Schedule of UGSG Sessions and Meetings in San Antonio

The UGSG will sponsor five sessions at the AAG meetings in San Antonio next month. In addition to three research paper sessions, two sessions will provide UGSG members and other interested participants with an opportunity for informal discussions while eating breakfast. The first of these informal sessions will be Tuesday 27 April from 8:00 to 9:40 a.m. It is titled “Roundtable Discussion: Contemporary Issues and Case Studies in Urban Geography”. This gathering has been organized by Bob Lake and will be moderated by John Adams. Among those geographers who will provide short statements outlining their concerns and observations about current and future directions of the discipline are John Agnew, Brian Berry, Michael Conzen, Kevin Cox, Roman Cyrlinsky, Michael Dear, Reginald Gollege, Chauncy Harris, Truman Hartshorn, Richard Morrill, Peter Muller, Risa Palm, Allen Scott, James Vance, James Wheeler, and Maurice Yeates. Copies of these statements should be available for distribution at the session. Following presentation of these opening statements, all in attendance will be able to participate in a wide-ranging discussion.

The second informal session will be Wednesday 28 April from 8:00 to 9:40 a.m. It will be “A Meeting with San Antonio Planners”. This session has been organized by Tom Baerwald and will feature short presentations by Daryl Engel and other staff members of the San Antonio City Planning Department. They will emphasize their work in land use planning, plan development changes, and downtown and neighborhood redevelopment efforts. Following their presentations, they will chat informally with participants. At both the roundtable and at the meeting with San Antonio planners, coffee and rolls will be available.

The three paper sessions will be held throughout the day on Tuesday 27 April. The first session will be from 10:00 to 11:40 a.m. “Inner City Neighborhood Development” has been organized and will be chaired by James Mulvaney. It will include papers by Bravel Holcomb (Holcomb Private Residence, Private Sector Revitalization); Constance Spatial Processes”; J. Harold Leaman, “Responses of Financial Institutions to Neighborhood Pressures in Philadelphia”; and Bonnie Loyd, “The Prospering of San Francisco’s Gay Neighborhoods”. Truman Hartshorn will serve as a discussant at this session. The second paper session, “Urban Public Services: Geographic Implications of Contemporary Policies” will be on Tuesday 27 April from 1:00 to 2:40 p.m. It has been organized by Murray Austin and Rex Honey and will be cosponsored by the Political Geography Section. Speakers include John Agnew, “Federal Policy and the Possibility of Urban Triage”; Christopher Smith, “The Urban Services Paradox: Shrinking Supply in Times of Rising Demand”; Carol Ulch, “Decision Rules and Multiple Decisions in Public Facility Location”; and Wallace Harris, “Regional Housing Mobility: Lessons Learned from the Section 8 Existing Housing Program in Cuyahoga County”. Rex Honey and Jennifer Wolch will be discussants at this session.

The final UGSG-sponsored paper session, “Access to Urban Housing in the 1980s”, will be on Tuesday 27 April from 3:00 to 4:40 p.m. It has been organized by David Ley and will be chaired by John Adams. Speakers will be John Adams, “The Meanings of Housing”; Larry Bourne, “Access to Housing: Concept and Empirical Reality”; and Frederick Stutz and Arthur Conzen, “Housing in Urban Landscapes: Geographical Variations in Housing Prices”. John Mercer will be a discussant at this session.

The San Antonio meeting will also be the scene of the annual board or directors and business meetings of the UGSG. The Board of Directors will meet on Sunday 25 April from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. in Convention Center Room C. All UGSG members are welcome to sit in on the Board meeting. The Annual Business Meeting of the UGSG will be Monday 26 April from 5:00 to 6:30 in the Marriott Hotel Room Alamo E. Agendas for both meetings will be available beforehand from Tom Baerwald, who will be staying at the Hyatt, or Detsy Burns, who will be at the Menger.

UGSG Election Ballots Attached

The ballot for the UGSG Board of Directors election is included in this Newsletter. Brief biographical statements of each candidate for Vicechairperson and the at large board positions are also included. In addition to the five positions to be filled in this election, four persons will remain on the board: Thomas Baerwald, who will become second year of their two-year terms. The UGSG By-Laws stipulate that election ballots are to be mailed by the UGSG Secretary-Treasurer. By this year’s Secretary-Treasurer, David Hodge, is a candidate, the UGSG Board has named Truman Hartshorn as acting teller. All ballots should be mailed directly to him and should be mailed so they are received by 14 April 1982.

Urban Land Institute Fall Meeting

The Urban Land Institute held its Fall Meeting in Philadelphia on 12-15 November 1981. Roger Zanarini (Upland Industries) provided a detailed summary of many of its sessions, from which the Newsletter editor has gleaned the following highlights:

The ULI meeting's theme might be paraphrased as "The Times They Are A-Changin". The scenarios predicted in recent years have come to pass. The field of real estate financing has been restructured, as lenders have become partners with developers, and individual entrepreneurs have become "merchant-builders". The members of the New Community and Large Scale Development Council can be characterized as gloomy about today, cautious about tomorrow, and somewhat uncertain about the ten-year future. Sample comments included:

The single family residential market is dead. The only sales are due to corporate transfers, which are dropping in number, and to retirees, which are limited to specific geographic areas.

The multi-family rental market continues in the doldrums, but the forecast is bullish. Construction of rental units is projected wherever the threat of rent control is absent.

Commercial and industrial sales have been strong; however, there is uneasiness regarding sales in 1982-83. An overhang of office space is foreseen.

Because of financing costs, many projects are not viable. In industrial ventures, therefore, developers have been chasing high-tech, research-oriented firms. These users can outbid distribution and warehousing companies.

The real estate industry is in better shape today, comparatively, than in 1974-75. Commercial and industrial sales have been strong; however, there is uneasiness regarding sales in 1982-83. An overhang of office space is foreseen.

Many of the real estate industry's concerns are those that will face the new year. A view of the future is expected to dominate the New Year's Eve meeting.

Among other sessions and trips at the ULI, Roger reported there was lively discussion about the future of ULI, with the debate breaking down into two camps: those wanting "nuts and bolts" and those favoring research and education. This division should strike many in the AAG as familiar, although the ULI, being an organization of practitioners, is more inclined toward pursuing the "applied" course than the "academic".

The next ULI meeting will be in Denver on 19-22 May 1982.
UGSG CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

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Vicechairperson (1 Elected)

David Hodge

Associate Professor and Associate Chairperson, Department of Geography, University of Washington, Seattle.

Current Activities and Research: "My major research activity at the moment is an NSF-sponsored project to determine and evaluate the geographic components of mass transit subsidies. Results of this study are of practical importance in that they provide a new basis for intergovernmental pricing schemes in the U.S. In that they demonstrate how the spatial organization and interdependencies of urban structures distribute the public investment. I am also continuing research on inner-city revitalization efforts, with a focus on the relationships at the local and national level (as a consultant to the Seattle Mayor's Office) and at the national level. Finally I am involved in a project with Avery Guest (Sociology, U. of Washington) to study intra-urban migration. Using data from the 1974-1977 individual SMMA Annual Housing Surveys, we are investigating structural determinants of the volumes and types of migration within and between central cities and suburbs for a number of social groups."

Service: Board member and secretary-treasurer of the UGSG (1981-82); Member of the U.S. Directorate for the U.N. Man and the Biosphere Program, Panel II, Urban Ecosystems (1980-82).

Plans for UGSG: "The principle goals of the UGSG should be the stimulation and coordination of exchange between urban geographers. The UGSG Newsletter and UGSG-sponsored sessions at the annual AAG meetings are especially important in this connection and merit considerable attention. These devices help us overcome the unavoidable delays between the actual doing of research and the publication of results. On a more philosophical level, more introspection, more critical evaluation of ideas and methods, within the UGSG. These are difficult economic times in which social sciences in general are being challenged to defend their existence. We need to consider critically, and to articulate, the goals, perspectives, and contributions of urban geography, which can be undertaken in the Newsletter and better in meetings at the annual AAG convention and special issues of relevant journals) will result in a clearer image of our discipline and even more important will lead to the emergence of questions and issues to be addressed by the UGSG membership. I view such discussions as the number one priority of the Urban Geography Specialty Group."

Roger Zanarini

Director, Real Estate Research and Planning, Upland Industries Corporation, Omaha, NE.

Current Activities and Research: Chairman, Real Estate Development Advisory Committee, Denver Union Terminal (18.5-acre major redevelopment project in downtown Denver); Member, Environmental Subcouncil, Long Beach International Coal Project (objective is to obtain all new coal contracts for the Denver coal export terminal in Long Beach, Calif.); Chairman, Real Estate Advisory Committee, Kansas City Terminal (58-acre active reuse and commercial development project in Kansas City, Mo.); Responsible for the production of the long-range strategic plan of Upland Industries Corp. (real estate subsidiary of Union Pacific Corp.); and Conducting numerous feasibility studies, property acquisition reports, land use master plans, and annexation and rezoning efforts.

Service: Member of the Board of Directors of the UGSG (1981-82); Chairman, UAG Geography and Business Committee (1977-79); Services to the Profession Task Force (evaluation of current UAG Research and Planning, research coordination, and educational affairs); Nominated for an Affiliate Representative, First Cycle Geographical Association of the Urban Geography Specialty Group (1979-80); College of Mines Advisory Board, U. of Idaho (1976-82); Geography Advisory Board, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State U. (1975-77); Chairman, Land Inventory-Urban and Special Environment Applications Survey Group, Evaluation of EOS Program for NASA (1975-76); Administrative Board, Remote Sensing Quarterly (1976-82); Editorial Board, Great Plains-Rocky Mountain Geographical Journal (1976-82); Local Arrangements Committee, URUSA Regional Geoprocessing Workshop, Omaha (1979); Executive Group, New Communities Council, Urban Land Institute (1970-82); Member, American Planning Association, American Economic Development Council, Wyoming Planning Council, and American Geographical Society.

Plans for UGSG: "It would be my goal to continue the fine work that has already been done to make the UGSG an outstanding special interest group. It would be my intention to promote relevant paper sessions and panel discussions at national meetings. I would also strive to foster a link between private sector geographers and those in the public and academic sectors. I would hope to represent the UGSG membership at professional meetings (both geographic and non-geographic) and at invited lectures at various universities."

Board Members (3 Elected)

Marilyn Brown

Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Current Research and Activities: Current research is funded by an NSF grant and is titled "The Diffusion of Residential Energy Conservation Measures in an Urban Area"; Research efforts focus on the geographic components of mass transit subsidies. Results of this study are of practical importance in that they provide a new basis for intergovernmental pricing schemes in the U.S. In that they demonstrate how the spatial organization and interdependencies of urban structures distribute the public investment. I am also continuing research on inner-city revitalization efforts, with a focus on the relationships at the local and national level (as a consultant to the Seattle Mayor's Office) and at the national level. Finally I am involved in a project with Avery Guest (Sociology, U. of Washington) to study intra-urban migration. Using data from the 1974-1977 individual SMSMA Annual Housing Surveys, we are investigating structural determinants of the volumes and types of migration within and between central cities and suburbs for a number of social groups."

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Rajan Cybrlicki

Associate Professor of Geography and Urban Studies, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA.

Current Research and Activities: Currently Visiting Scientist at the Pennsylvania House of Representatives in Harrisburg. Current research is on neighborhood change, CBD economic trends, and urban social conflict. Recent articles on gentrification and displacement, historic preservation, and downtown revitalization.

Service: Regional representative, AG Committee on the Status of Women in Geography (1980-83); Director, AG Environmental Perception Specialty Group (1981-83).

Plans for UGSG: "I am especially interested in improvement of undergraduate teaching in urban geography and am an advocate of well-designed field trips and tours. A manual of suggested field activities would be a benefit to urban geography instructors. I am also interested in expanding opportunities for funded research by geographers in areas of public urban policy."
Candidate Statements (Cont.)

James Mulvihill
Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, California State College, San Bernadino.
Current Activities and Research: "Current research focuses on urban revitalization and neighborhood planning; presently looking at commercial revitalization in Anaheim, Calif. Most recent publication is a co-authored article, "Assessing the Locational Attributes of Housing for the Elderly," in the Journal of Geography."
Service: Member, USGS Annual Meeting Program committees (1980-82); Member, Advisory Committee, Regional Education Service Agency for Appalachian Maryland (ARC) (1977-79); Participant, AAG Project on Teaching and Learning and Graduate Geography (1976-77); Urban Planning Advisor, Ministry of Public Works and Communications, Government of Guatemala.
Plans for USGS: "During the past three years, the USGS has made an excellent beginning, particularly given the size and diversity of its membership. I not only want to see that momentum continued, but I also want to develop ways to encourage the more active participation of as many of those members as possible. I also want to see the USGS establish contacts with organizations that share common interests, for example, the special interest divisions within the APA."

Robert Sinclair
Professor, Department of Geography, Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan.
Current Activities and Research: Studies of Intrametropolitan aspects of industrial decline, change in urban settlement systems on an international level, and ramifications of some recent General Motors plant location decisions.
Service: Past chairman, AAG East Lakes Division; Present member, IGU Commission on National Settlement Systems.
Plans for USGS: "My aim would be to strengthen the USGS's role as the profession's dominant forum for urban geographers, by (a) promoting more cooperative research by scholars in different metropolitan areas of the country, (b) encouraging more studies of an international nature within the USGS activities, and (c) continuing the San Antonio National Meetings format, with its inclusion of informal discussion sessions and activities, as well as topical paper sessions."

PUBLICATIONS
The Ghetto: Readings with Interpretations
Joe Darden (Michigan State U.) has edited a recently-published volume, The Ghetto: Readings with Interpretations. The book is designed for undergraduate and graduate students in urban and minority studies; urban geographers will also find it of interest. The readings are organized in three parts. The first part examines the concept and origin of the ghetto; the second traces its spread; and the third searches for alternative solutions to the problems of ghettos. The book is published by the National University Publications division of Kennikat Press. Orders for the book, which is priced at $19.50 clothbound and $9.95 paperback, may be placed with Kennikat Press, 90 S. Bayles Ave., Port Washington, NY 11050.

Perspectives in Urban Geography
C. S. Yadav (Delhi Univ.) requests contributors to an international series on Perspectives in Urban Geography. This series will be published by Concept Publishing Co. of New Delhi, India. Concept has already published a three-volume set on Recent Trends and Concepts in Geography (edited by R. B. Mandal), a five-volume set on Perspectives in Agricultural Geography (edited by Noor Mohammad), and Perspectives in Geomorphology (edited by H. S. Sharma). Perspectives in Urban Geography is expected to include not less than 50 volumes. In addition to Yadav, the project staff includes R. N. Guest (California State U.) as project consultant. The staff is interested in articles on a broad range of topics, and has outlined as major themes the following: Concepts, Theories, and Models; Urban Systems; Comparative Urbanization; Spatial Interaction; Urban Environment; Dynamics of the City System; The City in Transition; Behaviour and Perception; Policies and Urban Planning; World Metropolises; and India. The deadline for submission of articles to the project is 31 July 1982. Persons who want to submit articles or who want more information on the project should write C. S. Yadav, Project Director, Perspectives in Urban Geography, C-37 Balli Nagar, New Delhi 110015 India.

Concept Publishing is also compiling a volume on Who's Who of Geographers in India, which was scheduled for release in January 1982 at the National Association of Geographers, India (NAGI).
Papers from Johns Hopkins U. Center for Metropolitan Planning and Research

The Center for Metropolitan Planning and Research at Johns Hopkins U. publishes a series of occasional papers and other publications, many of which are of interest to urban geographers. Among the occasional papers that have been published in the last three years are: Marsha R. B. Clark, "Local Economic Development: Baltimore SMSA", A Report to the Task Force on State Economic Development, 72 pp. (June 1979), $6.00; Allen C. Goodman and Richard Weissbrot, "Housing Market Activity in South Baltimore: Immigration, Speculation, and Displacement", 75 pp. (June 1979); $3.00; Robert Makofski and Henry Henderson, "A Preliminary Assessment of Short Term Parking and Institutional Requirements for Atlantic County, N. J.", 61 pp. (August 1980), $6.00; Gail Garfield Schwartz, "Growth Potential in Maryland", 90 pp. (July 1981), $5.00; Ralph B. Taylor, Sidney N. Brower, and Whit Drain, "Toward a Neighborhood-Based Data File: Baltimore, A Map of Baltimore Neighborhoods", 29 pp. (October 1979), $8.00; and Jan Van Wessup, "The Sponsors of Condominiums in Large U.S. Cities", 26 pp. (May 1981), $2.00.


These publications and a list of other papers issued by the Metro Center are available from the Center for Metropolitan Planning and Research, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD 21218. Interested persons may also be placed on the center's Newsletter mailing list; a $20.00 donation is suggested.

Man and the Biosphere-11

David Hodge (U. of Washington), a member of the U. S. directorate of the UNESCO-sponsored Man and the Biosphere program, section 11, has provided a report of recent activities of that section:

"The Man and the Biosphere (MAB) program was designed by UNESCO to encourage and foster scientific study of significant physical and social phenomena common to nations throughout the world. The MAB-11 panel, "Integrated Ecological Studies of Human Settlements", is clearly of interest to urban geographers. The directorate of the U.S. MAB-11 has been meeting periodically to discuss ways in which to encourage multi-disciplinary integrative approaches to urban problems and have scheduled an invited conference on "Ecological Approaches to Urban Development Issues" for May 1982. Dr. Jean-Marc Choukroun, Social Systems Science Department, U. of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA 19104, is serving as the conference coordinator. The conference is described as follows:

"Urban development proceeds as a consequence of population growth, shifts of employment from agriculture into manufacturing and services, and increases in real income resulting from economic development. Thus there is a social ecology in urban space which presses upon the environment and affects the natural ecology of all non-human physical and biological terrestrial processes. This conference represents an effort to open a more productive discourse between the analyses of these two ecologies, in the broad framework of systems approaches, and to begin to provide a means whereby the long- and short-term consequences of development trends and decisions can be evaluated with both ecologies in view."

A Note from the Editor

Although the UGSG Newsletter has never lacked for material to bring UGSG members up-to-date on UGSG activities and items of interest to urban geographers, the editor and other members have sensed that there is still much more that could be included. News of new publications is sporadic, for example. We should be including regular updates of recently published articles, monographs, and books, as well as short reviews. Previews and follow-up reports of conferences and meetings would also add immeasurably to the awareness of UGSG members of important developments in urban research and affairs.

In the next issue of the Newsletter, we will include reports from a number of UGSG members about activities of international organizations that are conducting urban research. Any person who has been active in an international research project or organization is invited to submit a short report of its recent activities or future plans. Other news notes and other bits of information are also invited. Send items for publication (or direct inquiries) to: Thomas Baerwald, Editor, UGSG Newsletter, Geography Dept., Science Museum of Minnesota, 30 E. 10th St., St. Paul, MN 55101.