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ASA CONFERENCE IS COMING

March 22-24 is the 1991 date for the Appalachian Studies Association Conference. You should have already received the call for papers. There is also a call in this newsletter. The conference theme, "Environmental Voices: Cultural, Social, Physical, & Natural," is defined in the broadest sense of environment. Berea College and Garry Barker, Program Chair, are gearing up to welcome you. The students heard we were coming and decided to have their spring break during that weekend. It is always nice to return to Berea College and I am looking to see you there.

The Conference, including the Appalachian Youth Conference, may come close to 500 registered participants. The Steering Committee has taken steps (see proposed By-Laws changes) to more fully integrate the Youth Conference into the regular conference. If you know young people interested, please encourage them to attend. Better still, if you are in contact with school teachers, tell them about us and the opportunities for learning that take place at the Conference.

Berea, Kentucky, will certainly run out of hotel rooms. The Boone Inn is always a favorite, so you need to make your reservations early. Off Exit 75 is a new Days Inn which is two miles from the campus. This will be our official evening and late night hub. A hospitality room will be open during the evenings to host the informal learning and music we are known to generate. The conference rate will be \$37 per night for up to four in a room. There are only 50 rooms, and you need to let them know you will be attending the Appalachian Studies Conference (1-800-325-2525).

Steering Committee and Program Committee members should also note that the November 2 meeting has been changed to December 6 at Western Carolina University.

Wilburn Hayden, Jr. President

Fourteenth Annual
Appalachian Studies Conference

March 22-24, 1991 Berea College, Berea Kentucky

Environmental Voices: Cultural, Social, Physical, & Natural

CALL FOR PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

No hills amid which people have lived long can be considered merely as geography, nor even chiefly as geography. They color the life which goes on in their valleys and on their slopes, and that life in turn colors them.

-Walter Prichard Eaton, 1939

A call is extended for individual papers, panels, performances, or full sessions which explore some aspect of how Appalachia's natural and physical environments affect and are affected by its history, culture, social and economic development, literature, and current issues.

Proposals should be submitted in the form of a one-page typewritten abstract. Include name, institutional affiliation (where appropriate), address, telephone number, and title and type of presentation. Abstracts for consideration by the Program Committee should be submitted no later than October 15, 1990, to the program chair:

Garry Barker CPO 2347, Berea College Berea, KY 40404

Guidelines

Appalachian Studies Association policy now requires that abstracts of all papers presented at the Conference be available for possible *Journal* publication. Papers for publication consideration must be presented in ten or fewer typewritten (double-spaced, white paper) pages (including notes and bibliography). All documentation must be as defined in *The Chicago Manual of Style*. Individual presentations must not exceed fifteen minutes.

Student Paper Competition

The Carl A. Ross Appalachian Studies Association Student Paper Competition is open to high school, undergraduate, and graduate level students. Student papers must adhere to the same guidelines and subject matter as defined above, and will be considered for *Journal* publication. The deadline for submission of completed papers is January 31, 1991. Mail to:

Carl A. Ross ASA Student Paper Competition Appalachian Consortium University Hall Boone, NC 28608

The author of the winning paper will receive a \$100 cash award; a collection of books from the Appalachian Consortium Press; the opportunity to present the paper as part of a Conference session; and possible *Journal* publication. Costs of attending the Conference are the winner's responsibility.

For more information call 704-262-2064.



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Appalachian Studies Association Officers

The nominating committee for 1990-91 is Roberta Herrin, committee chair (East Tennessee State University), Tyler Blethen (Mountain Heritage Center, WCU), and Laurie Lindberg (Pikeville College).

The committee must nominate members for the following positions:

- (1) Vice President/President Elect
- 2) Conference Program Vice Chair
- (3) Treasurer
- (4) Secretary
- (5) Four Members of the Program Committee
 Two at-large Steering Committee members

Ter more information on the duties of officers, committees, and terms of office refer to the By-Laws, Sections VIII, IX, and X. Nominees must be current paid members of the Appalachian Studies Association. To nominate a member, send the nominee's name, address, and telephone number, a statement indicating the nominee's willingness to run, and a short biographical sketch of the nominee by November 1, 1990 to the following address:

Roberta Herrin
English Department
East Tennessee State University
Box 22990 A
Johnson City, TN 37614

ANNUAL MEETING STUDENT/COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM

A limited number of scholarships are available for students and community participants who might not otherwise be able to attend the annual meeting. For guidelines and further information contact:

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(615) 929-6682

W.D. Weatherford Award

The 1989 winner of the W.D. Weatherford Award is John Inscoe's Mountain Masters, Slavery, and the Sectional Crisis in Western North Carolina, published by the University of Tennessee Press. Given by the Appalachian Center and Hutchins Library of Berea College since 1970 in memory of Dr. W.D. Weatherford, Sr., the educator and pioneer youth worker known as "the father of the Appalachian idea," the \$500 award is presented annually to the writer of the work published anywhere in the United States which is judged to best illustrate the problems, personalities and unique qualities of the Appalachian South.

Nominations for the award may be book length or shorter; may be fiction, non-fiction, or poetry; and may be one individual piece or a series of pieces. They must be first published during the year for which the award is made. All nominations for the 1990 award should be made by December 31, 1990, to the Chairman, Weatherford Award Committee, Appalachian Center, CPO 2336, Berea, KY 40404.

CASS/ETSU

East Tennessee State University's Center for Appalachian Studies and Services has been winning accolades for its work in the field of folk and country music. The American Folklife Center of the Library of Congress has named three albums involving CASS faculty to its prestigious Select List of American Folk Music Recordings.

Upcoming CASS projects include the duplication of field recordings produced between the late '30s and early '50s by pioneer folk music scholars Mary Elizabeth Barnicle and Tillman Cadle; an anthology of folk music recordings by ETSU folklorists Ambrose Manning and Dr. Thomas G. Burton; and a documentary album focusing on the banjo styles of the Rose family of Northeast Tennessee. CASS is an "Accomplished Center of Excellence" in the state, and supports artistic, scholarly and public service projects focusing on the Southern Appalachian region. For information call (615) 929-5348.

PROPOSED BY-LAWS CHANGE

The Steering Committee approved the following change in the By-Laws for consideration by the membership. Voting will be held at the annual business meeting. A motion was passed to add the following to Article III, <u>PURPOSES</u>, of the By-laws (this statement will become item # 5):

To strengthen the involvement of Appalachian youth in Appalachian studies through a youth conference integrated into the annual conference of the Appalachian Studies Association.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER '90 EVENTS

- 11-13 The 25th anniversary celebration of the Commission on Religion in Appalachia will meet at Jackson's Mill State 4-H Camp in Weston, WV. For information, write to CORA, PO Box 10867, Knoxville, TN 37939-0867.
- 17-21 The Birmingham Blacksmithing Festival and Workshop will meet at the Sloss Furnaces National Historic Landmark, First Avenue N. at 32nd Street, PO Box 11781, Birmingham, AL 35202.
- The Overmountain Victory Trail Association announced the 16th annual reenactment over the Overmountain Victory National Historic Trail from Abingdon, Virginia, to King's Mountain National Military Park, South Carolina, September 23 through October 7, 1990. For additional information contact Alma Gray, Rt. 8, Box 2295, Elizabethton, TN 37643.
- 18-21 The American Folklore Society will hold its annual meeting in Oakland, California, on October 18-21, 1990. For information write to the American Folklore Society, 1703 New Hampshire Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20009.
- 26-28 A "Celebration of Traditional Music" will be held at the Berea College Appalachian Center. For information write in care of CPO 2336, Berea, KY 40404.

NOVEMBER '90 EVENTS

The Appalachian Center of the University of Kentucky will sponsor a "Conference on Applachian Children," November 6-7, 1990 on the UK campus in Lexington. The goal of this fifth annual conference on Appalachia, which coincides with the Appalachian Regional Commission's "Year of the Child," is to bring together social workers, health care workers, policy makers, academics, parents, educators, and others concerned about a broad range of children's issues. For more information, write Jane Bagby, Assistant Director, Appalachian Center, University of Kentucky, 641 S. Limestone St., Lexington, KY 40506-0333.

DECEMBER '90 EVENTS

7-9 Southern Arts Federation (SAF) has received grants from the Humanities Councils of Georgia, South Carolina and Tennessee to convene a conference on December 7-9, 1990. "PROMOTING SOUTHERN CULTURAL HERITAGE: A CONFERENCE ON IMPACT" is a regional gathering to be held in Atlanta and will involve historians, folklorists, rural art experts, anthropologists, tourism officials, community leaders, and sociologists. This diverse group will meet to review and assess the economic, social and cultural impact of folklife and cultural heritage programs upon the rural, ethnic, and folk communities of the South. For more information contact Peggy Bulger at (404) 874-7244.