

Western Division, Canadian Association of Geographers



Newsletter

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Augustana University College

The geography department has recently moved administrative homes. It is now grouped with the departments of biology and chemistry. Augustana recently received approval for a new four-year degree program in Environmental Science to which the geography department will contribute several courses. Glen Hvenegaard and Morten Asfeldt, a colleague in outdoor pursuits, taught an Outdoor Leadership Development Course in May, held in the Rockies and Foothills of west-central Alberta. Our trip began in snow and ended in snow, but was fairly warm in between. Highlights included canoe surfing on the North Saskatchewan River and alpine backpacking on the front ranges.

Glen is on sabbatical for the 2000-2001 academic year. He plans to complete several writing projects related to interpretation, tourist typologies, and recreation specialization. He is also working on several research projects which examine issues in environmental education, economic benefits of wildlife festivals, whale watching, and perceptions of environmental impacts. He just returned from a conference on interdisciplinary perspectives in the management of multifunctional landscapes, held in Denmark. He continues with the LEAD program (Leadership for Environment and Development), with upcoming sessions in Ottawa and Russia.

Julie Hauser is also teaching geography at Augustana this year. She received her degrees from Wilfrid Laurier University, and has worked with Ducks Unlimited and, most recently, the Alberta Fish and Game Association.

For more information, contact Dr. Glen Hvenegaard at hveng@augustana.ab.ca or look at our website: <http://www.augustana.ab.ca/departments/geography>.

College of New Caledonia

Student enrollments are up again at the College of New Caledonia. This year, we have more than 400 student enrollments in Geography.

Cliff Raphael is on sabbatical for the academic year 2000-2001 and is actively involved in research into the Geomorphology of the Prince George region. His courses are being taught by Christine Jackson (the significant other of Peter Jackson of UNBC), by Nancy Alexander (the significant other of Roger Wheate of UNBC) and by Dieter Ayers, a statistician at UNBC. Is there any significance to the fact that it requires three people to replace him?

Alistair McVey, Dean of Science and Technology at CNC and member of the CNC Geography Department, is currently teaching a third year Cultural Geography course at

UNBC, as well as supervising a directed studies course for a Master's student also at UNBC. Alistair continues his involvement in local theatre and is recently appeared in the role of Duncan, King of Scotland in the Prince George Theatre Workshop's production of Shakespeare's "Macbeth".

The lab demonstrator, Bruce Loerke, continues to be responsible for the Human Geography labs. This semester he introduced a new Urban Geography lab as a replacement for the much beloved, but somewhat dated, CBD lab. Geography 101 students are now able to complete their fieldwork with as much spare change in their pockets as they started with! Bruce also continues to help students in the GIS programme discover the joy of statistics.

Jim Windsor is involved in a number of activities both within and without the College. He is actively involved in CNC's International Education Committee and its Black History Month Organizing Committee among several others. He was the assistant to the director for "Macbeth", is a founding director of the recently established Prince George Society for Open Intellectual Inquiry, is advising the local branch of the Royal Canadian Legion on a property management issue and is assisting the local Chinese community in dealing with some issues relating to the local Chinese cemetery. He continues work as editor of *Western Geography*.

The Geography Club at CNC is active again this year and is currently engaged in a number of fund-raising activities in preparation for our annual excursion to the WCAG. Three geography students from CNC will be attending a conference on sustainability in the Fraser Basin in November in Richmond. The three students will be sharing a scholarship from the Fraser Basin Council.

The Geography Department was the recipient of a Koerner Foundation grant this year. These grants are to cover expenses

associated with bringing guest speakers to campus. Our first guest speaker was Dr. David Lai of the Department of Geography at U.Vic. Dr. Lai's lecture, entitled "The Role of Chinatowns in Downtown Revitalization", was presented on October 17th, to a receptive audience. The second guest speaker will, it is hoped, be Brewster Kneen of Sorrento, BC, a well-known author and researcher in the field of Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs).

After many years of begging, pleading, whining etc., the Geography Department now has a new, and very attractive, display case outside the Geography Lab. Department faculty have been busy mounting various physical and human geography displays for the interest and edification of students.

Medicine Hat College

I know I have been remiss in reporting South-eastern Alberta news and events over the last couple of years, but those days are through. I promise to find the time to compose regular updates about our departmental activities and news of our students -- The Knob and Kettle Club.

Enrolments have been healthy. Our current geography classes -- all eight of them (please stop by and visit the course pages at: www2.mhc.ab.ca/geog/geography.html)

--please note the "2" after the three "dubbleyou's" - it MUST be included) offer "one-stop" shopping for our university transfer students, Watershed Management and Renewable Resource Management diploma students, and our freshly-minted Applied Degree in EcoTourism students. To that end, our faculty has been keeping busy: Ben Moffat (B.A. - Simon Fraser; M.A. - U.B.C.; PhD -Saskatchewan), Laurie Milne -- the college's Archaeology and Anthropology professor -- (B.A. and M.A. - Calgary; PhD - S.F.U.), Ivan Shukster (B.Sc. - Alberta) and Ray Shannon (B.Sc. and M.Sc. -

Saskatchewan) cover all the lectures, labs, field trips, fund raising and just plain fun that goes with being a geographer. Numbers in our classes vary from about 90 in first-year Physical Geography to about 10 in the Spring U.S.A. field course.

Facilities here in the Hat are to be significantly upgraded in the near future. We have lagged behind the rest of the province in terms of provincial grants, but now are proceeding with a major library expansion and the construction (and, we hope, eventual completion come 2003) of a 3-storey (in Medicine Hat this is called a "tower") multi-purpose computer and classroom building. Our facilities are not presently too bad, but we hope to get a better GIS/Cartography facility out of the deal -- one that doesn't have to be built to serve tremendously diverse groups (like Art and CADD and GIS).

Presently Ivan Shukster is attending the University of Calgary as a full-time Masters student. He's pursuing the new MGIS course offered there and will be among their second graduating class. He returns to the Hat every week to conduct his labs and mark (at least between his own lab assignments and project preparation). The plan is for him to take over the GIS and Remote Sensing courses once he has completed the degree. As next year we'll be adding a new course (Environmental Problems and Resource Management) it will free-up Moffat from the "black hole" of GIS to be able to prep and mount the new course.

The Knob and Kettle Club has begun its fund-raising efforts towards the proposed Geography 379: Regional Geography of the U.S.A. trip through Nevada, northeast California and central Oregon in June 2001. To try some virtual, vicarious "experiences" go to:

www2.mhc.ab.ca/geog/www/online379/379-01.htm

Their fund raising efforts have begun --- as has their consideration of challenging for the

Scavenge Cup. Look out. Here come the Prairie Kids!

Ben Moffat

UCFV

The Year 2000 WDCAG Annual Meetings at UCFV in Abbotsford have yielded a profit for the Division, and our \$500 will be added to the pot for the benefit of student participants of the future. Our thanks again to everyone who came and helped make the conference the success it was. Many of the UCFV Geography students who won the 2000 Scavenger Hunt have now graduated, but another equally talented, and even more determined, contingent are already planning for Calgary. Clues will be out in the Spring.

Tom Waldichuk at Cariboo and Sandy Vanderburgh at UCFV are also talking about a shared bus from the Fraser Valley via Kamloops to Calgary. The plan will likely see an early Thursday departure, and an early Sunday return. The possibility brings back fond memories...!

John Belec has retired as Department Head at UCFV after serving the Department well indeed for the past three years. Doug Nicol has replaced John, and becomes the third head since David Gibson started us out as a University College in the early 90s. Kathy Peet, our lab technician, gave birth to her first son (Curtis) in late September. She was replaced on her 6 month maternity leave by Stewart Brown, a recent M.Sc. graduate in biogeography at Alberta. Bill Burgess, a nearing- completion Ph.D. candidate at UBC, is teaching our second year economic geography course and a section of the first year Canada course. Bill has recently had an article published in the Canadian Geographer. John Belec has a one-course leave this term to work on our first on-line course offering - on the geography of Canada.

Enrolment was high in September, with some 800 course registrations, and another 350 on wait lists. At present, UCFV's Geography Department has 60 majors, 20 extended minors, and 15 minors in the program. The next study tour to Hawaii is scheduled for May, 2001. The Department is in the process of rebuilding its website and all faculty should have their own pages up soon. More details on department people and events will be found in our quarterly newsletter, Benchmarks, also available on-line at our website: <http://www.ucfv.bc.ca/geography>.

Doug Nicol

U N B C

The Geography Program at UNBC started the fall term off with a research forum during which we discovered that we have over two dozen grad students, many of whom are apparently hard at work on a wide variety of projects. Faculty members were also given an opportunity to explain their current interests. Ellen Petticrew newly returned from her sabbatical in England hosted the event.

Gail Fondahl was unable to attend as she is on sabbatical at the Scott Polar Research Institute, University of Cambridge, working on a number of articles and a book on aboriginal land tenure in the Russian North.

On a similar theme, Kevin Hall is back from "Weathering 2000" a conference held in Belfast, N. Ireland, where he presented a paper. His next trip will be as a lecturer on the Antarctic cruise "Students on Ice." This is the first educational cruise for Canadian school children to the Antarctic.

Kevin has also initiated a long-term weathering project on building

materials in Prince George and obtained a joint project with the Chinese Academy of Sciences for a weathering project in Tibet. His grad students are working in the McGregor Mountains on valley asymmetry and erosion by animals.

Greg Halseth continues to work with the Canadian Rural Restructuring Foundation on projects connected with small town reaction to resource industry restructuring. Recent work has been completed on volunteer sector organizations and work is presently underway on social cohesion issues. Further information is available at the CRRF website <<http://nre.concordia.ca/>> In addition, Greg and grad student Lana Sullivan recently completed a housing transition study looking at the communities of Tumbler Ridge and Mackenzie, and are just completing a study of extra-community commuting patterns and their implications for the town of Mackenzie.

Greg, Gail and a number of other faculty and students continue to work on the Upper Fraser Historical Geography Project. Major work this past summer has included loading photographic images onto a website and initiating oral history interviews with over 100 people. See: <<http://www.unbc.ca/upperfraser/>>

Reg Horne spent the summer working with the Brandon University Hutterite Education Program, a project designed to train colony residents from across the province to become qualified teachers. Reg has returned with some interesting data on Hutterite mental maps. Watch for it at the WCAG in Calgary. Reg also organized and chaired a session at the CAG meetings in St. Catherines in June.

After a successful review, UNBC's geography program is looking at expansion and is currently seeking a medical geographer with GIS skills. This position is currently posted at:

<http://office.geog.uvic.ca/dept/cag/jobs.htm>
 More news on the GIS front. In June, Roger Wheate along with GIS Lab Instructors Scott Emmons and Robert Legg attended the 25th annual meeting of the Canadian Cartographic Association at the University of Alberta which was held in conjunction with the Association of Canadian Map Librarians and Archivists. Roger and his group are working with UNBC library staff to put together a new course "GIS for Social Scientists" which will be aimed at non-natural resources applications, particularly using Statistics Canada data, via the Data Liberation Initiative.

All three members of the GIS group expect to attend the New Millennium meeting in Montreal, May 29-June 3, 2001 which is at the same time as the CAG meetings. It is hoped that a joint session with the CAG will strengthen family ties between the Geography and Cartography/GIS communities.

In February 2001, CCA members in western Canada will be organizing a full day of "education in GIS" sessions at the GIS2001 conference and trade show in Vancouver. One confirmed session will feature new/distance GIS programs with presentations from Tom Poiker (SFU), Nigel Waters (Calgary) and Arturo Sanchez-Azofeifa (Alberta). Special rates for educators have been arranged and local students can attend free by volunteering. Contacts: Roger Wheate (UNBC), Peter Keller (UVic), Brian Klinkenberg or Sally Hermansen (UBC), and Tom Poiker (SFU).

W. Reg Horne

University of Victoria

Geography students make clean sweep of conference awards

At the annual meeting the Western Canadian Association of Geographers

(March, 2000), a team of UVic Geography undergraduates won best undergrad award for their paper on neoglaciation in Banff Park, while UVic Geography MSc student Dave Lewis won best master's category for his paper on tree rings and glaciers in Strathcona Park and Jamie LeClair took best doctoral paper award for his presentation on children's behaviour and the urban environment.

New Geography Faculty: Dr. Ian Walker

Ian Walker has joined the Geography faculty as Assistant professor. His recent PhD from Guelph focused on aeolian geomorphology, and his main research interests are in fluid flow and sedimentary processes in natural environments, as well as exploring landscape evolution and reconstruction using stratigraphy and geoarchaeological techniques.

Geographer Wins Community Award



{David Lai pointing out damage in the famous Chinatown Gate of Harmonious Interest}

David Chuen-Yan Lai has taught in Uvic's Geography Department for more than thirty years, and the awards continue for his long-standing commitment to conserving Victoria's Chinatown and to urban development of other Chinatowns. The local radio station CFX 1070 has recently awarded him their "Arts Leader Merit Award

2000" in recognition of his achievements. He was also recently appointed as an Advisory Professor to East China University. His recent presentations include a paper on "Demographic Changes of Chinese Imigrants and Settlements in Canada before 1967" at a Joint University of Victoria and national Sun Yat-sen University Social Science Symposium, a lectures at the Shanghai International Migration and Development Research Centre and at the 8th Annual Meeting of the National Congress of Chinese Canadians.

A Geography of Shrimp Farming



{Dr. Flaherty (right) and Uvic Geog. PhD student Choomjet Karnjanakesorn show some shrimp}

Mark Flaherty is investigating the social, economic and environmental linkages between marine aquaculture development and coastal communities in Thailand, India and Brazil. The work in Thailand and India is being supported by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC). Dr. Flaherty is Director of the Shrimp Aquaculture Research Group, formed to study the rapid and wide-ranging development of shrimp farming worldwide.

In the last three decades, shrimp farming has been transformed from a subsistence activity into a large-scale industry, producing 30% of

world shrimp supply. Shrimp farming occurs mostly in developing countries in Asia and Central America and entails a wide range of social, environmental and political issues. Members of the Shrimp Aquaculture Research Group study these issues from a variety of backgrounds and perspectives. The recent focus of the group has been the dramatic shift of shrimp farming inland into wet-rice farming areas in Thailand.

Mark's recent project, "Globalization, Rural Restructuring and Local Welfare: A Comparative Analysis of Shrimp Aquaculture and the Transformation of Environment and Society in Thailand and India" has received a SSHRC grant, and his "Monitoring Shrimp Farming Using RADARSAT Imagery: A Case study in Thailand" has also received support.

Mark has also been awarded Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) funding for a human development project in Thailand focused on coastal aquaculture planning. He will work in partnership with Thailand's Burapha University to develop a new certificate program in aquaculture management and to upgrade the research skills of faculty and staff. "We'll assist the university in graduating people who can make informed decisions about site evaluation and plans for coastal aquaculture operations," says Flaherty, who has been travelling to Southeast Asia for 12 years as part of his on-going research. Current aquaculture activity frequently degrades and depletes coastal natural resources, creating hardship for the rural poor who depend on these resources for their livelihoods.

Visiting Scholars

The Department is fortunate in having two visiting scholars in residence for the 2000-2001 academic year: Dr. Peter Ashmore - University of Western Ontario and Dr. Bo Dong (East China Normal University).

Peter is a geomorphologist whose recent and current projects include: bed material transport in gravel rivers and mechanics of braided rivers (field site in Canadian Rockies plus small-scale model studies); stream morphology, land-use impacts on river systems, stream habitat and stream channel design (southern Ontario); regional denudation and sediment sources in glaciated landscapes; climate change impacts on fluvial processes in Canada. Peter is spending his sabbatical year in Victoria with family. He has plans to catch up on his with his writing next fall and will be teaching a section of Geography 476 (Advanced Fluvial Geomorphology) in the Spring term. He has office space in Cornett B330 and can be reached at 472-4707 or at pashmore@office.geog.uvic.ca

Dong received his doctoral degree in 1997 and his dissertation title was "On the Spatial Structure of Natural Reserves". He remains interested in natural reserves/ national parks, particularly with protected areas near to urban regions. Recently he has been studying protected areas in Shanghai and remains interested in aspects of cultural geography, having undertaken research on classical towns in the WU cultural region. At East China Normal University, he teaches courses on human geography and landscape ecology to college and postgraduate students. He has office space in Cornett B330 and can be reached at 472-4707

McPherson Gets Map Library From Geography



{Geography map library curator Lori Sugden in the Map Library}

After over 30 years in Cornett, UVic's 65,000 maps and 125,000 airphotos will move to the first floor of McPherson Library this December. The move will provide space for Social Sciences Dean John Schofield in Cornett, as well as more space for the map and air photo collection in McPherson. The Map Collection was founded by the Geography Dept. in the days of Victoria College, and has a history of involvement by Geography and the University Libraries, with a formal agreement in 1990 to jointly run the Map Library.

Information about the maps and the Map Library can be found on the UVic Libraries' Gateway <<http://gateway.uvic.ca>>. There are links to other map sites, as well as citations for the library's newer maps in the Main Catalogue. Alumni can borrow maps and air photos for 7 days on their Uvic Libraries card.

Miscellaneous

Peter Keller has returned from a year's sabbatical spent at the University of Auckland in New Zealand. Part of his year was dedicated to working with Jon Corbett, a Ph.D. student in Geography, getting a CIDA/CIFOR funded community mapping research project under way, working with two Dayak communities in East Kalimantan, Borneo, Indonesia. Dr. Keller also used the year successfully to team negotiate a new \$ 821,000 three year National Centre for Excellence funded GEOIDE project working in collaboration with the Canadian Coast Guards and faculty from Dalhousie and the University of New Brunswick to develop a risk analysis and strategic modelling tool to facilitate medium and long-term planning of search and rescue deployment. At UVic, he will be assisted in this research project by Cindy Marven, an M.Sc. student.

Diana Hocking (Geography Department Lab Instructor) gave two talks at Lund University, while on leave last term to learn a little about Sweden. Both talks were given in English, one to an undergraduate class in culture and economics on British Columbia and the second to faculty and graduates in the physical geography department highlighted the research underway in the Uvic geography department.

Dr. Dan Smith has been appointed to a Chair of the Geography Department (2000-2003) and to a three year term on NSERCs Scholarships and Fellowships Selection Committee (Earth Sciences and Ecology).

Doug Porteous's tenth book entitled Environmental Aesthetics (Routledge, 1996) will soon be released as an eBook. His eleventh book Degrees of Freedom (Saturnalia Press, 1997) is a book containing a number of "hospital poems" (hospitals in Victoria, Cambodia, Mozambique) dealing with brain surgery, pneumonia, death and dying. It's now being used to articulate the patient's point of view to nursing students at Camosun College and medical students in the Medical Humanities programme at the Dalhousie University medical school.

Message from the WCAG President

At the upcoming AGM in Calgary, the Executive plans to put forward a couple of changes to the constitution. I would like to take this opportunity to identify the proposed changes and their rationale.

The dates for the 2001 meeting are March 8 to 10 with the AGM planned for Friday evening (March 9). Plans for the meeting are well underway. Field trips are scheduled for Friday, with the papers sessions and banquet and awards running on Saturday. For updates, visit Calgary's web site at <<http://www.ucalgary.ca/GEOG/WDCAG/wdcagindex.html>>

While on this topic, I will also let you know that our colleagues at Douglas College (New Westminster) have offered to host the 2002 meeting and remind you that the 2001, 50th anniversary CAG meetings are in Montreal (where it all began) May 30 to June 3. <<http://www.geog.mcgill.ca/CAG.html>>. In the last newsletter, I noted that there were currently no submissions to our journal *Western Geography*. Since then, Jim Windsor, the editor, has received four papers and is looking towards publishing a combined 2000/2001 issue. Jim indicates that there is still time to add a couple of papers to this issue and that he is always in the market for future issues. So if you are looking for an outlet or thinking about a theme issue, please consider submitting your work for review. Jim can be contacted at: Windsor@cnc.bc.ca . Addresses, instructions for authors, and the contents of published issues can be accessed at <<http://office.geog.uvic.ca/dept/wcag/westgeog.htm>>

Proposed Constitutional Changes:

1. Term of Office for Members-at-Large: Current Constitutional Wording

(Proposed Changes underlined):

III. 4. "The Executive of the Western Division shall consist of a president, serving a two year non-renewal term of office; a past-president or a vice-president, each term consisting of one year; a secretary-treasurer elected for a period of two years; four members-at-large each elected for a period of two years; and two student members each elected for one year. Appointed positions shall consist of an occasional papers editor - ex officio for a term of two years; a newsletter editor - ex officio for a term of two years; a British Columbia Education Committee Chair for a period of two years. Elections for the vice-president shall be bi-annually and the vice-president will, under normal circumstances, take the position of president in the year following the election and will succeed to past-president in the year immediately following the two year

presidential term of office. There will not be a past-president in the year that there is a vice-president and there will not be a vice-president in the year in which there is a past-president. The members-at-large shall be elected on the basis of two vacancies per year."

Reasons for the change. A two year term of office: would provide more continuity in the executive, provide members-at-large more time to learn and participate in the operation of the division, reduce the number of positions elected each year, bring our constitution into better alignment with the CAG's. If this change passes, two members-at-large will be elected for 2 years and two for 1 year at the upcoming AGM in Calgary. At the following year AGM, and thereafter, two members-at-large will be elected for 2 years.

2. Publications: Current Constitutional Wording:

"VII. PUBLICATIONS 1. A record of each annual meeting shall be kept in the form of a published volume which shall include in the title "Occasional Papers in Geography of the Canadian Association of Geographers, Western Division: Proceedings of the Annual Conference _____". 2. It shall be the responsibility of the Executive to develop a publications policy which, when affirmed by majority vote of the Annual Business Meeting, shall be the policy of the Division.

Proposed Changes (underlined): "VII. PUBLICATIONS 1. The division shall keep a record of each annual meeting by obtaining and archiving the program and abstracts issued by the host institution. 2. The journal *Western Geography* shall, under normal circumstances, be published annually and distributed to all members paid for the year. 3. It shall be the responsibility of the Executive to develop a publications policy which, when affirmed by majority vote of the Annual Business Meeting, shall be the policy of the Division. subsequent articles will also

be renumbered to reflect these changes. **Reasons for the change.:** the division replaced the occasional papers with the refereed journal "Western Geographer" 10 years ago (see L. Evenden's article in the most recent issue of *Western Geography* for a history of the division's publications). It is standard practice for host institutions to issue a printed program and list of abstracts. The division has entered into a formal relationship with SFU's archives. The archives' policy is to accept materials documenting annual meetings, but not to retain published journal issues (these are the responsibility of the library). the "under normal circumstances" in article two is necessary given that we have published combined issues in the past due to a shortage of submissions.

Geographic Education in Alberta: I have discussed the possibility with several of our Alberta members of creating an Alberta Education Committee as a counterpart to our longstanding BC Education Committee. The response was positive, and I encourage others who are interested in being part of an Alberta Education committee, or who want to voice an opinion about the merits of establishing such a committee, to contact me. The objectives of the BC committee are quite broad: to promote geographic education within the province of British Columbia, to promote and maintain liaison and communication with elementary, secondary and post secondary institutions, the respective Ministries, the professional associations and other appropriate educational support groups and to establish and maintain a network with other similar organizations outside British Columbia. (WCAG Constitution, V.2) The BC committee has a minimum of three members, with an appointed committee chair participating as a voting member of the executive. Presumably we would follow this example for Alberta. While Alberta does not have an equivalent to BC's Geography 12, it is in the division's interests and in those of geography generally to promote geographic education in the school

curriculum. (Alberta, you may be surprised to know, has the largest membership in the Canadian Council for Geographic Education Network.) A committee would also provide a liaison for the Alberta Representative of the Canadian Council for Geographic Education and the CAG education committee, and potentially play a role in inter-provincial initiatives such as the Western Canada protocol on Social Studies Education and the CCGE National Geographic Standards project. If interest is sufficient, I am willing to push this item onto the agenda at the next AGM.

If you would like to comment on any of these proposed changes or initiatives, please email me at rnelson@cariboo.bc.ca - I will pass your correspondence on to the rest of the executive. I also encourage you to post your comments on the WCAG's email listserve: [<CAGWESTE@uvvm.uvic.ca>](mailto:CAGWESTE@uvvm.uvic.ca). If you are not a member of the listserve, directions on how to sign up are posted on our website at [<http://office.geog.uvic.ca/dept/wcag/cagweste.htm>](http://office.geog.uvic.ca/dept/wcag/cagweste.htm) . List membership is free.

Voting on constitutional changes: The executive is planning to make the proposed changes (term of office for members-at-large and publications) to our constitution at the upcoming AGM in Calgary. If you wish to vote on these changes, you must be present at the meeting (the constitution does not allow for proxy voting) and a member in good standing (join the CAG or the WCAG to become a member, forms available online). If you wish to obtain a copy of our constitution, point your browser to [<http://office.geog.uvic.ca/dept/wcag/constitution.htm>](http://office.geog.uvic.ca/dept/wcag/constitution.htm) -- Dr. Ross Nelson, University College of the Cariboo



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FIRST CIRCULAR

On behalf of the Department of Geography, we invite you to join us at the WDCAG meeting, this upcoming March 8 – 10th. Our department is really excited to be hosting this event and plans are underway to ensure that your experience in Calgary will be a memorable one. The department's Faculty, Staff and Student body are busy preparing for this event and we look forward to seeing you in March 2001!

CALL FOR PAPERS AND POSTERS

Our technical program is open to presentations and posters covering all aspects of geographic research. Details on abstract submission format as well as particulars on poster requirements will be forthcoming in the Second Circular due out in early January. As well, keep an eye on our web site for regular updates.

ABSTRACT DEADLINE: JAN. 26TH 2001

PROPOSED PROGRAM

Thursday

Opening social, registration and poster review.

Friday

Field trips, including everything from slope analysis in the beautiful Canadian Rockies to urban development in Downtown Calgary and many more.

Saturday

Oral and poster sessions beginning with a plenary address and capped by the evening banquet, awards and social.

This will be a fantastic event and we guarantee you'll have a memorable experience!

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND UPDATES:

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