Just a reminder to everyone- if you have any suggestions for improving the newsletter, or contributions to it, do not hesitate to contact Prof. Saiedi.

**Pizza Night**

Last Wednesday's pizza night was well-attended. Bei Willem's talk on dominance hierarchies in fish and the research implications for sociology was extremely interesting. Likewise was Pamela's presentation of her ongoing research. Next term's date has not yet been decided, but Bev Nagel will be presenting her research in Paraguay and it promises to be excellent.

**ACM Conference**

On October 6 and 7, four members of the Soc/Anth department went to a special ACM conference as part of a mentoring program designed to encourage minority students to pursue academic careers. The two day conference gave students Tiffany Eng and Youa Pa Yang a chance to present their independent research and to attend workshops on graduate schools. Pamela Feldman-Savelsberg and Jay Levi were in attendance as mentors.

**Comps**

Revised proposals with annotated bibliography are due by 4:30 PM on Monday, October 30. Better get cracking. In addition, some interest has been expressed in meeting to discuss how our comps are proceeding. Once winter term registration is complete, if you wish to participate in a biweekly session (or a monthly session), please contact Mario Small or Danielle Logan with the best day and time, otherwise the session will be arbitrarily scheduled for 10 PM every other Thursday.

**In Case You Missed It**

Professors Nagel and Padilla will be offering a three credit course the first five weeks of winter term on Latino Culture and Identity. "This course is designed to enhance our understanding of different traditional and new cultural and identity forms created by Latino/Latina individuals and groups to deal with their conditions in US society. Some of the leading cultural elements we will examine include: family, music, literature, education, language, film, and the youth gang. Major emphasis will be given to uncovering the interplay between individual or group action (on one hand) and social factors and conditions (on the other) and how this interplay is responsible for influencing the rise and expression of particular cultural identity forms.

**Visiting Speaker**

On November first, Yanjie Bian from the Department of Sociology at the University of Minnesota will speak about Gender and Wage Inequality in Post-Maoist China. He will be talking in Feldman-Savelsberg's Anthropology of Gender class, then will give a public lecture at 4:30 in Willis 211. There will be a reception in the lounge following.

**DCC**

The two new junior members of the DCC (Departmental Curriculum Committee) are Beth White and Laura Stokes. Speak with them, or Mario Small and Danielle Logan if you have ideas about curriculum, socializing, how to better exhibit things in the lounge, etc.
Funding

The college has set aside money to fund student projects which would include travel to research sites, communication, and other expenses. If you are interested in applying, send the following information to Liz Ciner’s office.

☐ a narrative description of the proposed program of research- no longer than one single-spaced page describing the nature of the project
☐ a budget including other sources of funding,
☐ a letter of support from a faculty member
☐ a current transcript
☐ where relevant, letters of invitation and/or confirmation from a librarian that travel to another library for specific material is necessary

Proposals should be submitted at least three weeks ahead of time. One grant per student per year will be considered.

Attention Juniors

Applications for the National Security Education Program undergraduate scholarships for study abroad are now available in the Office of Off-Campus Studies. The application is formidable and is due January 5, 1996. Interviews will be on campus and finalists will be notified of their awards in April. The scholarships “provide financial support for US undergraduates to acquire skills and experience abroad in less commonly studied languages and cultures”.

Program Grants

The Minnesota Humanities Commission is offering grants from $200 to $10,000 for programs intended to foster connections among humanities scholars, cultural organizations, and community groups. Programs eligible for funding include lectures, panel discussions, symposia, interpretive exhibits, publications, and film, video, and radio projects. Students interested in bringing their research to a larger audience may be especially interested in the “Mini-Grants”. More information is posted in the lounge.

Women's Studies

Antioch College is offering a three-month women’s studies seminar in Europe. Participants will visit the Netherlands, Germany, Poland, and Great Britain including visits to feminist organizations, women’s centers, conferences, exhibits, festivals, and performances. Graduate and undergraduate credits are available. The application deadline for fall term 1996 is March 15.

Paper Competition

The Midwest Sociological Society is sponsoring their 33rd annual graduate and undergraduate paper competition. First prize is $125. Papers may be co-authored by students and have a maximum length of 20 double-spaced pages of text, not counting an abstract, references, tables, and figures. Papers must be in The Sociological Quarterly format and must be received by January 15, 1996. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the lounge for details and additional information.

Health Services

The University of Rochester is offering a doctoral program in Health Services Research which trains students to teach and conduct independent research into the organization and delivery of health care. Students will gain a background in statistics, economics, and policy analysis combined with an understanding of the institutions, structure, and functioning of the US health care system. There is fellowship assistance available. For a list of faculty interests and more information, see the table in the lounge.

Gossip

We would like to start printing personal news from students in the newsletter. If you have done something interesting over the summer, won a paper competition, been accepted into grad school, etc., please let us know. You aren’t bragging and we would really find it interesting.