len Evenden (SFU), and John Newcomb (UVic).

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## WCAG MEMBERSHIP

The Western Division of the Canadian Association (WCAG) has averaged just under 200 members for the past few years. Almost all of these people are CAG members, with only a few individuals having chosen to belong solely to the WCAG. The majority of WCAG members, just over 70%, have teaching positions at universities, university colleges, and colleges in Alberta and British Columbia and Alberta. A large percentage of the remaining are student members.

A review of the 1995 edition of *The Canadian Association of Geographers Directory* (compiled and edited by H. Rasid) was undertaken to show the distribution and career status of WCAG members holding teaching positions in western Canada. Of the 139 post-secondary geography positions in Alberta and British Columbia in 1994, 115 (83%) were situated within the seven provincial universities. The remaining 24 (17%) individuals were associated with either a college or university college.

Membership levels in the WCAG appears to vary between the two types of institutions. While a relatively high proportion (38%) of college geography instructors and professors held CAG memberships in 1994, only 32% of university geography professors in western Canada were active members.

A survey of CAG/WCAG membership by rank and discipline showed that only 35% of full professors, 34% of associate professors, and 25% of assistant professors with geography positions held a membership in 1994.

		CAG Member	Non-CAG Member
University	Assistant	5 (25%)	15
	Associate	16 (34%)	31
	Full	17 (31%)	31
College/University College		9 (38%)	15

## THREE DECADES OF PUBLISHING:

### A Guide to the Annual Publications of the Western Division of the Canadian Association of Geographers

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The Western Division had its start in 1959 as the BC Division when local geographers gathered at the university of British Columbia to present and discuss papers concerning geographical research and education. It is clear from the records of those early meetings that there was concern for geography in the schools as well as in post-secondary education, and teachers as well as planners stayed close to their geographical inspiration at UBC. The second meeting, held in 1960, resolved to publish certain of the papers that has been presented, and thus the **Occasional Papers** were born. It was common in the early years for a well-known visitor to attend the meetings, and early **Occasional Papers** carried short works by such scholars as Kenneth Hare and Andrew Clark.

Papers were published by Tantalus, a company formed by Walter Hardwick to provide an outlet for geographical and educational works, especially, but not exclusively, relating to British Columbia. From 1960 to 1990, the **BC Geographical Series**, published by Tantalus, carried the **Occasional Papers** with the exception of three years when the Division's papers were published in the University of Victoria's (then) new journal, **Western Geographical Series**. Papers for 1968, 1969 and 1970 were all published in 1970 in that series.

During the early 1970s, the Division reorganized itself and expanded to include Alberta as well as BC, at this point becoming the Western Division. Adjacent American states were included as well, and are included to this day. The Division also developed a formal publication policy, setting up the **Occasional Papers** as a fully refereed

publication in a process overseen by a formally appointed editorial board. Until this time modest financial assistance had been forthcoming from university departments, most particularly UBC as a result of its long-term sponsorship of the Division; but after the development of a formal constitution and editorial policy, the **Occasional Papers** were largely funded by the Senator Norman M. Patterson Foundation. This sponsorship terminated after some nine years and since then the Division has had to find ways to self-finance the publication. Although there have been ups and downs in the Division's fortunes, the **Occasional Papers** have always appeared -- and almost always on time.

Confusion as to how to reference or cite the Papers has been identified from time to time. This stems from the fact that the **Occasional Papers** were originally a numbered series. But the **BC Geographical Series**, which published the **Occasional Papers** on the Division's behalf, carried its own, but separate, numbering system. As the BC Series also produced other materials, in addition to the **Occasional Papers**, the two series numbers became out of phase at an early stage. In light of this, editors of the **Occasional Papers** simply dropped their own reference number. Because the BC Geographical Series number continued, however, it became common for citations to omit any reference to the **Occasional Papers** altogether - a pity for correct referencing and a lost opportunity to highlight the work of the Division. Thus the references that follow in the list below might well be used as a model to give full recognition and correct referencing. Some librarians advise against using any abbreviation for journals because of the many complications that can arise in the world of referencing. Editors sometimes think otherwise.

At the end of the 1980s the Division reassessed its publication policy and, under the newly appointed editor, Michael Edgell of the University of Victoria, established **Western Geography** as the organ of the Division. This new journal succeeded the **Occasional Papers**, 'overlapping' one more time with the **BC Geographical Series** which, as issue Number

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For those wishing to study the geography of the west, or some of the work of geographers in the Division, the Division's **Occasional Papers** and the new **Western Geography**

provide an interesting source. Librarians have not always chosen to house the **BC Geographical Series** on the same shelves, however, and so it is often necessary to inform students of the consolidated nature of this source. There are probably more students studying geography at a post-secondary level in the Division than ever before and the importance of this body of work should be recognized. The **Occasional Papers**, and now **Western Geography**, represent a body of material that is worth keeping in mind as we seek to add to and pass on geographical understanding from this corner of the world

Meeting No.	Date of Meeting	Place	Publication
1	1959	University of British Columbia	None
2	1960	University of British Columbia	Canadian Association of Geographers, Division <b>Occasional Papers</b> Number 1, June 1960. Foreword by J.D. Chapman
3	1961	University of British Columbia	<b>Occasional Papers</b> , Number 2, June 1961. Foreword by J.K. Stathers.
4	1962	University of British Columbia	<b>Occasional Papers</b> , Number 3, June 1962. Foreword by Walter G. Hardwick.
5	1963	University of British Columbia	<b>Occasional Papers</b> , Number 4, June 1963. Foreword by John K. Stager.
6	1964	University of British Columbia	<b>Papers from British Columbia Meetings, British Columbia 1964. Occasional Papers in Geography</b> Number 6, n.d., edited by Walter G. Hardwick. Foreword by John K. Stager.
7	1965	University of British Columbia	<b>Geographical Dialogue: University Viewpoints for Teachers</b> , BC Geographical Series, Number 3, 1965. Edited by Walter G. Hardwick; Foreword by George S. Tompkins  Comment: Comprising papers from the annual meeting and also a separate, but topically related, seminar sponsored by the UBC Extension Department.
8	1966	University of British Columbia	<b>The Geographer and the Public British Columbia Environment and other papers on urban growth and structure</b> , BC Geographical Series, Number 7, Occasional Papers in Geography Edited by Julian V. Minghi. Foreword by Julian V. Minghi
9	1967	University of British Columbia	<b>Geographical Perspectives: Some British Columbia Northwest Viewpoints</b> BC Geographical Series, Number 8, Occasional Papers in Geography Edited by George S. Tompkin. Foreword by George S. Tompkins.

10	1968	Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, B.C.	<b>Geographica</b> , edited by Harold D. Foster, Western Geographical Series Volume 2, Occasional Papers in Geography 11, 1970 (University of Victoria).  Comment: This was the first time in several years that the Occasional Papers were numbered. This volume makes reference (in the acknowledgements) for the first time to the "Western Division".
11	1969	University of Victoria, Victoria, B.C.	<b>The Geographer and Society</b> , edited by W.R. Derrick Sewell and Harold D. Foster, Western Geographical Series Volume 1, 1970  Comment: Note that Volume 2 was published before Volume 1 in keeping with the chronological order of the meetings. The Occasional Papers are not mentioned.
12	1970	Western Washington State College	<b>Resources, Recreation and Research</b> , edited by Harold D. Foster and W.R. Derrick Sewell, Western Geographical Series, Volume 3, Occasional Papers in Geography 13, 1970.  Comment: This is the last time the <b>Occasional Papers</b> are given a number.
13	1971	University of British Columbia, Vancouver, B.C.	<b>Contemporary Geography Western Viewpoints</b> , edited by Roger Leigh, BC Geographical Series, Number 12, Occasional Papers in Geography, 1971.  <b>Contemporary Geography: Research Trends</b> , edited by Roger Leigh, BC Geographical Series, Number 16, Occasional Papers in Geography, 1972.  Comment: The <b>Occasional Papers</b> were published in two volumes.
14	1972	Malaspina College, Nanaimo, B.C.	<b>Malaspina Papers: Studies in Human and Physical Geography</b> , edited by Roger Leigh, BC Geographical Series, Number 17, Occasional Papers in Geography
15	1973	Selkirk College, Castlegar, B.C.	<b>The Kootenay Collection of Research Studies in Geography</b> , edited by Brenton M. Barr, BC Geographical Series, Number 18, Occasional Papers in Geography, 1974.  Comment: Published with assistance of the Senator Norman M. Patterson Foundation.
16	1974	University of Lethbridge, Lethbridge, Alberta	<b>Geography: The Lethbridge Papers</b> , edited by Brenton M. Barr, BC Geographical Series, Number 21, Occasional Papers in Geography, 1975.  Comment: Published with the assistance of the Senator Norman M. Patterson Foundation.
17	1975	Vancouver City College, Langara Campus, Vancouver, B.C.	<b>New Themes in Western Canadian Geography: The Langara Papers</b> , edited by Brenton M. Barr, BC Geographical Series, Number 22, Occasional Papers in Geography, 1976.  Comment: Published with the assistance of the Senator Norman M. Patterson Foundation.

18	1976	University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta	<b>Research Studies by Western Canadian Geographers: The Edmonton Papers</b> , edited by Brenton M. Barr, BC Geographical Series, Number 24, Occasional Papers in Geography, 1977.  Comment: Published with the assistance of the Senator Norman M. Patterson Foundation.
19	1977	Western Washington State College, Bellingham, Washington	<b>The Bellingham Collection of Geographical Studies</b> , edited by M.C. Brown and Graeme Wynn. BC Geographical Studies, Number 27, Occasional Papers in Geography, 1979  Comment: Published with the assistance of the Senator Norman M. Patterson Foundation.
20	1978	College of New Caledonia, Prince George, B.C.	<b>Geographical Perspective on Western Canada: The Prince George Papers</b> , edited by Brenton M. Barr, B.C. Geographical Series, Number 28, Occasional Papers in Geography, 1979  Comment: Published with the assistance of the Senator Norman M. Patterson Foundation. Note that papers from 1977 and 1978 were both published in 1979.
21	1979	University of Calgary, Calgary, Alberta	<b>Contemporary Geography in Western Canada: The Calgary Papers</b> , edited by Nigel M. Waters, BC Geographical Series, Number 29, Occasional Papers in Geography, 1980  Comment: Published with the assistance of the Senator Norman M. Patterson Foundation.
22	1980	Malaspina College, Nanaimo, B.C.	<b>Geographical Research in the 1980s: The Nanaimo Papers</b> , edited by Nigel M. Waters, BC Geographical Series, Number 31, Occasional Papers in Geography, 1981.  Comment: Published with the assistance of the Senator Norman M. Patterson Foundation.
23	1981	Okanagan College, Kelowna, B.C.	<b>Aspects of Human Geography: The Kelowna Papers</b> , 1981, BC Geographical Kelowna, B.C. Series, Number 34, Occasional Papers in Geography 1982.  Comment: Published with the assistance of the Senator Norman M. Patterson Foundation. This was the last year of this support.
24	1982	University of Lethbridge, Lethbridge, Alberta	<b>Current Issues in Canadian Geography: The Lethbridge Papers, 1982</b> , edited by Nigel M. Waters, B.C. Geographical Series, Number 36, Occasional Papers in Geography, 1983.
25	1983	Douglas College, New Westminster, B.C.	<b>Topics in Cartography and Physical and Human Geography: The Douglas College Papers</b> , edited by Nigel M. Waters, BC Geographical Series, Number 40, Occasional Papers in Geography, 1984.
26	1984	Cariboo College, Kamloops, B.C.	<b>Current Research by Western Canadian Geographers: The Cariboo College Papers, 1984</b> , edited by Edgar L. Jackson, BC Geographical Series, Number 41, Occasional Papers in Geography, 1985.
27	1985	University of Victoria, Victoria, B.C.	<b>Current Research by Western Canadian Geographers: The University of Victoria Papers, 1985</b> , edited by Edgar L. Jackson, BC Geographical Series, Number 42, Occasional Papers in Geography, 1986.

28	1986	University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta	<b>Current Research by Western Canadian Geographers: The University of Alberta Papers, 1986</b> , edited by Edgar L. Jackson. BC Geographical Series, Number 44, Occasional Papers in Geography, 1987
29	1987	Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, B.C.	<b>Current Research by Western Canadian Geographers: The Simon Fraser University Papers, 1987</b> , edited by Edgar L. Jackson. BC Geographical Series, Number 45. Occasional Papers in Geography, 1987.
30	1988	Selkirk College, Castlegar, B.C.	<b>Occasional Papers in Geography: Castlegar, B.C. Castlegar, 1988</b> , edited by Michael C R. Edgell, BC Geographical Series, Number 46, Occasional Papers in Geography, 1989.
31	1989	Medicine Hat College, Medicine Hat, Alberta	<b>Western Geography</b> , Vol. 1, Number 1, 1990. published as BC Geographical Series, Number 47, 1990.
<p>Comment: <b>Western Geography</b> has published the Division's refereed papers since 1990 as a separate annual journal. The editorial policy has been altered so that papers in addition to those presented at meetings of the Western Division may be submitted. The policy, and authors' instructions are printed in each issue for ready consultation.</p>			

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## DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

### Augustana University College

Enrolment in the geography programme at Augustana University College remains strong, especially in the environmental and physical geography courses. Geomorphology students braved the fierce spring storms to observe the glacial and fluvial landforms of the Battle River valley. Pending governmental approval, Augustana will soon offer an interdisciplinary degree in Environmental Studies, which combines relevant courses from geography, biology, physical education, philosophy, and economics.

In June, Faculty member Glen Hvenegaard completed his Ph.D. at the University of

Victoria. His dissertation is entitled *Tourists, Ecotourists, and Birders at Doi Inthanon National Park, Thailand*. During May, Glen helped lead Augustana's renowned Outdoor and Experiential Leadership Development program, a 4-week practicum involving group experiences, canoeing, and backpacking in the Alberta Rockies. Future offerings will include an introductory course in field physical geography.

In October, Glen will attend the World Conservation Congress in Montreal, along with global and North American meetings of the IUCN Commission on National Parks and Protected Areas. He has joined the Commission's task force on Tourism and Protected Areas.

For questions about geography at Augustana University College, contact Glen Hvenegaard at Augustana University College, 4901-46 Avenue, Camrose, Alberta T4V 2R3. (ph 403-679-1574, email: hvenga@augustana.ab.ca)

## University of British Columbia

Promotions, new appointments and retirements highlight changes in the Geography Department. Effective July 1 1996, Dr. You-Tien Hsing joined the Department as an Assistant Professor, and Professors Brian Klinkenberg and Greg Henry were promoted to the Associate Professor level. Richard Copley retired from the Department this summer. Graeme Wynn is the new Head of the Department, effective July 1, 1996.

Joining the Department as Sessional Instructors in 1996-97 are Rex Casinader, Sarah Groves, Jim Hamilton, Sally Hermanson, John Meligrana and Jim Whitehead. In addition, Jennifer Hyndman, Gabriela Inclan, Loretta Lees and Anne Tolvanen are involved in post-doctoral studies within the Department.

Dr Ludek Sýkora (Geography and Urban Studies, Charles University, Prague) and Dr John Stenhouse (History, University of Otago) have been in the department as visitors for periods of several weeks.

The Department has secured funding, with the Faculty of Forestry, for 2 joint appointments in Hydrology.

David Ley is heading up, with Don DeVoretz of SFU (Economics), the multi-year *Metropolis* project -- Centre of Excellence for the Study of Immigration and Integration. Dan Hiebert and Geraldine Pratt, and several graduate students in the department are also involved with this six year project, which also has linkages across the UBC campus, to the University of Victoria, and to an international group of researchers.

The next volume of the BCGS will be available soon. It is: Jim C. Whitehead, ***The Midas Touch: an investigation into Property Booms and Busts***.

The Department was host, in early September, to 17 graduate students and their instructor, Dr. Klaus Frantz, from the University of Innsbruck. The Austrian party was in Vancouver during an extended field course through the Pacific

Northwest and British Columbia.

The Department is host to two upcoming conferences:

Spring/Summer 1997:

*The Inaugural International Conference of Critical Geography* (contact Dan Hiebert & Gerry Pratt)

28 July - 1 August 1997:

*The 12<sup>th</sup> Symposium on Boundary-Layer & Turbulence* (contact Roland Stull)

A number of graduate theses and dissertations have been completed since January 1996:

Drewitt, Gordon. *Measurement of Biogenic Hydrocarbon Emissions from Vegetation in the Lower Fraser Valley, British Columbia*. (August 1996). (MSc)

Evans, Rhys. *Looking at the World Through a Windshield: A Historical Geography of the Trucking Industry in British Columbia*. (MA)

Ham, Darren Gary. *Patterns of Channel Change on Chilliwack River, British Columbia*. (August 1996). (MSc)

Haschenburger, Judith Kay. *Scour and Fill in a Gravel-Bed Channel: Observations and Stochastic Models*. (January 1996). (PhD)

Hyndman, Jennifer M. *Geographies of Displacement: Gender, Culture and Power in UNHCR Refugee Camps, Kenya*. (PhD)

Kellerhals, Markus. *Dry Deposition of Ozone in the Lower Fraser Valley, British Columbia: Measurements and Comparison with a Model*. (MSc-Atmospheric Science)

Kindquist, Catherine J. *The South Park Water Transfers: The Geography of Resource Expropriation in Colorado, 1859-1994*. (March 1996). (PhD)



Nistor, Craig J. *Temporal Patterns in the Normal-Regime Fine-Sediment Cascade in Russell Creek Basin, Vancouver, Island*. (January 1996). (MSc)

Rice, Stephen Philip. *Bed Material Texture Along Gravel Bed Rivers with Confluences*. (March 1996). (PhD)

Schuurman, Nadine Cato. *Reinscribing Colonialism: The Royal Commission on Indian Affairs in Nlha'pamux and Stl'atl'imx Territory, 1914*. (July 1996). (MA)

Sparke, Matthew. *Negotiating nation-states: North American Geographies of Culture and Capitalism* (September 1996) (PhD)

Xiao, Yanni. *Topographic Characterization for DEM Error Modelling*. (March 1996). (PhD)

## UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY

The University of Calgary Geography Department has experienced an exciting year of change and transformation with the addition of five new faculty and the retirement of two longstanding members.

Dr Stuart Harris retired during the summer and was then appointed Faculty Professor for a three-year term, which enables the continuation of a teaching commitment and research agenda that is well known in periglacial geomorphology and permafrost studies throughout Canada and internationally.

Dr Michael Coulson retired in August and was appointed Professor Emeritus. He continues his recent efforts as Editor of *Cartographica*.

Dr Clarence Woudsma (BA Laurentian, MA Wilfrid Laurier, PhD McMaster) joined the department in the summer in our GIS tenure-track position. His research interests include GIS and transportation, policy analysis and spatial modelling.

The Department has been very successful in obtaining Alberta Access Funds, which are monies made available on the basis of competitive enrolment and new program development. First, Dr Mryka Hall-Beyer (AB Middlebury, MSc Alberta, PhD Sherbrooke) was welcomed into a Remote Sensing Assistant Professor position in the Department. Her earlier work on classification and mapping of grasslands using Landsat Thematic Mapper imagery now will be applied to a wide variety of ecosystems within the Calgary region.

In July the Department welcomed Dr Brian Moorman (BSc Carleton, Msc Calgary, PhD Ottawa-Carleton) in an Earth Science Assistant Professor position. A new program in Earth Science shared with Geology and Geophysics and Archaeology will now begin in earnest. More than 80 Majors are targeted in the first four years of the program, and Brian's work in cartography, soils and permafrost with Ground Penetrating Radar will no doubt prove to be a unifying approach.

In September Dr Angelique Prick (BA PhD Liege) joined the department as a Visiting Assistant Professor to help handle the teaching and research load in geomorphology. This position has been approved for a permanent replacement effective July 1997. In the meantime, Angelique has been working with Dr Harris on frost shattering of rocks and the development of debris slopes in different climatic regions of Canada.

Also in September Dr Murray Rice (BE MA PhD Saskatoon) joined the department as a Full-Time Sessional in the newly approved Transportation Theme School. Murray has assumed teaching responsibilities in the tourism and environment courses, and will teach the Advanced Methodology course in the winter. His background in location analysis and modelling will be valuable in the start-up to this new program which includes a Minor in Transportation Engineering (Faculty of Engineering) and a Minor in Transportation Science (Faculty of Social Sciences).

In other news, the department welcomed eight new graduate students in six different areas, and congratulated four PhDs, two MAs and seven MSc on successful completion of their degree programs in the last year.

Dr Ted Milton of the Department of Geography at Southampton University and Dr Xiufeng Zhou of the Langzhou Institute of Glaciology and Geocryology are two visitors to the department this year, and Dr Rene Berendregt of the University of Lethbridge has been appointed an adjunct professor at Calgary.

## UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF THE CARIBOO

The Geography programme at the University College of the Cariboo was recently reviewed by an external review committee as part of the "Programme Review" process at U.C.C. Overall, this comprehensive review reported favourably on the UCC Geography programme and made several constructive recommendations regarding curriculum development and future initiatives, including that U.C.C. hire an additional geographer, with a specialization in urban geography.

Given current budget projections, we are not anticipating that this will take place immediately, but perhaps in the not-so-distant future. This would enable the offering of a Geography Major.

Bob Hay is currently completing a mini-sabbatical in Fiji and New Zealand (until December). Ross Nelson has recently completed a Community Mapping project, in association with a Kamloops-based anti poverty and tenant's right group. Some of the results of this project may be seen by visiting the UCC Geography Web site at

<http://www.cariboo.bc.ca/ac/ses/geog/home.html>

Ross Nelson is also teaching a new third year course on the Historical Geography of Urbanization. Robert MacKinnon will be teaching a new "Introduction to Canadian Studies" course in January, 1997 which is a core course for the recently established Thematic

Option programme in Canadian Studies. Robert has also been recently appointed to the UCC Foundation, a fund raising body whose mandate is to provide scholarships to UCC students

Ken Favrholt recently presented a paper entitled *The Boundary and the Company the Impact of the Oregon Treaty on the Operations of the Hudson's Bay Company, 1846-1871*. at a Symposium organized by the Center for the Study of the Pacific Northwest, held at the University of Washington (Seattle)

Jim Miller is serving a second term as Chair of the Social and Environmental Studies department (including Geography, Sociology and Anthropology).

Enrollments are similar to those reported last year (500 or so first and second year students and 120 or so third and fourth year students)

## UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF THE FRASER VALLEY

Enrolment in Geography at the University College of the Fraser Valley remains steady in all areas of the discipline. The new Mission Campus (a major component of a Heritage Centre in that city) is now open and John Belec has led geography's presence there with intro courses in human and the geography of Canada. New lab facilities on the Abbotsford Campus are nearing completion and the Department is looking forward to the new space. A British Columbia Government freeze on capital spending has the Chilliwack Campus Phase III (including extensive new geography facilities) on hold, but instructors Steven Marsh and Cherie Enns are still filling our old lab and keeping geography as one of the major disciplines on the campus there.

Over the summer, faculty have been busy both on and off campus. John Belec, our urban geographer, finalized plans with Nipissing University in North Bay to pilot a "cyber-exchange" that allows Geography of Canada students at both universities to interact and study the regions around their colleagues'

campuses. Cherie Enns, our social geographer/planner, organized a joint community planning project with the Township of Langley and presented a paper at the World Conference on Quality of Life at UNBC in August. David Gibson, headed off to Latin America for yet another study tour and recently showed his slides to the first ever monthly Department Colloquium; Doug Nicol spent a portion of the summer at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, attending a distance education conference on behalf of the Open University in British Columbia and came home to Chilliwack to plan and run a series of local history and heritage tours; Ian Okabe, our climatologist, did two major academic trips over the summer, one to Norman, Oklahoma, where he was one of two invited Canadian faculty to attend a course in Mesoscale Meteorology, and the second to a workshop in Worcester, Massachusetts, on the Human Dimensions of Global Change. Sandy Vanderburgh, continuing his interest in groundwater, completed a project in South Surrey to be published soon as a Geological Survey of Canada report. He also got involved in some interesting coastal erosion studies, jointly with colleagues from Wisconsin and Portland State, in southwestern Washington and northwest Oregon, where erosion rates are the most rapid in North America. In all, a very busy summer with lots of new slides and experiences to enliven full classes in the Fall semester.

Most of the details will be available in a new Department newsletter. Benchmarks, and subsequently on the Department website at [www.ucfv.bc.ca](http://www.ucfv.bc.ca).

## LANGARA COLLEGE

Geography appears to be alive and well at Langara College. Despite general cutbacks and reorganization, it has been possible to add the following offerings to the geography programme at Langara College. The College now offers an Associate of Arts Degree with a concentration in Geography. In addition, as of January 1, 1997, the College will be offering a methods and techniques course (Geography 210). This

course will be taught by Jim Bowers and Nancy Ballou. Reaction from the students to both additions has been positive.

Hillary Sandford has left the College and has returned to her home turf in Victoria. She is now teaching at Camosun. Katrina Erdos is off on maternity leave this semester. Katrina's new son arrived in June. The College is fortunate in having Wendy Avis, John Meligrana and Colin Milis helping to fill some of the void this semester.

## COLLEGE OF NEW CALADONIA

It seems that Geography is doing well at the College of New Caladonia in Prince George. The number of students taking geography this fall at the College is significantly higher than it was in the Fall of 1995.

CNC is currently undergoing a building expansion which will result in CNC geographers new offices and a new preparation room. In addition, the GIS programme at CNC now has its own lab with the move of the EGAD programme and a team of 2nd year electronics technology students should complete work on a remote weather station project for the Geography Department this term.

On the academic side of things, Jim Windsor and Allister McVey are have an edited book on the Geography of Northern B.C well underway, and have jointly submitted an an invited article on *Kemano Completion Project* to an Austrian Geography Journal.

The Fraser River Studies Program, which is a joint Langara College-CNC venture, ran for the first time this summer. It was a great success.

## UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE

There are several new faces on faculty in the Department of Geography at the University of Lethbridge. Yanni Xiao and Rod McNaughton both left at Christmas 1995, Yanni for St. Louis and Rod for Dunedin, New Zealand. For the first

semester following their departure Brett Jensen of the Lethbridge Community College and Pano Karkanis, a well-respected local environmental consultant, taught courses in the department while the Department searched for permanent replacements. Other sessionals engaged this year are Dick Strong, a local landscape architect and former Head of Landscape Architecture at University of Toronto, Bruce MacKay a local Archaeologist and Graduate Student at University of Toronto, Joe Pasztor, on leave from his position at Delta College in Michigan and Dan Johnson who as well as being celebrated for his work in Agriculture Canada in insects and GIS, is an Adjunct Professor in the Department.

Derek Peddle (Bsc Memorial, MSC Calgary, PhD ABD Waterloo) has joined the Department to teach GIS, Remote Sensing and Cartography. Ivan Townshend (BA MA, PhD ABD Calgary) will teach Urban Geography and Geographic methods. The new, Access-funded program in Environmental Science allowed the Department to expand and hire Hussein Arnerly (BA Calgary, MA Wilfred Laurier, PhD McMaster) to teach Environmental Studies. He joins us after several years teaching at Bishop's University in Quebec.

As usual, the students' Geography Club organised a field trip to Death Valley during the early spring study break. They were accompanied by Rene Barendregt and Pano Karkanis. At the end of the Spring semester three vans-loads of students attended the Southwest US field trip led by Jim Byrne, Neil Mirau and Graduate Student Aaron Berg. During the summer, 15 students received financial support to go to Israel and participate in the Tel Migne excavation: the 10th year of our involvement there.

The academic highlight of the summer was the completion of the first MSc in Geography at the University of Lethbridge. Dennis Sheppard (Bsc Memorial) successfully defended his thesis *Modeling the Spatial Characteristics of Hydrometeorology in the Upper Oldman River Basin, Alberta* on August 16th 1996. He was supervised by Jim Byrne, assisted by Robert

Rogerson and the external examiner in attendance was Nigel Waters of the University of Calgary. Rene W. Barendregt was also a thesis committee member.

Dennis Sheppard was the lead co-author in two conference papers, one was on *A Spatio-Temporal Alpine Microclimate Simulation Model for Southwestern Alberta* which he presented at the Western Division of the Canadian Association of Geographers annual conference (March 1996, University of Lethbridge). The other was on *Modeling the Spatial and Temporal Distribution of Snowpack Accumulation and Ablation in an Alpine Environment of Southwestern Alberta* which he presented at the Canadian Geophysical Union Hydrology Section Annual Meeting (May 1996, Banff, Alberta). Both papers were with J.M. Byrne. Dennis, currently employed as an Academic Assistant in the department, is in charge of our growing teaching laboratory for GIS, Remote Sensing and Cartography.

During the summer, Robert Rogerson, current Chair of the department, gave presentations at the Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education, in Ottawa (12-15th June 1996); at the 7th Annual Problem Solving Across the Curriculum Conference held in Rochester New York (26-29th June 1996) where he won the award for Best Use of Alternate Teaching Strategies, with a *The Hall of Innovation* presentation on *Using Poster Sessions in Teaching and Evaluation*; and at the 21st Annual Improving University Teaching, Conference, in Nottingham, UK.

Derek Peddle, newly appointed Assistant Professor of Geography at the University of Lethbridge, was recently invited to present a research paper at the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center in a focus session on Remote Sensing of Forest Ecosystem Dynamics. His area of interest in Geography is in the development of new algorithms for remote sensing and GIS analysis of environmental change in studies of Boreal Forest (BOREAS) mountainous (Alberta, Colorado, Yukon), and coral reef (Fiji) ecosystems.

Hussein A. Amery and a colleague are editing a book tentatively titled *Hydropolitics in the Middle East at Peace*. The book will be published by the University of Texas Press. Hussein was invited to present a paper to an international conference that focused on *Water: Trigger for Conflict/A Reason for Cooperation* (Bloomington, Indiana March 1996). He co-organized a special session at the Association of American Geographers conference (Charlotte, NC April 1996) in which he spoke on Security and Resource Interdependence. Finally, Hussein and a colleague received (March 1996) a research grant from the Eastern Townships Research Centre (Quebec) to work on a project entitled *Environmentalism: From Awareness to Participation*.

Ian MacLachlan has returned from a study leave in Mexico. He was a visiting fellow in the Departamento de Geografía, Instituto de Geografía, Universidad Autónoma de México over the 1995-1996 academic year. This is perhaps one of the few research institutes of geography in the world with separate departments of social, economic and physical geography and supporting physical analysis and computing laboratories. Ian was kept busy with research on the spatial distribution of income in Mexico City, contemporary trends in maquiladora location and worked on a book on the restructuring of the cattle and beef industry in Canada. He also developed an informal interest in the geography of tourism and the morphology of coastal beach resorts in Mexico.

After a usually busy summer in the field, ranging from Venezuela to Yukon, Rene Barendregt is spending the Fall semester of 1996 at Hokkai-Gakkuen University in Sapporo, Japan, teaching a course in Canadian Studies as part of a long-established exchange program between Lethbridge University and Hokkai-Gakkuen.

Tom Johnston is currently on a study leave until July 1997.

## MEDICINE HAT COLLEGE

Geography seems to be doing quite well at MHC, where Laurie Milne, Ivan Shukster and Ben Moffat make up the full complement.

The Fall of 1996 saw another new course launched at Medicine Hat College. *Geography 338: Introduction to GIS* will use Idrisi, CorelDraw, PaintShop and MicroCam in a lab shared with the college's CAD programme. This is the third new course added within the last calendar year. Most are linked to the first year of the Watershed Management Programme, first offered in the Fall of 1995. The first "grads" of this programme are now at Lethbridge Community College and a second batch of 15 headed out to the wilds of Waterton National Park recently for a short 1-day field trip.

Enrollment has increased by at least 10% at Medicine Hat College. Within Geography the biggest increase (about double) has been in our Geography of Canada class - primarily due to a rebound in the number of Education students. Nevertheless, enrollments in the Intro Physical class also rose a healthy 20% as well.

The spring of last year included another field excursion to the south. *Students in Geography 379: The USA* braved the intense (+100 F) heat of Utah, Arizona and Colorado, the tornados of western Nebraska, and caves of South Dakota to see the sites, do the labs, hike the hikes, and cruise the byways of the south-central states. This trip was a far cry (thank goodness) from the previous year's experience, both the weather and the van co-operated wonderfully, and the 21-day trip ended with all the participants sunburned, tired and ready-for-home. Next year it's off to the coast of Oregon and California with the return passing through Nevada and Idaho.

*(Editors note: I'm sorry to say that Ben Moffat reports he will not need a TA!).*

## UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN BRITISH COLUMBIA

After presenting seven papers at the WCAG in Lethbridge (March, 1996) and surviving a walk on the Columbia icefields, the crew at UNBC returned to Prince George to prepare for a summer of further travels.

Kevin Hall won the "out and about" competition. He participated in a workshop of the International Permafrost Association on Ellesmere Island, conducted fieldwork in the Rockies and presented a paper at the IGU in The Hague.

Gail Fondahl was a close second as she explored northern B.C. before heading off to Yakutsk to discuss collaborative research on land claims and self-government.

Roger Wheate successfully completed his PhD in remote sensing at the University of St. Andrews narrowly avoiding the select club of people who have taken ten years or more to do this.

Ellen Petticrew made a presentation to the International Association of Hydrological Sciences in Exeter before returning to her ongoing monitoring of Tabor Lake.

Reg Horne went to Liverpool to photograph relic landscapes and spent the rest of the summer in Manitoba watching the Assiniboine and finishing his article for *Western Geographer*.

Greg Halseth presented papers at the CAG and AAG and just had time to visit the WC before beginning a SSHRC project on small town resilience with surveys of Quesnel, Williams Lake and 100 Mile.

Allen Gottesfeld explored the fluvial geomorphology of the Stuart-Takla, the Fraser-Nechako, and McGregor rivers and examined the park potential of the Seven Sisters area.

Grad student Sean Simmons is completing his

study of Taber Lake, while Simon Biickert and Chris Spicer have arrived from UVIC to study river sediments. Jenny Lo spent the summer interviewing women in Quesnel and Williams Lake and new MSc student Colin MacLeod will be investigating community participation in resource planning.

UNBC is gearing up to host the 1997 WCAG March 6-9. Articulation meetings will be on the 6th, Field Trips on the 7th, Papers on the 8th followed by a banquet.

Early information indicates that WCAG participants will be coming from China, New Zealand, Europe and even Ontario. Clearly something not to be missed. Further information check our first circular and browse our web site:

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/UofC/faculties/SS/GEOG/wcag.html>

## SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

John Pearce, Chair of Geography, gave the State of the Art Address for the Commission on the Sustainability of Rural Systems at the International Geographical Congress held in the Hauge, August, 1996.

Ian Hutchinson, along with members of the provincial and federal geological surveys, was awarded \$50,000 (US) by the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program to investigate tsunami deposits in the nearshore lakes on Vancouver Island. This project is profiled in an upcoming special on the Discovery Channel. Results of earlier investigations at Kanim lake will be published in the forthcoming issue of the *Journal of Coastal Research*.

At the end of 1996, Len Evenden will have completed his term of office (5½ years) as Director of the Center for Canadian Studies. He looks forward to returning to the Geography Department on a full-time basis. A book entitled *Alternative Frontiers: Mountain West Voices*, edited by A. Seager, L.J. Evenden, R. Lorimer and R. Mathews will be released by the Association for Canadian Studies in Montreal later this year or early in the new year.

The Geography Department of Simon Fraser University will be offering a two-year distance learning program for Geographic Information Systems (GIS) within the UniGIS Consortium of Universities, starting in January 1997, resulting in a Post Baccalaureate Certificate for GIS.

The UniGIS Certificate is aimed at postgraduate development and focusses on the knowledge of design and implementation of Geographic Information Systems in real-life situations. The program will give the student the necessary background to understand spatial relations and geographic modelling and to undertake geographic analysis. The emphasis of the program will be to control all these components together in the creation of an effective GIS. Applications for the Program should be directed to Dr. Tom Poiker in the Department of Geography or at [poiker@sfu.ca](mailto:poiker@sfu.ca).

Irwin Shubert, a Ph.D. candidate (Sr. Supervisor: L.J. Evenden), will be attending a conference in the Netherlands devoted to the subject *Localism vs Globalism: Changing Relations Between People and Places in Canada*. The Conference is sponsored by the Department of Applied Geography and Planning/Faculty of Geographical Sciences, University of Utrecht. Irwin was invited to present a paper on the topic of *Cyberspace in the next Frontier: Canadian Culture and Urban Landscapes*. In May at Brock University, Irwin delivered a paper on a related topic at the Learned Societies meeting of the Association for Canadian Studies.

In June of 1996, Sun Shen Han (former Ph.D. student working with S.T. Wong) acquired a job with the United Nations Centre for Regional Development in the Infrastructure Development Program. He is working as a researcher doing field work in China and Vietnam and conducting International Seminars.

Matthew Ferguson has been appointed Co-op Coordinator for the Department of Geography and Earth Sciences at Simon Fraser University.

Harry Jol, an NSERC post-doctoral student in the Department, was appointed to a position with the Department of Geography at the University of

Wisconsin, Eau Claire, effective September 1996.

Tanya Behrish who completed her Master's thesis in December 1995 (Sr. Supervisor, R. Hayter) is now the Co-op Coordinator for the Arts at the University College of the Fraser Valley.

Maggie Squires Cobbett was the recipient of the C.D. Nelson Scholarship for entry into the Ph.D. Program in the Fall of 1996.

## UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA

Dr. Peter Murphy and Dr. J. Douglas Porteous have recently received their 25-year awards at the University of Victoria. Dr. Murphy is presently Professor, Head, Tourism Management Program, and Acting Dean of the Faculty of Business at UVIC. The latest news is that Peter has just accepted an appointment as Director of the Department of Tourism at La Trobe University in Melbourne. Dr. Porteous has just introduced a new Geography course, *Landscapes of the Heart*, to be taught in the coming Fall term for the first time. His book, ***Environmental Aesthetics: Ideas, Politics and Planning***, has just been published by Routledge.

Dr. Larry McCann (BA 66) is part of a team of UVIC researchers on a 5-year research project (Canadian Families Project) to study the Canadian family from several perspectives, including geography, demography and sociology. Our Cartographic Services will also be a major participant in the project. Trying to understand the family as a changing set of relationships is a focus, taking the year 1901 as a starting-point for later comparisons. The funding for the project comes from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada.

Dr. Steve Lonergan is leading the Human Dimensions of Global Change Programme in its efforts to understand environment and security issues. Steve has done extensive research on resource scarcity, focusing on the Middle East's

international conference to be held at UVIC in 1997. Steve has recently been honoured by the Royal Society of Canada, for having brought, "national and international recognition of the quality of Canadian Scholarship and the University of Victoria and to the quality of Canadian research". He had "distinguished himself by assuming the lead in developing an international project on global environmental change and human security through the Canadian national committee for the International Human Dimensions of Global Environmental Change Program"

Study of Immigration and Integration: Dr. David Chuen-Yan Lai will study immigration in Richmond, B.C., and the suburbanisation of Chinese commercial investment. This process is evolving into the development of a new Chinatown. The West Coast Centre of Excellence for the Study of Immigration and Integration is a six-year project involving total of more than 30 B.C. researchers. David has just been appointed to the Seniors Advisory Council (Government of B.C.), where he will be able to advise the Minister responsible for Seniors regarding current and future issues of concern to seniors.

Forest Renewal B.C. Grants have recently been awarded to Olaf Niemann, for "Identifying Ecosystems at Multiple Scales: An Object-oriented/remote sensing approach", and to Dan Smith, for "Effect of Climate on Radial Growth of B.C. Coastal Conifers" (with Richard Hebda). The department is also involved in developing an FRBC-funded Inner Coast Native Resource Centre at Alert Bay.

Looking at the resources for geography teaching, the Ross Scholarships grew from 12 last year, to 19 awards this year (a total of \$23,000) and the Royal Canadian Geographical Society made three undergraduate awards to UVIC geography students. The demand for geography courses continues to grow, with our wait-lists totalling more than 1,000 students in September. This pressure on our teaching resources has been growing since the 1980s, with no reason to hope that the Department will ever be able to meet such demand.

This summer, a major renovation of 30-year old classrooms brought new computer labs into operation. A new research lab, supported by Innovation Funding of B.C. has significantly augmented the analysis capabilities for the department. A new MAC lab has provided a new teaching capability for remote digital sensing education.

The Department of Geography homepage has been updated, with refreshed biographies for the faculty, and the inclusion of the monthly GEO-INFO CALENDAR (GIC), as well as the semi-annual GEOGRAPHY ALUMNI NEWS (GAN). The GIC is an agenda of Geography Department and community events, sent by e-mail and fax to faculty, grad students, and to media outlets. The 4-page GAN is sent by mail to UVIC Geography alumni. The mailing cost for GAN is considerable, and it's hoped that the web page edition can eventually replace the mailed edition - a questionnaire was included for evaluating that possibility. The Department Homepage is found at:

<http://geography.geog.uvic.ca/dept/homepage.html>

Many geographers will remember the initiation of the Western Geographical Series (WGS) at UVic in 1969. The WGS was designed as a forum for expression of contemporary North American geographical thought and the presentation of the results of recent research activities. The WGS included monographs and articles written by prominent scientists from a variety of disciplines. By 1995, thirty volumes had been published. In the summer of 1995, an exciting new opportunity was presented, as UVIC Geography established the Western Geographical Press. Negotiations were conducted with both John Wiley and Sons, Ltd and UBC Press. As a result, the WGS was split into two: the International WGS, published by John Wiley & Sons, and the Canadian WGS, distributed by UBC Press. The International WGS (with John Wiley & Sons) will soon be publishing ***Cartographic Design: Theoretical and Practical Perspectives and Quality Management in Urban Tourism***. The Canadian WGS (UBC Press) has also seen a new volume - ***A Persistent Spirit: Towards Understanding Aboriginal Health in B.C.*** (Vol. 31).