This is the twenty-fifth year of the Appalachian Studies Association and we began the year by moving our office to a new location: Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia. We left West Virginia University with reluctance but changes in both the Regional Research Institute and ASA made the change seem necessary. The ASA office was established at West Virginia in 1994 and, under the excellent leadership and organizational work of Ron Lewis and Susan Lewis, we moved from a collection of “shoe boxes” full of papers to an organized association with data bases and a well edited journal, thanks to Susan and editor Dick Couto. Dick has found his schedule too busy to continue with the journal, so a committee has selected a new editor and we are pleased to welcome Dwight Billings of the University of Kentucky to that post. We especially appreciate the help of Ron and Susan Lewis and Dick Couto for their help in the successful move and transition from Morgantown to Huntington.

Marshall University made a very strong proposal to host the Association, and the Steering Committee voted to accept their offer. The Marshall group has quickly and efficiently organized the new staff and office. Their excitement and enthusiasm is bringing new energy to the organization. Mary Thomas is office manager and comes to us with good experience from the Center for the Study of Ethnicity and Gender at Marshall. Professor Edwina Pendarvis is the new Associate Editor of the journal and Professor Linda Spatig is working closely with the ASA office. The new office hosted the Steering Committee meeting September 28-9.

The Program Committee for the upcoming Conference met August 19 in Georgia at the Unicoi State Park to check out the facilities and at the John C. Campbell Folk School in Brasstown, North Carolina to make plans for our Twenty-fifth annual meeting March 15 - 17 at Unicoi located near Helen, Georgia.

Check your dates on this because we had to change the dates from the original ones announced at Snowshoe. Computers sometimes make mistakes, so we had to move up a week. Check out the Web site (www.appalachianstudies.org) for information about the conference. Send student competition papers to Dr. Shaunna L. Scott, University of Kentucky, 1515 P.O.T., Dept. of Sociology, Lexington, KY 40506.

The program theme is “Voices From the Margins—Living on the Fringe.” We are encouraging papers on fringe areas such as north Georgia, Alabama and South Carolina, and the northern Appalachian urban fringes as well as voices of the new Latino Appalachians, African-Americans, Cherokees, women and girls, gays and lesbians, prisoners, and others from the outskirts or the margins of Appalachia. The Highlander Center and the Southern Regional Council are co-sponsors of the conference and are bringing their research and work with Latino and African American communities to the program. Suzanne Pharr, Director of Highlander, will be our keynote speaker. Other co-spon...
sors are the Regional Institute at Kennesaw University and the John C. Campbell Folk School. Both are helping with the program. David Brose, folklorist with John C. Campbell, is organizing on-going music and an exhibit of regional Folk Art. North Georgia is the birthplace of Don West: preacher, poet, organizer, activist, co-founder of the Highlander Folk School, and founder of Pipestem Folklife Center in West Virginia. We will honor him with poetry from present day performance and protest poets. Robert Gipe will have new Appalachian heroes and heroines t-shirts to model and sell.

Although there will be lots of music, dancing, poetry, storytelling, and celebration we will also have places for scholarly research papers and sessions. The facilities are more limited than other conference sites so we will need to be more creative in developing alternative ways of presentation: poster sessions, meetings in corners, or perhaps some strolling presenters. Scholars are encouraged to also develop some less formal “conversations” at breakfast or Saturday dinner. Groups who would like to meet are urged to do that on Friday morning before the official conference begins to leave meeting space for sessions and research papers.

We are developing a new award to complement the Cratis Williams-James Brown Award for scholarly work. The new award will recognize community service, and the guidelines are being developed by the steering committee. Nominations for the awards will be sent to Barbara Ellen Smith, of The University of Memphis, Center for Research on Women.

After twenty-five years, we need to spend some time reflecting on the past and thinking about future directions for the organization. Judi Jennings has developed a Visioning Process so that we can do that, and the Steering Committee has tried it out at its meeting this past September. The questions are included here in Appalink, and you are invited to begin thinking on these. Also be ready to add your voice to the process at the Conference and on the new bulletin board at our web site. We plan to have space and opportunities for you to register your ideas on what the future direction can be.

The Association began as a forum for conversation and collaboration between academics and community activists. As the academic fields of Appalachian Studies grew, the Association became more academic and fewer community people participated. This has turned around some in recent years. There is more emphasis on service learning and participatory research, as well as emphasis on Sustainable Communities and Collaborative Research between colleges and universities and communities. We do not want to downplay the importance of good scholarship, and we encourage more research and academic participation. But I would like to encourage all academic and community groups to work together to produce papers and presentations. College and university members should invite and enable community groups they are working with to come with them, and community groups should invite their college and university neighbors or partners to join them at the conference. Many community colleges have not been involved in the Association and I would encourage present members to look around your state or region and try to recruit new members from the growing number of educational institutions, as well as community groups. We want to encourage more good research and dialogue about the region. The goal of the future could be more participation and more collaboration between all the groups. The ASA is one of the few regional organizations which can bring these groups together. Once together, maybe we can make our voices heard for a more democratic, sustainable, and just Appalachia.

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ASA Celebrates its Silver Anniversary... What is Your Vision for the Future of ASA?

ASA has reached a significant benchmark this year. For 25 years now, the organization has been a forum for academics and grassroots activists to share ideas. Here are some questions from Judi Jennings to get us started looking at where ASA needs to go in the next 25 years! Please have a go at them now, and plan to share your vision at the 2002 Annual Meeting in Georgia. Or, check out the ASA website’s interactive bulletin board!

1. What is the best thing ASA has done in the past 2-3 years?
2. What are the things ASA needs to do most in the next 2-3 years?
3. Which aspects of ASA’s work do you consider to be the most important: being a professional organization for scholars studying Appalachia? Serving as a resource for teachers teaching about the region? Serving community organizations in the region? Some combination of the above? Some other purpose? If you chose a combination or other purpose, please explain.
4. Which do you think is most important: the annual conference? Year-round networking opportunities with persons with shared interests in the region? Year-round networking opportunities with teachers in the region? Some combination? Something else?

VOICES FROM THE MARGINS, LIVING ON THE FRINGE
March 15-17, Unicoi State Park, Georgia

The twenty-fifth annual Appalachian Studies Conference will be held March 15-17 at Unicoi State Park in Helen, Georgia. This year’s conference theme is “Voices from the Margins, Living on the Fringe.” In addition to papers, panels, films, and readings on a variety of topics, this year’s conference will feature special sessions on Hispanic, African-American, and Cherokee communities, as well as women and girls, gays and lesbians, prisoners, and others from the outskirts or the margins of Appalachia. The Friday night banquet program will feature the voices of Joyce Brookshire and Edward Cabbell. Following comments and introductions by Helen Lewis and Barbara Ellen Smith, the keynote address, “Democracy Under Construction” will be given by Suzanne Pharr, Director of Highlander Center. Saturday’s luncheon will celebrate our 25 years, each as reminiscences of past conferences, including John Gaventa’s reflections from the first conference in Berea, with time for visions of the future. A plenary will remember and celebrate the life and work of Don West through poetry.

Music and dancing will feature sounds from the new Hispanic musical contributions and older traditions of the Appalachians: fiddler Howard Cunningham, caller Phil Jamison, and the Mars Hill College cloggers, with special areas set aside for performance and jamming, and special times for songs of resistance as well as favorite gospel songs and hymns. An area will be set aside for film showings and panels focused on films. Other features include receptions, book signings, plays, readings, and a fashion show unveiling this year’s newest line of Appalachian heroes and heroines t-shirts, which along with the silver anniversary silent auction, will contribute to the scholarship fund supporting participation in the conference by community members and students. Participants will also want to take advantage of a pre-conference tour of John C. Campbell Folk School, and weather permitting, an early spring nature hike.

Preliminary program and registration materials will be available by early January, through the Newsletter and on the Appalachian Studies website. Room reservations at Unicoi are available on-line through the Appalachian Studies website. Additional rooms are available in nearby Helen, GA.

For further information contact Patricia Beaver, Program Chair: Center for Appalachian Studies; Appalachian State University; University Hall; Boone, NC 28608; Phone: 828-262-4089; beaverpd@appstate.edu.
THE COALITION FOR APPALACHIAN MINISTRY SEeks ESSAYS ON JACK WELLER, YESTERDAY'S PEOPLE.

CAM, a religious non-profit based in Townsend, TN, is seeking essays on Jack Weller's Yesterday's People for inclusion in a forthcoming retrospective of the same. CAM is especially interested in how the issues Weller addressed in the early 1960's are viewed today. Submissions from all disciplines welcome. Please send your essay (8-10 double-spaced pages) to: Coalition for Appalachian Ministry, 1329 Wears Valley Road, Townsend, TN 37922.

Howard Dorgan Announces Plans for the 2002 SILENT AUCTION

Plans are underway to stage the Fifth Annual Appalachian Studies Association Silent Auction. This event is sponsored by the Appalachian Consortium as a way of helping individuals and groups to participate fully in the ASA conference. Each year's auction adds to a scholarship fund that offsets some conference costs for those participants whose contributions to the conference are important, but who without such financial help would not be able to participate. Collectively, previous auctions have raised just under $10,000, and the amounts raised have nearly doubled year to year. With this in mind, the silent auction committee hopes to raise as much as $5,000 in 2002. Every ASA member is vital to this effort in three ways: to assist in the collection of auction bid items, to help in working the auction, and to make bids.

It's time for us to start identifying objects or services to donate for the auction block. Past items have included many books, crafts, Appalachian collectibles of all sorts, art works, recorded music in all media forms, videos, registration fees for conferences, lectures by Appalachian scholars, journal collections, photographic art, musical instruments, gem collections, decorative artifacts for the home or office, mining memorabilia, original book illustrations, and a host of similar objects connected with Appalachian history or culture. The occasional novel bid item has attracted the most attention from bidders. The committee asks only that the objects be in reasonably good taste and that they be expected to bring at least a $10.00 bid.

If one counts 1977, the year of the initial ASA planning conference in Berea, as our beginning, the upcoming 2002 gathering in Georgia will be our twenty-fifth anniversary. Accordingly, Helen Lewis and Pat Beaver have declared this assembly as our "Silver Conference." With that designation in mind, the auction committee is calling for some especially generous bid items. Consider the old mismatched silver objects that may have been lying around your house for twenty years or more, yearning to be reunited with their respective collections. Why not contribute that lone silver knife, spoon, or fork to the auction? A bidder may recognize it as belonging to an incomplete pattern inherited from a great aunt.

The next news release on the auction will identify a number of regional "point persons" who will make themselves available for gathering bid items and getting them to the auction site at Unicoi State Park in Helen, Georgia. Last year, we had great success doing this with such individuals as Carol Baugh in Ohio and Janet Bertinusson in West Virginia. Volunteering this year are Donna Sue Groves at the Ohio Arts Council, Ginny Daley at the Southern Highland Craft Guild in Asheville, Katie Hoffman Doma in Tennessee, and Jane Demarchi to work with Janet in southern West Virginia. If there are others who would enjoy serving as a regional point person, please contact me, Howard Dorgan, at dorganch@appstate.edu or (828) 264-4361.
The Bylaws of the Appalachian Studies Association outline the annual nomination and election of officers. Any member of the association may nominate a fellow member to serve. This year’s Nominating Committee, chaired by Gordon McKinney, Berea College, Kentucky, is making a special effort to broaden the leadership of our association. It is seeking nominations for the following ballot positions:

**The Vice President/President Elect (2003-2005)** chairs the Nominating Committee and the Scholarship Committee, and negotiates for conference support at future sites. The Vice President becomes President the following year. The President of ASA presides at all meetings, directs fund-raising, serves as spokesperson, and serves on the steering committee for one year following his or her term. Traditionally, and for obvious reasons, the President Elect resides in the state of the upcoming conference: North Carolina in 2004.

**The Secretary (2002-2004)** publishes the ASA newsletter, Appalink, keeps the minutes for the Steering Committee, and keeps a copy of Robert’s Rules. The Secretary also serves *ex officio* on the Website Committee.

**The Website Chairperson (2002-2005)** oversees the Association’s web page, www.appalachianstudies.org. He or she works with the Association’s web master, chairs the website committee, manages the line-item budget for the website, and serves on the Steering Committee.

**The Treasurer (2002-2005)** provides fiscal oversight and assessment for the Association. This involves working closely with the Association’s headquarters at Marshall University, where the books are kept.

**Program Vice-Chairperson/Program Chairperson Elect (2003-2005)** assists the Program Chairperson, negotiates the future conference, and becomes the Program Chairperson the following year (North Carolina in 2004). The Program Chairperson oversees the operation of all aspects of the annual conference. This includes officiating over the program committee and overseeing local arrangements. Following his or her term, the Program Chairperson serves one year on the program committee. The nominating committee is currently seeking a Program Chairperson to head up the 2004 Annual Meeting in North Carolina.

**Three At-Large Members of the Steering Committee (2002-2004).** The Steering Committee includes all elected and appointed officers and six at-large members, elected by the membership and serving two-year terms. Three new at-large members are elected each year. The at-large members transact any necessary business, form standing committees, and approve an annual budget. The Steering Committee meets at least twice each year. This year, the Steering Committee has formed three new committees: Finance and Development, Awards, and Scholarship.

**The Program Committee** prepares the call for papers, reviews submitted abstracts, and compiles the conference program. A subcommittee handles local arrangements. The program committee includes four at-large members, elected by the ASA membership, serving for one year. The Nominating Committee is currently seeking Program Committee members for the 2004 Conference to be held in North Carolina.

### How to Make a Nomination:

1. Please be sure to ask the nominee whether or not he or she would be willing to serve and understands the work involved!

2. Write a one-paragraph biography of the nominee that includes his or her involvement in Appalachian Studies and our Association. Please note that this paragraph will be included with the ballot due out in the spring.

3. Send the paragraph to Gordon McKinney, Chair of the Nominating Committee: gordon_mckinney@berea.edu; Appalachian Center; CPO 2166, Berea College; Berea, KY 40404; 859.985.3140; Fax: 859.985.3903. Please return nominations no later than January 15, 2002.
ASA Introduces Two New Awards for 2002:
THE COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD
THE ASA e-APPALACHIA AWARD

CRATIS D. WILLIAMS & JAMES S. BROWN AWARD
The Williams & Brown Award is given to an individual who has made exemplary contributions to Appalachia or ASA. In most cases, the recipient is likely to be a member of the Association; however, in the event of a significant contribution by an individual outside the Association, the Steering Committee reserves the right to present the award to that individual. The award recipient is selected by the Service Award Committee (appointed by the president) from nominations submitted by the membership, with the presentation made at the annual conference. The Committee reserves the right not to present an award if no suitable nomination is made.

To make a nomination, please write a statement regarding the individual's specific contributions to the region, accompanied by letters of support from those familiar with the nominee. Nominations should be made no later than January 12, 2002. Questions can be directed to bsmith2@memphis.edu, or call her at 901-678-3338. Mail nominations to: Barbara Ellen Smith; The University of Memphis; Center for Research on Women; Clement Hall 339; Memphis, TN 38152.

CARL A. ROSS APPALACHIAN STUDENT PAPER AWARD
The Carl A. Ross Appalachian Student Paper Award was established in 1988, the year of Carl Ross' death. This competition is open to students in two categories: 1) middle and high school; and 2) undergraduate and graduate. Student papers must adhere to the same guidelines and subject matter as other scholarly research conference papers. The recipient(s) is/are selected annually by a multi-disciplinary committee composed of Appalachian Studies scholars. The prize, which includes a certificate and $100, will be awarded during the Saturday business luncheon at the ASA conference which will be held next at Unicoi State Park in Helen, Georgia, on March 15-17, 2002. Students who wish for their papers to be considered for inclusion in the conference program must submit a one-page abstract or proposal to the Program Committee by the deadline set for all other conference submissions. Winning this prize does not guarantee that the paper will be included in the conference program. By the same token, it is possible that a paper which does not receive the prize will, nevertheless, be selected for the conference program.

Students who wish to be considered for the 2002 Carl A. Ross Appalachian Student Paper Award should send four copies of a 20 - 30 page research paper to: Dr. Shaunna L. Scott, 1515 P.O.T. Department of Sociology, University of Kentucky; Lexington, KY 40506-0027.

Please include a self-addressed stamped post card or envelope if you wish to receive acknowledgment of receipt. To be considered for the prize, your paper must be postmarked by Mon, January 1, 2001.

THE ASA e-APPALACHIA AWARD
New this year, this award recognizes an outstanding website that provides insight on the Appalachian region and its people, or provides a vital community service to Appalachians. Nominations will be con-
sidered for any publicly available website that has been
designed and is actively maintained by an Appalachian
community-based group, or by Appalachian students
at any level. Websites nominated must be active during
the calendar year in which the nomination is made, and
not created or managed by website professionals. All
web presentations must adhere to the guidelines estab­
lished by the U.S. Copyright Act and the Digital Mil­
lennium Copyright Act. In addition, all individuals
wishing consideration must agree to ASA’s website Se­
curity Notification and Acceptance of Terms. The award
winner will receive $250, but the costs for attending
the annual meeting of the Appalachian Studies Associa­
tion, where the award will be presented, are the
winner’s responsibility.

Evaluation of web presentations will be based
on effective graphic design, quality and accuracy of
content, innovative presentation concept, and compat­
ability of presentation with the mission of the Appala­
chian Studies Association. The Association reserves the
right not to present an award if no suitable nomination
is made.

Individuals or community groups that wish to
be considered for the ASA’s e-Appalachia Award should
submit a single page abstract stating the purpose of their
site, its current address, and personal contact informa­
tion to: Scott W. Schwartz; Archives Center C-340;
DC 20560-0601.

All nominations must be postmarked no later
than January 31, 2002. Please include an e-mail ad­
dress with your nomination if you wish to receive ac­
knowledgment of receipt. If you have any questions,
contact Scott Schwartz at 202-357-4477 or
schwartzs@nmah.si.edu.

W. D. WEATHERFORD AWARD
In memory of Drs. W. D. Weatherford, Sr. and
Jr., Berea College and the Appalachian Studies Asso­
ciation present an award of $500 to the author of a work
published anywhere in the United States which, in the
opinion of the judges, best describes and analyzes the
challenges, personalities, and qualities of the Appala­
chian South. The conferring of this annual award has
come to be recognized as a major Appalachian event.
The winning work must be book length, or shorter, and
it may be fact, fiction, or poetry. It must have been first
published during the year for which the award is made.

A work may be nominated by its publisher, by
a member of the award committee, or by any reader.
All nominations for a given year must be received by
December 31 of that year. Persons making nominations
are asked to arrange that seven copies of the nominated
work be sent to the award committee. The winning work
and the award will be presented during the annual meet­
ing of the Appalachian Studies Association.

The award committee is made up of an inde­
pendent group of persons from various pru1s of the Ap­
palachian South.

Send entries to: Weatherford Award Com­
mittee: Appalachian Center, CPO 2166; Berea College;
Berea, KY 40404-2166.

ASA Steering Committee Meets at MU, Welcomes New Staff Members

Marshall University graciously hosted the mid­
year meeting of the ASA Steering Committee on Sep­
tember 28-29, 2001. There was quite a bit of synergy
between the committee and Marshall representatives,
including Dr. Dan Angel, President of Marshall; Dr. Sa­
rach Denman, Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs
and Provost; Dr. Larry Froehlich, Dean of the College of
Education; and Sharletta Green, a graduate student in
sociology at MU. The Steering Committee spent much
time with Dr. Linda Spatig, the liaison between Marshall
and ASA; Dr. Lynda Ann Ewen, Co-director of the Cen­
ter for the Study of Ethnicity and Gender in Appalachia;
and Dr. Edwina Pendurvis, our new Associate Editor of
the Journal of Appalachian Studies. The meeting’s agenda
finished with the start of a “visioning process,” led by
Judi Jennings.

While at Marshall, ASA welcomed two new staff
members. Mary Kay Thomas, the new Office Manager
and Managing Editor of the Journal of Appalachian Studies,
holds a B.A. in Anthropology and an M.A. in Soci­
ology, both from Marshall University. As a Graduate As­
sistant, Mary worked with the noted Oral History of
Appalachia Program at MU. Many will also be familiar
with Mary through her excellent work at the Center for
the Study of Ethnicity and Gender in Appalachia. She
coordinated CSEGA’s conference, “Piecing It Together:
Ethnicity and Gender in Appalachia.” In addition to her
full-time role in ASA, Mary will continue to teach both
anthropology and sociology at MU on a part-time basis.
Also joining our staff is Stacey Murrell, Editorial Assis­
tant of ASA. Stacey also works as an Adjunct English
Instructor at Marshall University and at Ashland Com­
munity College, Ashland, KY. She earned an MA in
English Literature from Marshall University Spring 2000,
and will be awarded an MAT in English from Marshall
in Fall 2002.
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Appaline is published twice a year. The editor welcomes submissions for announcements and news. Subjects may include upcoming conferences, lectures, meetings, fellowships, award nominations, or other events that concern the membership of the Appalachian Studies Association. Submissions should be sent by e-mail or regular mail to Bill Klaus at: wklus@wvu.edu; Department of History, West Virginia University, PO Box 6303, Morgantown, WV 26506-6303; Limited space is available, and all submissions are subject to editing. Paid-for advertisements will be considered for inclusion. Contact the editor for rates. The deadline for the Spring 2002 edition is January 30, 2002.