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From the President

The Executive Committee and several Committee Chairs are preparing to go to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho for the planning meeting for our annual conference.

PresidentElect **Dan Wick** chairs the planning committee and we are all

looking forward to seeing one another again and checking out the wonderful

conference facilities at the Coeur d'Alene Resort, a worldclass hotel.

I want to thank all the members who volunteered for the various committee

assignments. We have many new committee chairs and members with a lot of

energy and new ideas.

It is time to consider nominations for the WASSA Distinguished Service Award.

Please forward your nominations to me prior to June 30 so that the Executive

Committee will have time to consider them and make their selection prior to our fall conference. (Please see Distinguished Service Award guidelines in this issue.)

Lee Golden, President

PEOPLE IN WASSA

Gary Penders, UCLA, has been selected as Director of Summer Session at

University of California, Berkeley, beginning July 1, 1993. He replaces John

Wheeler who has retired.

To avoid conflict with NUCEA Regions 6 and 7 meetings the revised dates of the

WASSA conference are October 21-23, 1993.

Call for Catalogs

Make your catalog eligible for consideration in the annual WASSA Charlie Awards. How? By submitting your publication to the catalog committee well before the Friday, July 30 deadline.

We are once again requesting data for cost analysis and ask that you provide the following:

1. Number of catalogs printed in 1992
2. Number of catalogs printed in 1993
3. Number of pages in your 1992 catalog (excluding cover)
4. Number of pages in your 1993 catalog (excluding cover)
5. Total 1992 catalog production cost including: artwork, linotype, design, color separations, and printing (not postage)
6. Total 1993 catalog production cost (see above)
7. Four copies of your summer 1993 catalog
8. Name and phone number of person submitting the catalog

Summer Session is a busy time for WASSA members, especially for those on the Catalog Committee, so send your entries and all information as soon as possible (and definitely before July 30) to:

Maureen Rodgers

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University of British Columbia

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MINDS TO MEET IN THE "HEART"

Coeur d'Alene is the site of the 1993 WASSA Conference. Idaho, the gem of the mountains, provides a suitable backdrop for WASSA membership to meet and discuss the issues that affect summer sessions' ability to mine the riches and move into glittering fullness.

The planning meeting takes place March 12-14 and much of the structure of the conference will begin to take shape there. However, suggestions from those who do not attend the planning meeting are still welcome. If you have yet to respond to President-elect **Dan Wick**'s request for suggestions for the meeting, it is not too late.

Please feel free to fax any thoughts you might have regarding the conference to Dan as soon as possible at (916) 7522652.

"AND HERE WE HAVE IDAHO" ...

PANHANDLE OR BUST

We look forward to your visiting us in Coeur d'Alene. In addition to a fine program arranged by the planning committee, you will have the opportunity to experience one of the world's truly great resorts.

Great resorts are a combination of unique location, firstclass facilities, and responsive caring service. The Coeur d'Alene, with its commitment to service and atmosphere of casual elegance was recently recognized by *Conde Nast Traveler Magazine* as America's number one mainland resort.

The waterfront setting offers a spectacular view of what *National Geographic* calls one of the five most beautiful lakes in the world. Walking along the world's longest floating boardwalk or taking a lake cruise are experiences not to be missed. Weather permitting, guests of the resort can enjoy the resort golf course which features the world's first and only floating green. The indoor recreation center offers swimming, racquetball, computerized golf, and the latest in fitness equipment.

Other possible activities include: breathtaking flights over Lake Coeur d'Alene and the surrounding area; five area museums providing a glimpse of North Idaho's past; Silver Valley, home to the world's longest gondola; and the parimutuel park, one of America's finest, where greyhounds run six days a week.

It is difficult to explain all that the Coeur d'Alene area has to offer in a short note but rest assured that a disappointment is the last thing that awaits you at the upcoming WASSA meeting in October.

See you then,

Sid Eder, University of Idaho

SERVICE AWARDEES SOUGHT

Initiated in 1988, the Distinguished Service Award recognizes individuals in WASSA who have made outstanding contributions to the organization. Nominations are made in writing for consideration by the Executive Committee.

The award is designed to honor those who have:

1. Provided leadership in summer session administration and organization and encouraged high academic standards
2. Demonstrated responsiveness to students in academic programming, to faculty in encouraging creativity and nurturing positive relationships, and to staff in promoting optimum working conditions and opportunities for professional development

3. Contributed meaningfully to WASSA's growth and development through active participation and leadership
4. Contributed measurably to their institution's recognition of summer session as an integral part of the university by offering high quality, financially successful summer programs.

Send a copy of your nomination to **Lee Golden** by June 30.

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS AT YOUR DOOR

The Research Committee is undertaking two initiatives this spring:

First, it is soliciting research proposals which address Summer Session topics. Possible focuses include administration, program, or evaluation and can be accomplished by WASSA members or advanced graduate students at WASSA institutions. Requests up to \$1500 will be considered.

Second, the editors of *Mountain Plains Adult Education Journal* are again inviting WASSA to assume responsibility for an issue of the journal. **Ken Griffin**, Chair of the Research Committee, has received several proposed papers and encourages others to contact him with their ideas. If sufficient interest generates enough manuscripts, Ken will proceed.

Call Ken to discuss the options at (307) 7666476 or fax him at (307) 7662606.

DIVERSITY..MYTH vs REALITY

"Cultural diversity" is one of those mindnumbing bureaucratic terms to which academia is so partial. Yet, though we may all be bored to braindeath by the term itself, the justifications for colleges and universities to pursue programs that emphasize diversity are clear and undeniable.

Intellectual justifications may be found not only in the changes that are taking place in contemporary research, especially in the humanities and the social sciences, but also in broadly agreed upon objectives of undergraduate education which include, among others, breadth, critical thinking, and the liberation of mind and spirit.

As one who has long been interested in issues related to diversity and as a member of a committee on the UC Davis campus called the Diversity Action Group (which is not especially diverse and thus far has taken no action), I am interested in knowing what kinds of things WASSA members are doing to address issues of cultural diversity in summer sessions. Both credit and noncredit programs come to mind, including summer institutes (for either faculty or students), specific programs for under represented students, scholarship programs and cultural events, to name only a few.

If you have such programs (or ideas for programs), I would appreciate hearing from you. Also, if you are interested in forming a working group within WASSA to discuss diversity issues, please let me know. At the very least, we might be able to come up with a better rubric than "diversity." At the most, who knows?

Dan Wick, UC Davis

EMAIL ANYONE?

Electronic discussion networks are ubiquitous. They provide a quick and effective means for disseminating information to a particular group, saving postage and time to connect members separated by time and space.

Such a network, established for WASSA members, would allow messages to be sent and received via computer. Not only would it be possible to communicate directly with a WASSA individual but a message could be sent to the collective "readership", i.e., all subscribers to the network.

Although WASSA members who have email can already "talk" with other members via email, such interchanges are oneonone. A collective discussion network comprised of a group of WASSA members would allow:

- * information and announcements to be distributed quickly (such as changes in government policy, notice of relevant media events, visa information for foreign scholars, excerpts from articles about higher education)
- * requests for help in solving a particular problem to be broadcast to other summer session administrators dealing with similar issues or having particular expertise
- * group committee work to be accomplished rapidly by sending the same message to all committee members for discussion and decision

Although a few elementary procedures need to be learned to use an email discussion network, it is not a complicated system. If there is sufficient interest in such a network, one can be established for the WASSA organization at no cost.

If you would like to have such a service, please drop a note to **Maggie Herrington** or send an email message to: MAGGIE@ses.pdx.edu. If your message does not go through, try a bitnet ending or use the phone.

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