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A NOTE FROM THE CHAIR

When a group of us met in Berea in 1978 to consider organizing what became the Appalachian Studies Conference, none of us would have predicted the rapid growth it has enjoyed, nor the degree of enthusiasm and good feeling generated at the annual meetings. (For the good experience in Johnson City, we are all indebted to Joan Moser and the Program and Agenda Committees--as well as to our generous hosts at East Tennessee State.)

Looking ahead to the coming year, I encourage each of you to offer suggestions or ways the Conference can serve your individual and collective interests, and, most importantly, the interests of the region--both through the annual meeting and in other ways as yet untried. Send your ideas to me or to any member of the Agenda or Program Committees. We will be arranging a joint meeting of these committees over the summer to consider plans for the future.

John B. Stephenson
Chairman, 1980-81

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NEWSLETTER

APPALINK will be published three times a year. The deadline for the next issue is September 15. Send announcements of upcoming events and other items to Anne Campbell, Appalachian Studies Librarian, King Library, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY 40506.

MEMBERSHIP

If you did not attend the Johnson City meeting but would like to continue receiving the newsletter, please complete the following and return it to Polly Cheek, P.O. Box 502, Mars Hill, North Carolina 28754.

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I am enclosing dues of \$4.00 for the 1981-82 fiscal year (to March 1, 1982).

Over 350 members have now paid their dues. If you wish to continue receiving APPALINK and have not paid, please do so.

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BEREA'S LIBRARY HAS 110th BIRTHDAY

On April 22, 1870, Berea College Library opened its doors with 660 books. On April 20, 1980, the library celebrated its 110th birthday, with guest speaker James Still.

U.K. CENTER GETS GRANT FOR
APPALACHIAN POETRY WORKSHOPS

The Witter Bynner Foundation for Poetry has presented the University of Kentucky Appalachian Center with a grant to encourage Appalachian poetry. The project began in January. Its main emphasis is to help the poets of the Appalachian region and to nourish the poetry there, mainly through a series of workshops.

APPALACHIAN STUDIES CONFERENCE WILL
PUBLISH CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

BOONE -- The sponsors of the 1980 Appalachian Studies Conference -- the Appalachian Consortium, Inc., East Tennessee State University, and the Appalachian Studies Conference -- will soon be publishing the papers presented at the March meeting. Publication is being financed by a grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission.

After a careful editing process, the papers will be published in one volume which will be available in paperback. The Conference Program Committee hopes to release the volume in early winter of 1981.

(For further information, please contact Martha McKinney, Executive Director, Appalachian Consortium, 202 Appalachian Street, Boone, NC 28607, 704/262-2064.)

THE APPALACHIAN CENTER, UNIVERSITY OF
KENTUCKY, OFFERS FELLOWSHIPS IN
APPALACHIAN STUDIES

Fellowships will be offered for predoctoral and postdoctoral humanities and social science study of topics relating to Appalachia. Stipend of \$2500 for minimum two months summer or regular semester, in residence at the University of Kentucky. May involve coursework or research or both.

For more information, write to Mike Nichols, Faculty Development Project, Appalachian Center, 641 South Limestone, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY 40506, or phone 606-257-3747.

NEW APPALSHOP FILM

Appalshop Films has released "Strip Mining: Energy, Environment and Economics," a 50 minute, color film. Tracing the history of strip mining with its interwoven stories of technological advances and the evolution of the strip mine law, this film is an account which reveals the cost of strip mining in human and environmental terms. The problems explored include: rising energy consumption and the increased demand for coal; the economic and political power of the coal industry; the long-term environmental effects of strip mining; and the increased production costs caused by the federal strip mine regulations and its effect on the current prosperity of Appalachia.

The 16mm film is available for purchase at \$750 and rental at \$75 from Appalshop Films, P.O. Box 743, Whitesburg, KY 41858.

ANNOUNCING . . .

A complete name and subject index to the APPALACHIAN JOURNAL (Volumes 1-7 [1972-1980]). Including an index to AN APPALACHIAN SYMPOSIUM IN HONOR OF CRATIS WILLIAMS. Over 8,000 items. To be published as Volume 7, No. 4 (Summer 1980) of the APPALACHIAN JOURNAL. Single copies \$2.50. Regular subscribers will receive this Index as part of their subscription. For further information, contact THE APPALACHIAN JOURNAL, Appalachian State University, Boone, NC 28608.

MASTER'S DEGREE IN URBAN AND
REGIONAL PLANNING

The Division of Environmental and Urban Systems at Virginia Tech offers graduate programs which may be relevant to students interested in Appalachian Studies. The Master of Urban and Regional Planning (72 credit hours) is designed to produce a qualified professional planner--the program is recognized by the American Planning Association--with a solid social, political, economic and physical background. The planning program is increasingly focusing on rural and regional problems. Several members of the faculty are currently involved in research pertaining to the problems of Appalachia. In addition, Virginia Tech is developing an Appalachian Studies Program which will further enhance the available Appalachian oriented resources. Further information can be obtained from: Dr. Leonard Simutis, Division of Environmental and Urban Systems, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA 24061.

APPALACHIAN STUDIES FELLOWSHIPS

The Appalachian Studies Fellowships are administered by the Appalachian Center and Weatherford-Hammond Mountain Collection of Berea College under a grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation of New York, and are designed to encourage scholarship on Appalachian topics.

A primary purpose of these Fellowships is to make it possible for regional scholars to use the Weatherford-Hammond Mountain Collection and the resources of the Appalachian Center and Museum at Berea as well as other research collections in the region. Fellowships may also be granted for field research.

The fellowship selection committee will give priority to experienced scholars and those with plans to publish or otherwise share the results of their research.

As part of Appalachian Studies Fellowships, Berea College will sponsor a symposium on Appalachian Research at some point during the five-year life of the program. Recipients will be invited to share results of their work.

An application may be obtained from Loyal Jones, Director, The Appalachian Center, Berea College Box 2336, Berea, KY 40404, 606-986-9341 (Ext. 513).

THE APPALACHIAN MOBILE BOOKSTORE

The Appalachian Mobile Bookstore is a display of Appalachian music and literature designed to inform the viewer and stimulate interest in the region. For more information, contact: George Brosi, CSM Book and Record Shop, CPO Box 2106, Berea, KY 40404.

* * * PROGRAMS, CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS * * *

AN APPALACHIAN EXPERIENCE

The following programs are part of the Children's Museum of Oak Ridge Spring Quarter Course on Folk Crafts, an N.E.H. Learning Museum Program.

Title: Crafts Marketing
Date/Time: Tuesday, May 20, 7-8:30 p.m.
Place: Children's Museum, Oak Ridge, TN

With Richard Bellando, Churchill Weavers, Berea, KY

Title: The Appalachian Center for Crafts
Date/Time: Tuesday, May 27, 7-8:30 p.m.
Place: Children's Museum, Oak Ridge, TN

Staff and craftsmen from the Joe L. Evins Center in Smithville, TN

Title: South in the Mountains
Date/Time: Tuesday, June 3, 7-8:30 p.m.
Place: Children's Museum, Oak Ridge, TN

Lecture by Charles Counts

Please meet for supplementary classroom hour at 6-7:00 p.m., Children's Museum, for the Appalachian Experience programs.

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Title: Conference on Development Strategies for the 1980s
Date/Time: May 16, 1980
Place: Rockefeller Center, Buckhannon, WV

The conference is offered with the assistance of the West Virginia Wesleyan College Regional Development Center. Designed to help individuals and organizations better comprehend some of the dilemmas facing us in the 1980s; the conference speakers will be Harry M. Caudill and John F. Godfrey. For more information, write: Box 100, West Virginia Wesleyan College, Buckhannon, WV 26201.

Title: Appalachian Alliance Meeting
 Date/Time: May 16-18, 1980
 Place: Lincoln Memorial University, Harrogate, TN; near Cumberland Gap
 and Middlesboro

Public report and discussion; study of Appalachian land ownership patterns in central Appalachia. Also forum reports from issue task forces. For more information, contact Beth Spence, 515 Harvey, Williamson, WV 25661, 304-235-3865.

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Title: Workshop on Appalachian Culture and Health Care Delivery
 Date/Time: May 22-23, 1980
 Place: Mountain Area Health Education Center, Asheville, NC

The workshop will explore ways of adapting health care delivery so that it complements local beliefs and practices but does not compromise quality of service. Registration fees range from \$5-\$15, according to sessions attended. To pre-register, contact Jean Hill, c/o Mountain Area Health Education Center, 501 Biltmore Avenue, Asheville, NC 28801.

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Title: Appalachian Small Museums Conference
 Date/Time: May 30-31, 1980
 Place: Mountain Heritage Center, Western Carolina University,
 Cullowhee, NC

The conference is intended to meet the educational needs of small museums that are struggling to operate with limited financial and staff resources. For further information, please contact Dr. Clifford Lovin or Johanna Lewis, c/o Mountain Heritage Center, Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC 28723.

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Title: The Frontier and the Genteel in Appalachian Literature
 Date/Time: June 8-14, 1980
 Place: Berea College, Berea, KY 40404

Run in conjunction with the Workshop in Appalachian Studies, the course is designed to serve the needs of teachers and students interested in the creative works inspired by the region and its people. For information contact Berea College Appalachian Center, College Box 2336, Berea, KY 40404, 606-986-9341, extensions 453 and 513.

Title: Workshop in Appalachian Studies
 Date/Time: June 9 - July 18
 Place: Berea College, Berea, KY 40404

The workshop offers two courses (History and Culture of Appalachia, and Literature and the Arts in Appalachia) for six hours of graduate credit through the University of Kentucky. Cost for each participant is \$200. For more information, contact the Berea College Appalachian Center at the above address.

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Title: Appalachian Folk Week
 Date/Time: June 15-21, 1980
 Place: Hindman Settlement School, Mike Mullins, Hindman, KY 41822

A week of traditional dancing, singing and playing designed primarily for families and community leaders interested in activities they can share with groups of any age. Housing will be provided and a tuition and room and board fee charged.

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Title: Highland Summer Conference in Creative Writing and Appalachian Folklore
 Date/Time: June 16-27, 1980
 Place: Radford University, Dept. of English, Radford, VA

With Dara Wier, Thomas Bontly and Jim Wayne Miller

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Title: Private Efforts in Appalachia for the 1980s
 Date/Time: June 26-27, 1980
 Place: Berea College, Berea KY 40404

Sponsored by Berea College and the Appalachian Fund, the purpose of the conference will be to enable participants to examine and discuss the role of private organizations as compared with the activities of public agencies. For more information, write the Berea College Appalachian Center.

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Title: First Annual Conference on Appalachian Children and Families
 Date/Time: Last weekend in June
 Place: West Virginia State College

The topic of the conference will be "An Agenda for Research." For details, write: James Thomas, Sullivan Hall, West Virginia State College, Institute, WV 25112.

Title: The Reynolds Homestead Writers Conference
 Date/Time: July 7-19, 1980
 Place: Reynolds Homestead Continuing Education Center, Critz, VA

With A.R. Ammons, writer-in-residence. Conference fee \$200. Address inquiries to Dr. David Britt, Executive Director, Reynolds Homestead, Critz, VA 24082, 703-694-7181.

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Title: Appalachian Folkways
 Date/Time: July 10 - September 11, Thursday evenings, 7-8:30 p.m.
 Place: Oak Ridge Public Library, Oak Ridge, TN

- July 10: "The Oral Tradition: Jack and Other Tales"
 Leonard Roberts, Chairman of the Humanities Division,
 Pikeville College, Pikeville, KY
- July 17: "Rites of Passage: Birth, Marriage, Death"
 Philip W. Conn, Morehead State University, Morehead, KY
- July 24: "The Hunt"
 Leonard Roberts. A gathering of hunters.
- July 31: "RX Mountain Style"
 Anthony P. Cavender, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN
- August 7: "Traditions on Film"
 "Tradition," "Judge Wooten and Coon-on-a-Long," "The
 Feathered Warrior," "Woodrow Cornett: Letcher County
 Butcher," "Ramsey Trade Fair," Appalshop, Whitesburg, KY
- August 14: "Folk Tales and Songs"
 David Holt, Warren Wilson College, Swannanoa, NC
- August 21: "Folkways in Church and School"
 Charles Wolfe, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, TN
- August 28: "Rhymes, Riddles, Games, Signs, Omens, and the Weather"
 Leonard Roberts
- Sept. 4: "Haints"
 Robert Turner, Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, TN;
 Jackie Torrence, storyteller, High Point, NC
- Sept. 11: "Tales Today"
 The Folktellers: Barbara Freeman and Connie Regan, Asheville,
 NC; Mike Williams, Appalachian Community Arts, Clairfield, TN;
 Fred Park, John C. Campbell Folk School, Brasstown, NC

Title: Appalachian Writers Workshop
Date: August 3-9, 1980
Place: Hindman Settlement School, Hindman, KY 41822

Informal sessions on the novel, short story, poetry and essay. An evening lecture series. Costs are \$60 tuition and \$60 room and board.

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Title: Locating Out of Print Materials and Reprinting
Date/Time: November 6-7, 1980
Place: Marshall University, Huntington, WV

A meeting of Appalachian librarians, archivists, and bibliographers, co-sponsored by Marshall University and Morehead State University. For more information, write: Nancy Whear, Library, Marshall University, Huntington, WV 25701.