

Although designated a Newsletter, this is really just an interim letter to bring you up to date on a few items, most notably events associated with the Specialty Group activities scheduled for the forthcoming C.A.G. Annual Meeting in Calgary. It will also serve to remind you that there are Specialty Group members alive and well and living in British Columbia, and that we will as promised edit a more comprehensive Newsletter in the fall of this year.

C.A.G. Annual Meeting

As you are likely aware, the C.A.G. Annual Meeting is being held this year at the University of Calgary from June 18-24. If you received the Provisional Program you may have searched in vain to find out when the Canadian Women and Geography Specialty Group was meeting. This omission has now been rectified and details will be included in the final program. I should add that this was due to tardiness on our part and not due to any oversight on the part of the C.A.G. conference organising committee, who were most accommodating in scheduling two sessions for us at short notice. We have not organised any specific paper sessions, but in addition to the business meeting we will be running a panel discussion. Please take note of the following times and plan to attend:

Friday, June 20, 14:00 - 15:00 Canadian Women and Geography
Specialty Group Business Meeting.

Sunday, June 22, 16:05 - 17:30 Panel Discussion "The Status of
Canadian Women in Geography". Discussants: Suzanne Mackenzie
(Carleton), Janet Henshall Momsen (Newcastle upon Tyne, U.K.),
Alison Gill (Simon Fraser).

Meeting rooms will be indicated on the final program.

With reference to the Business Meeting, in addition to the Annual Report, the most important other item on the agenda will be the election of an Executive for the Specialty Group. To date, the executive has been formed on the basis of voluntary participation. While this has worked efficiently, it was felt that formalisation of the procedure with a properly elected executive body would be appropriate. Please consider nomination for the committee. For those of you who will not be attending the Calgary

meetings but wish to stand for election, please forward your nomination with someone you know who will be there (or in some other way let us know that you are interested). We welcome your support.

The panel discussion is an opportunity to have a more in-depth discussion on the "Status of Women in Canadian Geography". A number of years ago when Janet Henshall-Momsen was at the University of Calgary, she produced the first assessment on the status of Canadian women geographers, and she will give a retrospective view of the situation. Suzanne Mackenzie will comment on the recent survey that she and Audrey Kobayashi (McGill) have recently completed, and Alison Gill will comment on women as role models for undergraduate geography students. It is hoped that these presentations will stimulate further discussion.

OTHER NEWS

Damaris Rose (Quebec, a Montreal) is coordinating a special issue of Cahiers de Geographie du Quebec on "Feminist Perspectives", which will be published in fall 1987. Preliminary papers should already have been submitted for this. However, if anyone is interested in writing a book review in either French or English they should contact Damaris immediately, prior to the C.A.G meeting.

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CONFERENCE NOTICE

If you are planning to be in Vancouver during July, you may be interested in attending the Annual Canadian Institute of Planners Conference, to be held in the Hotel Vancouver from July 20-23. A special session organised by "Women and Planning" entitled "Women's Transportation Problems and Occupational Segregation" will be held on July 21 at 3:30 p.m. The session will be chaired by Ann McAfee (Senior Housing Policy Planner, City of Vancouver), and other participants will be Susan Hanson (Clark University and Editor of the Annals of the AAG), and Roslyn Kunin (Canada Employment and Immigration Commission). A social reception will follow at 5:00.

NEXT ISSUE

As mentioned, we are planning to send out a more complete Newsletter in the early fall. If you have any news, comments, research notes, short book reviews etc., please send them to:

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We look forward to seeing you in Calgary.