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

Comps

The first informal comps meeting will be Thursday, February 15 at 10 PM in the Soc/Anth lounge. Prof. Saiedi has generously agreed to let the department pay for some refreshments.

Gossip

We would like to start printing personal news from students in the newsletter. If you have done something interesting over break, won a paper competition, been accepted into grad school, got hired by a great company, etc., please let us know.

Retiring

Betty Kendall, the department secretary, will be retiring on March 1. Betty has been at Carleton for more than two decades and her stories about the department have been an endless source of amusement for those privileged enough to hear them. If you stop by the office, be sure to wish her well. She will certainly be missed.

Maya Society

The Maya Society of Minnesota is sponsoring a workshop on Maya Hieroglyphic writing Feb 10-11 from 9 AM to 5 PM. The cost of the session is $55 and includes instruction in beginning to read inscriptions along with an illustrated workbook and reference material plus colored pencils and other study aids. Registration deadline is Feb 5. In addition there is a Friday lecture on the ruins of Yaxchilan, Mexico at no additional cost.

Research Experience

The State University of New York at Stonybrook has set up a program allowing undergraduates to gain valuable experience assisting professors and grad students with sociological research. The eight-week program starts in early June and participants receive a $2,000 stipend as well as room, board, and travel expenses. Bel Willem was a participant last summer and would love to tell people about her research. For an application or more information, call (516) 632-7080.

Cornell-Indonesia

This is an intensive, full-year academic program studying language only. Students spend four hours a day in class and four hours in lab, five days a week. The program is highly challenging, but will give participants a firm grasp of Indonesian. The semesters run Aug 29-Dec 20 and Jan 20-May 16 and the application deadline is March 1.

Rotary Club Scholarships

The Academic Year Ambassadorial Scholarship provides up to $21,500 for study at a foreign institution. This includes round-trip airfare, one month of intensive language training (if assigned), all academic fees, some educational supplies, reasonable living costs, and limited contingency expenses. Candidates for the 1996-97 academic year must apply by March 27, 1996. Interested students should contact George Soule by e-mail (Gsoule@carleton.edu) for more information.
Visiting Speakers

During January four excellent lectures of interest to and co-sponsored by the Soc/Anth department were delivered. Felix Padilla-who also taught a course with Bev Nagel-spoke about Latino identity as did novelist Diego Vázquez. Adrienne Falcón gave a lecture about new Hispanic immigrants and Raul Raymundo and Rose Dominguez talked about their founding of the Resurrection Project in Chicago. As everyone who attended would agree, the presentations were wonderful and the department is looking forward to bringing in more speakers for the coming term.

Pizza Night

The pizza night for winter term will be held on February 28th at 4:30pm in Willis 204. Bev Nagel will be the speaker and she has asked for input as to whether a talk about land rights, ethnicity, and democracy in Paraguay or a presentation on applied sociology and the Inter-American Development Bank Project would be of more interest to majors.

Summer Programs
All information is on the table in the Soc/Anth lounge or posted on the board

UNH - London
Students can choose two courses from six offerings in English drama, the history of London, the art and architecture of England, and a cross-cultural study of American and British legal systems and criminology. The sessions run from June 16 to July 26 and the application deadline is March 15.

Professors Only
NEH is sponsoring a summer seminar entitled Morality and Society for college teachers. The seminar will explore the ways in which individual rights and societal obligations have been discussed by leading philosophers and sociological thinkers. NEH will provide participants with a $4,000 stipend for the eight week (June 10-Aug 2) seminar. Application deadline is March 1.

ACM - Costa Rica
Interested in summer field school in Costa Rica? Try their web site:
http://www.studyabroad.com/laSuerte

CEH - Madrid
Centro de Estudios Hispánicos is sponsoring a six-week program in Spanish language, literature, and culture in Madrid. Students take additional courses in the politics, economics, and art of Spain. The session runs from June 13-July 25 and the application deadline is March 27.

U of Penn - Bordeaux
This unusual summer program focuses on human origins and trying to answer such questions as what makes us human? and how did we evolve? Lectures will be augmented with the examination of artifacts and fossils and visits to important paleo-anthropological sites. The program runs June 17-July 4 and the application deadline is April 1.

U of V - Field School at Monticello
The University of Virginia's 1996 field session will be excavating a small outlying slave quarter as part of an ongoing effort to better understand the individuals, both slave and free, who labored at Monticello, and the plantation society they created. The six-week session starts June 17 and ends July 26. The application deadline is April 15.