I. IN THIS ISSUE

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II. FROM THE EDITOR

As this issue of the Newsletter goes into production, I am starting to get a system into place; so hopefully as time goes on, the operation's efficiency will continue to improve. On behalf of the Association, I would like to extend formal recognition to the assistance provided by Kent State University, which has kindly provided facilities, bulk mailing privileges, and a small stipend for a student assistant. My assistant, Janet Wendel, has been working with me on the Newsletter since early July; her help with typing, collating, and all of the other mundane but necessary tasks has made the job of editor much more manageable as I have tried to juggle it with my other responsibilities.

A major concern that I share with my predecessors is to keep our mailing list current. This is particularly problematic in our discipline because of the frequency with which we move around--to and from the field, from one institution to another, and the like. And the problem historically has been exacerbated by a somewhat cumbersome system in which the mailing list is put together by one person, the labels are generated by someone else, and the Newsletter is produced in yet a third location. Julie Flinn and I are determined to streamline the process as much as we can, and we are trying to make sure that all missing Newsletters and changes of address are taken care of as quickly and efficiently as possible. In addition, some help from you will do a great deal to expedite our task. If you
are having a problem with your Newsletter, the most important person for you to contact is Julie Flinn (University of Arkansas at Little Rock), our new Secretary-Treasurer, as she is the one who actually compiles the mailing list. Her corrections are then sent to Margy Rodman at McMaster University in Hamilton Ontario, where the mailing labels are produced by computer. All I do is put Margy's labels onto the Newsletters and put them in the mail; so contacting me directly is of marginal value.

Let me thank all of you who have sent in materials for the past two Newsletters. Keep the information coming. In addition, please note that I will be trying to adhere strictly to the deadlines set out in the Summer Newsletter. If you want an item to run in a particular issue, be sure to have it to me before the publication deadline. Late items, if still relevant, will appear in the following issue.

III. REPORT OF ANNUAL MEETINGS COORDINATOR

Our Meetings coordinator, Suzy Pflanz-Cook has written to add the following information to the descriptions of the 1988 Meeting site that have appeared in the past two Newsletters:

This year's annual ASAO meeting site will be Savannah, Georgia's Mulberry Inn. The Mulberry is a small four star hotel, one block from the city's historic district, with many restored homes and museums within walking distance. The restored district features a dozen different types of restaurant--from French to Japanese to an Irish Pub and local ethnic foods. The dress in the area is casual, especially when it's cold, with jeans and sweaters acceptable almost everywhere.

The Mulberry's lobby is full of beautiful antiques with an in-house bar and fine, but expensive, restaurant. The hotel personnel have been extremely cooperative and are willing to accommodate our needs for a variety of meeting rooms. I hope that we'll be able to enjoy some of their fine late winter sunshine. It snowed in Savannah last April Fool's Day, but it was in the 70s for much of last February--so. . . bring a coat and sweaters, but be ready to peel down to your T-shirt and sun on the roof or in the sheltered patio area. There is a large hot-tub on the roof and the hotel provides room service and tables up there. If it is unusually warm, there is a heated pool area and snack bar which is open to hotel guests.

The rooms are $60 for a single and $70 for a double. The hotel will provide roll away beds for a triple at no additional cost. The $75 a night suites have two
rooms, a bedroom and a sitting room with a couch that makes into a queen-sized bed. The suites have a small bar with a refrigerator. Some rooms have a river view, but none are as nice as the view from the roof area.

The Savannah airport is about 15 miles out. When you arrive, call the hotel immediately at 238-1200 to request that the van be sent out to pick you up. Look around for fellow ASAO-types so that you can pool van time. We usually aren't too great at making prior arrangements, so I haven't encouraged a set schedule. This service is free, but you should plan to tip the driver for carrying your bags, etc. If you miss the van, taxis are available at about $15 for a one-way trip.

You must have your reservations in to the Mulberry by January 17, 1988. A registration form is enclosed. It needs to be guaranteed by credit card number or one night's room cost. There is a 10% Georgia room tax. Check-in time is 4:00 PM, but rooms should be available earlier in the day at this off-season time of year.

Savannah is like a relaxed Charleston. I think that it will make ASAO a good meeting site. I look forward to showing you some Southern hospitality. If you need a roommate for the meetings, call me at (904) 386-8863 and leave the information with me or with the unpopular "answering machine." I will need to know the days you are planning to attend and whether you prefer a male or female/smoking or non-smoking roommate. See you in February!

IV. TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF SESSIONS, 1988 MEETINGS

The following is a run-down of the status of sessions for the 1988 meetings. If you have corrections, please contact:

Dorothy Counts, ASAO Program Chairman
Department of Anthropology
University of Waterloo
Waterloo, Ontario CANADA N2L 3G1

Please note that this year's meetings look like busy ones. It is possible that some sessions may have to be delayed until next year. Priority on the program will be given to those that are the most well-organized and complete (papers circulated or in hand, etc.) and whose organizers meet the Dec. 1 deadline. Session organizers who have special needs (session to be scheduled on a particular day, or use of AV equipment, for example), please contact the Program Chair as soon as possible.
FORMAL SYMPOSIA PROPOSED

Remember, in order to have a place on the final program, Symposium Organizers must have to the Program Chair by Dec. 1 the first page of each symposium paper, with title and author, a note indicating that the paper has been circulated and whether the author will be physically present at the session. A Symposium requires the physical presence at the meetings of at least seven (7) participants with pre-circulated papers. Sessions that do not meet these criteria may be scheduled either as Working Sessions or as Informal Sessions. Full Symposia have priority over other types of session.

Marriage in Transition in Oceania. Organizer: Rick Marksbury (Tulane). To be scheduled for Friday or Saturday.


WORKING SESSIONS PROPOSED

Remember, in order to have a place on the final program Working Session Organizers must have to the Program Chair by Dec. 1 the names, paper titles, copies of the abstract/synopsis of all papers, and a realistic indication of how many participants will actually be attending the meetings. A Working Session requires the physical presence of seven (7) participants with papers. Sessions that do not meet these criteria may be scheduled as Informal Sessions. Working Sessions will have scheduling priority over Informal Sessions.

Teaching Pacific Islands Anthropology. Organizer: Bob Franco (Kapiolani Community College). To be scheduled for Friday.

A Comparative Analysis of Sepik River Region Societies. Organizer: Ross Bowden (La Trobe U.).


Rethinking Regional Analysis in Melanesia. Organizers: Eytan Bercovitch (Stanford) and Mark Busse (UCSD).

Melanesian Ethnography: Method and Interpretation. Organizers: Warilea Iamo (UPNG) and Laura Zimmer (UPNG).
The Power of Food. Organizers: Jane Fajans (U. of Chicago) and Anna Meigs (Macalester Col.).

Sorcery Observed? Organizer: Paula Brown (SUNY, Stony Brook) and Carol Jenkins (PNG Institute of Medical Research).

INFORMAL SESSIONS

Informal sessions require no pre-circulated papers. If, however, the organizer sends to the Program Chair a list of interested participants, this list will be published in the Newsletter in the description of the sessions. Ordinarily Informal Sessions will receive only a one-and-a-half-hour time slot. If, however, a particular session engenders a lot of interest (as indicated by the list of interested participants sent to the Program Chair), and time allows, an Informal Session may be given a larger block of time.

Problems of Research in Irian Jaya. Organizers: Gabriele Sturzenhofecker (UCSD) and Andrew Strathern (U. of Pittsburgh).


The Coup in Fiji. Organizer: Martha Kaplan (U. of Chicago). To be scheduled Friday or Saturday.

OTHER PROPOSED ACTIVITIES

Slides on a Theme. Those of you who have 35mm slides of the South Pacific that are organized around a theme are invited to bring them to the meetings. We will arrange to have a showing on either Friday night following the party and/or Saturday evening following the closing Plenary session. IF YOU PLAN TO BRING YOUR SLIDES PLEASE CONTACT THE PROGRAM CHAIR. If there is no interest we will not go to the expense of renting a projector and screen. If you are willing to have your slides duplicated and made available at cost to other ASAO members, please contact:

Bill Rodman
McMaster University
Hamilton, Ontario L8S 4L9
CANADA
(NOTE: Anyone living near the meeting site who can make available to us their own or their university's slide projector and screen for the duration of the meetings, please contact the Program Chair. Your help will save us money and will be appreciated.)

Friday night party. The contest this year is on BODY DECORATION, South Pacific style. Bring your jewelry, paint your bodies, expose your tattoos! We already have a couple of tasteful and valuable prizes for contest winners, but donations are always welcome.

NOTE: In case of Canadian Postal Strike, or for speed and convenience, I can be contacted via BITNET as follows: My Node is WATDCS. My Userid is either COUNTS or ANTHRO. Either userid will get a message to me. If you contact me through BITNET please include your own Node and Userid for my information. Thanks to Mike Lieber for the suggestion.

V. STATUS OF SESSIONS PLANNED FOR 1988 MEETING

The list of sessions cited below has been compiled from reports in the Spring 1987 Newsletter and correspondence I have received since. Some of these sessions do not appear on the Program Chair's tentative schedule. If you are organizing a session and expect it to be included in the 1988 program but do not find it in the above list, you must contact Dorothy Counts immediately to have the situation rectified.

FORMAL SYMPOSIA

A. MARRIAGE IN TRANSITION IN OCEANIA (Organizer: Rick Marksbury)

Participants: Achsah Carrier; Dan Jorgensen; Shireen Lateef; Sherwood Lingenfelter; Richard Marksbury; Susan Pflanz-Cook; Pamela Rossi; Laura Zimmer.

B. HEALTH-RELATED RESEARCH IN THE PACIFIC (Organizer: Leslie Marshall, U. of Iowa)

Participants: Jocelyn Armstrong (U. of Illinois); R. Warwick Armstrong (U. of Illinois); Judith Barker (UC, San Francisco); Jim Bindon (U. of Alabama); Jim Boutilier (Royal Roads Military College); Rick Feinberg (Kent State U.); Judith Fitzpatrick (UC, Santa Cruz); Carol Jenkins (PNG Institute of Medical Research); Marquisa LaVelle (Cornell); Maria Lepowsky (Wisconsin); David Lewis (Col. of Eastern Utah); Leslie Marshall (U. of Iowa); Carol Murry (U. of Hawaii at Manoa); Nancy Pollock (Victoria-Wellington); Usha Prasad (U. of Hawaii at Manoa); Craig Severance, Ehukai Sako, and Bernhart Arurang (University of Hawaii at Hilo).
C. SCHOOLING AND THE TRANSFORMATION OF PACIFIC SOCIETIES

Organizers: Suzanne Falgout and Paula Levin

Participants: Bob Franco; Paula Levin; Mary Martini, J. Mistry and V. Murray; John Young; Suzanne Falgout; Juliana Flinn; Judith Lingenfelter; (U. of Illinois); Karen Watson-Gegeo and David W. Gegeo; Becky Stephenson and Ken Perez; Joseph Sukianomb and Ronald Katak; Pani Tawiyole and Sheldon Weeks.

D. FEMALE "INITIATION" IN THE PACIFIC

Organizers: Nancy Lutkehaus and Jim Roscoe

Participants: Kathleen Barlow; Janet Hoskins; Nancy Lutkehaus; Jim Roscoe; Lorraine Sexton; Anne Marie Tietjen and John Barker; Patricia Townsend; Margaret Williamson; Valerio Valerie; Brigitta Hauser-Schaublin; Marilyn Strathern. Discussant: Terry Hayes.

E. BEYOND HIERARCHY

Organizer: Jim Flanagan (U. of Southern Mississippi)

Participants: Steven Albert; Bill Donner; Rick Feinberg; Jim Flanagan; Debra Connelly Kirch; Rena Lederman; Nancy McDowell; Margy Rodman; Lin Poyer.

WORKING SESSIONS

A. THE POWER OF FOOD

Organizers: Jane Fajans (U. of Chicago) and Anna Meigs (Macalester)

Although we agreed to postpone this session a year ago because of conflicting commitments, our interest remains strong. We have in hand five abstracts, with promises of more. Because drafts of the papers must be circulated before the meetings, participants should aim to have their papers completed by January 1, 1988. In case you have misplaced the earlier call for papers, we have reproduced it below, along with the names of those who have expressed interest before. We are, of course, still interested in new participants.

The informal session at the New Harmony meetings stimulated a lot of interest in the role of food as an important medium and agent in Oceanic societies. A number of points were raised which will become foci for the papers. Food, through its incorporation in eating, is often basic to the idea of "shared substance" which is used to create and extend kin relations. Food is an important ingredient in the production of certain valued aspects of human substance, e.g., semen,
beauty, life forces or power. Food is also a key agent in the creation or transformation of the social person. Because food is so important in the creation of social ties, it is an apt medium for the expression of the alteration or negation of these ties. One reason for this is that food rots. Food taboos are often used to symbolize the severance of social ties, or the transformation of a person from one status to another. Because food has this power for creating substance, it is manipulated negatively through sorcery.

While food is important as an agent of both social and corporeal transformation, it is also an important metaphor for the people themselves. People often collapse the distinction between production and reproduction, particularly in horticultural societies. Thus, they may identify pigs or taro as analogous to themselves or their children, and as objects which may be substituted in exchange or sacrifice, etc. People do not only derive life force from food; they may also imbue their food with life force. For example, in yam cults food products are infused with aspects of human power. These products may then be used in competition or exchange to inflate or extend people's influence, power and social boundaries.

People who want to address these issues are welcome to join our working session next year. Please contact:

Jane Fajans  
Deptartment of Anthropology  
University of Chicago  
1126 E. 59th Street  
Chicago, IL 60637

or

Anna Meigs  
Deptartment of Anthropology  
Macalester College  
1600 Grand Avenue  
St. Paul, MN 55105

Prospective participants include:

Ali Pomponio (St. Lawrence U.); Paul Dahlquist (Ohio Weselyan); Edward LiPuma (U. of Miami); Bill Wormsley (U. of Iowa); Mary McCutcheon (Smithsonian); Mary Ayres (Pt. Washington, PA); Mimi Kahn (U. of Washington); Dan Jorgensen (U. of Western Ontario); Robert Foster (U. of Chicago); James B. Watson (U. of Washington); Mark Mosko (Hartwick); Fitz John Poole (UCSD); Stephen L. Eyre (UCSD); Susan Montague (Northern Illinois); David Lipsett; (U. of Minnesota).

Interested parties are encouraged to contact the organizers for a bibliography of works related to this topic.

B. THE UNITED STATES IN OCEANIA
Organizer: Larry Mayo (Salisbury State)

In the Spring issue I reported four areas of research that emerged from participants in the Informal Session. Since that time I've received few letters from individuals who want to participate in the Working Session at the 1988 meeting. A list of those who have indicated a desire to write a paper for the Working Session follows: Craig Severance; Marquisha LaVella; Karen Nero; Carol Murry; Mike Lieber; Mac Marshall; Eve Pinsker; Jim Boutiller; Bob Franco; Mary McCutcheon; Jonathan Aleck; Glenn Petersen; and Larry Mayo. A mailing list for the session will be comprised of these names. Therefore, please notify me to: 1) confirm or withdraw your intent to prepare a paper; 2) give me a title; and 3) provide an up-to-date address. I have moved (the life of a "Gypsy scholar"...) to the Dept. of Soc/Anth, Salisbury State College, Salisbury, MD 21801. I would like to get a mailing list for distribution of papers out soon, so that first drafts may be distributed during December.

C. CLOWNING IN OCEANIA: SECULAR AND RITUAL COMEDY IN A PERFORMANCE CONTEXT

Organizer: William E. Mitchell (U. of Vermont)

Participants: Judith Barker; Kathleen Barlow; Jean Brooke; Larry Carucci; David and Dorothy Counts; Bill Donner; Fred Erington; David Gegeo; Deborah Gewertz; Peter Huber; Debra Connelly Kirch; David Lewis; David Lipsett; Mark Mosko; Eve Pinsker.

D. TEACHING PACIFIC ISLANDS' ANTHROPOLOGY

Organizer: Bob Franco (Kapiolani Community College)

Participants: Dan Jorgensen (Western Ontario); Anton Ploeg (Utrecht); Mary McCutcheon (Smithsonian); Frank Young (San Diego); Charlie Urbanowicz (Cal State, Chico); Ben Finney (U. of Hawaii at Manoa); Michael Smith (Public Sector Consultants, Michigan); David Gegeo (U. of Hawaii at Manoa); Bill Rodman (McMaster U.); Dorothy Counts (U. of Waterloo); Virginia Cox (Boise State); Caroline Webber (Bakersfield Col.); Karen Nero (UC, Berkeley); Paul Shankman (U. of Colorado); Carol Ivory (U. of Washington); Robert Franco (Kapiolani Community College).

E. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN THE PACIFIC

Organizer: Dorothy Counts (U. of Waterloo)

F. LINGUA FRANCA AND VERNACULAR: LANGUAGE CHANGE IN OCEANIA
Organizers: Karen Watson-Gegeo (U. of Hawaii at Manoa) and Bill Donner (U. of Pennsylvania)

Participants: Jocelyn Armstrong; Niko Besnier; Don Brenneis; Bill Donner; David Gegeo and Karen Watson-Gegeo; Tamar Gordon; Monty Lindstrom; Geoff White.

G. MELANESIAN ETHNOGRAPHY: METHOD AND INTERPRETATION
Organizers: Warilea Iamo (UPNG) and Laura Zimmer (UPNG)

H. RETHINKING REGIONAL ANALYSIS IN MELANESIA
Organizers: Eytan Bercovitch (Stanford) and Mark Busse (UCSD)

I. SORCERY OBSERVED?
Organizer: Paula Brown (SUNY, Stony Brook) and Carol Jenkins (PNG Institute of Medical Research).

INFORMAL SESSIONS

A. THE COUP IN FIJI
Organizer: Martha Kaplan

The purpose of the session will be to share information about, and interpretations of, the recent military coups and surrounding events in Fiji. Comparative perspectives on post-colonial problems of "ethnicity," "imagined communities," "cultural politics," "development/dependency" etc. would be welcome. This is envisioned as a one-time session.

I can be contacted at U. of Chicago, Haskell Hall, Chicago, IL 60637 or home tele. (312) 493-7876.

B. PROBLEMS OF RESEARCH IN IRIAN JAYA

Organizers: Gabriele Sturzenhofecker (UCSD) and Andrew Strathern (Pittsburgh).

In recent years not much anthropological research has been conducted in Irian Jaya. The aim of this session will be to bring together anthropologists with an existing or potential interest in the ethnography of Irian Jaya, and to explore the possibilities for future work there, in terms of: (1) substantive topics of research, (2) pragmatic issues of how to obtain research permission and co-operation with Indonesian authorities. The overall situation in Irian Jaya will also be discussed, insofar as it affects (1) and (2) above. To give background for this discussion, Gabriele Sturzenhofecker will outline some findings from her 1987
visit to the interior of Irian Jaya, while Andrew Strathern will comment on the situation, in particular with reference to research permission in neighboring Pacific areas, and also in terms of comparative themes in ethnography.

In this session we would like to introduce and partially explore a number of topics relevant to the present situation regarding anthropological research in Irian Jaya and to the overall situation in the Province itself.

We hope to give some brief pointers regarding any relatively recent ethnographic information on different parts of Irian Jaya, insofar as information is currently available. We will try to link the discussion to questions which refer to Melanesia in general as well as Irian Jaya itself. We will give some data on the current political situation and its implications for anthropological research. Information gained early in 1987 on Transmigrasi (relocation of peoples) and its impact on the cultural identity and integrity of the Irian Jayanese will be included. We would also like to compare problems of research policy and access to the field in Irian Jaya with the situation in such neighboring parts of the Pacific as Papua New Guinea.

We would like to stress that the present complications surrounding research in Irian Jaya should not mean that the area is no longer discussed in anthropological terms. To omit it in this way would be both academically and ethically undesirable. We would therefore like to see a network of interested persons set up, by means of which information about Irian Jaya could be shared and bibliographic references built up. We invite anyone who has materials, information or comments to write to either of us before the session, so that we can know in advance what contributions to the overall discussion will be available. It would be most helpful if such communication could be made before Christmas 1987.

Those interested are invited to write to:

Gabriele Sturzenhofecker  
Department of Anthropology  
University of California, San Diego  
La Jolla, CA 92093  
(or)  
Andrew Strathern  
Department of Anthropology  
University of Pittsburgh  
Pittsburgh, PA 15260  
telephone: (412)648-7519

C. THE HUMBLE ANTHROPOLOGIST: ESSAYS FROM THE FIELD. A MEMORIAL TO ED COOK.

Organizer: Phil Devita (SUNY, Plattsburgh)
D. NAMING SYSTEMS

Organizer: Dan Jorgensen (U. of Western Ontario)

E. NATIONALISM AND POLITICAL CONSCIOUSNESS IN OCEANIA

Organizer: Amy Burce

The purpose of this session is to explore topics related to the construction of national identities in the Pacific and local responses to official or state-sponsored nationalism. How, for example, are people of particular Papua New Guinean societies interpellated as subjects or members of a unique "nation" of over 700 language groups? How do they conceive of their relationships to the "government," or of what it means to be "Papua New Guinean"? What is the relationship between other salient political identities in people's lives (local or regional) and a national one that may be highlighted in government discourses concerning "development," at election time, in radio broadcasts and print media, or in annual celebrations of national independence? How do men and women express their views, whether affirmative, critical, or indifferent, about the notion of "independence"? Have their views changed over time, and if so, how and why? How do they perceive or imagine, or actively create or express distinct affiliations with fellow citizens vis-à-vis people of other countries of the Pacific and elsewhere? Finally, what can ethnographic analysis contribute to an understanding of these issues?

This by no means exhausts the possibilities for this session, and suggestions for related themes and topics for discussion would be most welcome. If you are interested in participating, please send your name and address, along with comments and suggestions, to:

Amy Burce
Department of Anthropology
University of Texas
Austin, TX 78712
home phone 512-442-7552

F. ARTISTIC AND MYTHICAL EXPRESSION IN CONTEMPORARY POLITICS AND POLITICAL DISCOURSE

Organizer: Karen Nero (UC, Berkeley)

This informal session will consider the use of mythology and traditional art forms in contemporary political discourse. The discussions could include the use of billboards, paintings, architecture, and the utilization of pure or modified chants, oratory, songs, proverbs, legends, or dance,
in visual or oral presentations. One major area to be considered will be the use and creation of artistic symbols of national identity created or drawn upon to unify one or more cultures under a new political structure and/or ideological transformation of such symbols in this process.

VI. ACADEMIC COOPERATION

A. Association members may be interested in knowing about the Social Sciences Research Fund Committee in Wellington, New Zealand. The SSRFC disseminates two types of research information: the first, Research Abstracts, are short descriptions of completed research. Research Abstracts are free. The second, Research Summaries, are about 6-12 pages long, and cover the research in more depth. Research Summaries cost $4.40, and their standard format includes the following information:

1. key issues or problems addressed
2. how the research was carried out
3. important factual findings
4. conclusions
5. policy implications
6. further research required

Persons wanting a Research Summary can obtain one from the SSRFC by sending $4.40 to PO Box 27-042, Wellington. Anyone requiring a full copy of the Research Report should write to:

The Secretary  
Social Research and Development Trust  
60 Goodall Street  
Auckland 4  
NEW ZEALAND

B. MUSEUM TRAINING FOR PACIFIC ISLANDERS

The University of Washington (Seattle) offers an MA program in Museum Studies. Training is under the auspices of the Anthropology Department and in conjunction with the Burke Museum, the oldest and largest natural history museum in the Pacific Northwest of the United States. The Burke's collection focuses on the anthropology, geology and zoology of the Pacific Rim.

The program is a two year program and consists of several core courses in museum theory and practice, elective courses, an internship in a museum other than the Burke, and the writing of an MA thesis. After completing the program, individuals receive an MA in Anthropology with a specialization in Museum Studies.

The Museology Program prides itself in having trained several individuals, until now all Native Americans, who subsequently
set up cultural centers and museums in their local communities. It welcomes applications for Pacific Islanders who are interested in receiving museum training for the purpose of founding, or working in, museums in their native countries.

For more information on the program, please contact:
Miriam Kahn, Director
Museology Program
Burke Museum
University of Washington
Seattle, WA 98195
tel. (206)543-5344.

C. ATTENTION STAMP COLLECTORS: Bring your Pacific duplicates to Savannah for a stamp swap and browse. Please contact Terry Hayes (Rhode Island Col.) in advance with your interests, etc., for coordination.

D. THESE-PAC ASSOCIATION, the Association for the Dissemination of Dissertations and Theses on the French-speaking Pacific countries, is sponsoring an award for the best university work on the French-speaking Pacific. Contest rules are as follows:

Article 1: The "These-Pac" Association awards each year two prizes of 100,00 CFP Francs (5000 French Francs or US/A/NZ $1,000 to reward:

(A) The best university work on the French-speaking Pacific in general.

(B) The best university work about New Caledonia.

Article 2: Insofar as possible, the "These-Pac" Association will endeavor to publish the two winning documents.

Article 3: All works selected for the second and third place in each of the two categories will also be rewarded (in cash or in kind, including help for the publication of these documents).

Article 4: "University works" include all reports, dissertations, theses and other documents submitted for the award of a higher education degree or diploma.

Article 5: The French-speaking part of the Pacific Ocean includes the three French Overseas Territories (TOM) of New Caledonia, Wallis and Futuna, and French Polynesia, as well as the Country of Vanuatu where French is also used. General documents on the French presence in the South Pacific will also be considered.
Article 6: No registration fees are required, but copies of university works sent to the "These-Pac" Association will remain the property of the Association and will be filed with the New Caledonia Archives Department and the Bernheim Public Library in Noumea.

Article 7: All works submitted need not have been written recently but will only be considered once and may not be submitted again. They must be forwarded to the association before 31 December 1987 at the following address:

THESE-PAC  
4 Rue Archambault  
Anse Vata  
Noumea, NEW CALEDONIA

E. "MISSING MEMBER"

Jim Boutilier has noted that Dr. Michael F. Smith, previously of 4378 Keller Road/Holt, Michigan 48842, appears to be no longer at that address. Does any Newsletter reader know his whereabouts?

F. CALL FOR PAPERS

The 1988 Conference of the International Organization for the Study of Group Tensions will be held from June 24-26 at Princeton University. The conference's theme is "Problems of Racial, Ethnic and Other Special Groups: National and International Perspectives." The organization invites members and non-members to submit papers for presentation at the conference. Copies of abstracts and complete papers should be sent, no later than January 15, 1988 to:

Joseph B. Gittler  
Department of Sociology and Anthropology  
George Mason University  
Fairfax, Virginia 22030 USA  
tel. (703) 273-3284 or (703) 323-2900

G. PERIODICALS FOR SALE

Candace Brooks is in the process of liquidating parts of her collection of anthropological journals. These include:

Current Anthropology: March 1960: vol. 1, no. 2 thru June 1971: vol. 12, no. 3.

A few issues are missing, but most are there. Anyone interested in these journals (and possibly others) may have them.
for the price of postage. For further information or to stake your claim, please write to Dr. Brooks at:

20230 Merrick Drive
Saratoga, CA 95070

H. EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

DIRECTOR OF PACIFIC-ASIAN LEGAL STUDIES PROGRAM AND ASSISTANT, ASSOCIATE, OR FULL PROFESSOR OF LAW, University of Hawaii at Manoa, William S. Richardson School of Law. One full-time, tenure or non-tenure track position is available for the 1988-89 academic year, pending allocation of funds, to begin August 1, 1988. Duties: To develop an internationally recognized comparative law program, with a focus on the Pacific Basin region. The position may entail conference organizing, grant-writing, liaison with Pacific-Asian scholars, and working with students and faculty to expand research in Pacific-Asian legal systems. Additionally, teaching of related courses, scholarship, professional activities, committee work, community service and other assignments are required. Desirable Qualifications: An outstanding academic record and proven or potential excellence in scholarship and teaching; foreign language abilities; familiarity with Asian, Pacific and international scholars, organizations and institutions; work experience in Pacific-Asian law, international law, or comparative law; ability to teach courses in the J.D. program. Should be able to teach courses in Public or Private International Law, International Business Transactions or a comparative law course on specific legal systems. Administrative experience and creative talents are important. The University of Hawaii's minimum qualifications are: for Assistant Professor, J.D. degree; for Associate Professor, J.D. degree and four or more years of high quality practice or teaching; and Full Professor, J.D. degree and ten or more years of high quality practice or teaching or equivalent rank at another law school. Minimum Annual Salary (Current): Assistant Professor $35,424; Associate Professor $46,608; Full Professor $54,528; nine-month appointment, salary subject to change in 1988. Send a detailed resume to:

Lawrence Foster, Associate Dean
William S. Richardson School of Law
University of Hawaii at Manoa
2514 Dole Street
Honolulu, HAWAII 96822.

The closing date for applications is January 15, 1988.

VII. NEWS AND NOTES
A. Andrew Strathern, presently Mellon Professor at the University of Pittsburgh's Anthropology Department has been awarded a 10th Anniversary Independence medal by the Papua New Guinea Government. These medals were given in 1987 to "certain officers to commemorate the occasion and in recognition of their services in the Public Service of Papua New Guinea" (quotation from the letter of Paul Songo, Secretary of the Department of Personnel and Management, May 25, 1987). Professor Strathern was Professor of Social Anthropology at the University of Papua New Guinea from 1973-77 and Director of the Institute of Papua New Guinea Studies from 1981-86.

B. Bill McKellin, a senior research associate of the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, has recently conducted research into how the folktale, as a literary text and historical narrative, depends for its meaning upon the capacity of human memory to reconstruct a logical facsimile of an original story's content. Bill's research was held in Oro Province, Papua New Guinea, among a group of people he first visited in 1976, where he was able to gauge how narratives collected in his earlier visit had become transformed in subsequent tellings, and how the reconstructed version of an allegorical tale compared to the earlier form.

C. Nancy Lutkehaus, Assistant Professor of Anthropology at the University of Southern California, was awarded $23,500 over one year by the Spencer Foundation for a study of the visual translation of culture: the impact of filmic images on the perception of "the other".

D. Leslie Marshall, University of Iowa, has been working with Harvard University researchers in central Mexico to study the causal link between infant and child mortality and the mothers' schooling. Three hundred mothers in low-income neighborhoods of Cuernavaca were interviewed and observations were made of 72 pairs of mothers and five- to fifteen-month old babies, during which detailed information was recorded about the ways that schooling influences the thinking and behavior of poor, Third World mothers.

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