Changes Made in Allocation Of Space at Annual Meeting

Several changes regarding space allocation at the ASA Annual Meeting were made by Council on an experimental basis in an attempt to accommodate a growing number of space requests for sessions, meetings, and the distribution and sale of literature.

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The changes authorized during the January Council meeting pertain only to the 1979 meeting in Boston. The Executive Office will submit a report to Council after the meeting which will contain a complete listing of all groups that applied for space and which ones received it. Council will consider continuance of the changes at that point.

Changes involve (1) session time for scholarly groups not accorded regular program sessions; (2) meeting time for groups wishing to meet in conjunction with the ASA; and (3) a hospitality room for graduate and undergraduate students.

In addition, Council endorsed the right of members, individually or in association, to distribute and

Preferential Voting Set For ASA Election

All three candidates for the position of President-Elect have agreed to the use of a simple preferential voting system for that position in the 1979 ASA elections.

Use of the preferential system for the election of Association officers was recommended to Council during its January meeting by the Ad Hoc Committee on Election Procedures to eliminate expensive and time consuming run-offs.

Under a preferential system, voters rank order the candidates. If no candidate in a three-way race receives a majority of the votes, the lowest candidate is eliminated from the race and the ballots for that candidate are distributed among the top candidates on the basis of second choices on those ballots.

Council urged the Ad Hoc Committee to continue its efforts to establish procedures which will attempt to assure minority representation on Council.

The Ad Hoc Committee on Election Procedures is composed of Charles Y. Glock, Chair; William A. Anderson, Phillip Converse, Leobardo F. Estrada, William Foote Whyte, and J. Milton Yinger.

sell literature at Annual Meetings on a space available basis.

MORNING SESSIONS

Council stipulated that "legitimate groups with specialized interests not otherwise represented on the program be allowed use of meeting rooms in the morning prior to the opening of ASA regularly scheduled sessions". These time slots are limited to substantive content.

To be eligible, groups must submit to the Executive Office a petition signed by ten or more members of the Association. Space will be allocated on a first-

See **Space**, page 12

Committee on Sections Re-established

A Standing Committee on Sections has been re-established by ASA Council as the first step in its effort to more effectively coordinate Section activities with overall ASA activities.

As a second step, Council supported the formation of a Board of Section Chairs to facilitate communication among Sections on matters of common concern.

Both actions, taken during the January Council meeting, were based on recommendations made by the Ad Hoc Committee on Sections which was appointed by Council last year to look into the concerns being expressed by Sections.

Committee recommendations concerning Section Day programs, expenditure of funds, establishment of publications and awards, and future relations between Sections and the ASA were scheduled for consideration during the March Council meeting.

Members of the Ad Hoc Committee on Sections are Elise Boulding, chair; Irwin Deutscher, Moris Rosenberg, George Bohrnstedt, and Roland Chilton.

COMMITTEE ON SECTIONS

The Committee on Sections was reconstituted because its dissolution was felt to be partly responsible for the communication gap that has developed between Sections and Council.

A membership referendum in 1975 deleted the By-Laws provision for a Committee on Sections, effective January 1, 1976. The elimination of the Committee on Sections left no procedures for monitoring Section activities or for responding to concerns of Sections.

The new Standing Committee on Sections will be composed of a member of Council, the currently elected convener of the Board of Section Chairs (if organized), and three at-large members from the See Functions, page 3

Opportunity To Form

Research Groups

Often scholars who become interested in a research area find it difficult to develop contacts with others working on similar topics. The Association wishes to help make these contacts.

At the 1979 Annual Meeting in Boston, a new possibility will be introduced—Ad Hoc Working Groups. The opportunity will be available for members to get together to talk about common research problems and perhaps to initiate common or supportive research agendas. They will not be discussion groups or roundtables. The groups should continue beyond the Meeting and should be selfsustaining and motivating. The Association is interested in providing a location to initiate such groups.

Persons interested in forming such Working Groups should communicate that to Russell R. Dynes, American Sociological Association, 1722 N Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20036. They should indicate area of interest and their willingness to assume responsibility for continued coordination. Such groups would be most effective if their focus were delimited. rather than broad. Topics and organizers will be listed in FOOTNOTES and at the Annual Meeting with a time and place for the lead-off meeting to make plans for continued interaction. The interest of the Association is in providing initial space and publicity. If it proves to be useful, it could become a continuing feature of the Annual Prog-

Plenary Marks Symbolic Transfer of Responsibility

by Lawrence J. Rhoades

It was an unusual conference in an unusual place at an unusual time on an unusual topic with an unusual objective.

It was an unusual conference because in the words of one participant: "There was a certain warmth and enthusiasm and spirit of cooperation that, at least in my experience, is not usually found at conferences, even where many of the participants have been working together for some time....I got the feeling that this was kind of how academic conferences should be but mostly aren't."

The unusual place was Pittsburgh; the unusual time...February; the unusual topic...teaching; and the unusual objective..."to symbolize the transfer of responsibility for the support of teaching from a group of funded volunteers to the established structures of the discipline" of sociology.

Such, then, was the setting and the objective of the Plenary Conference on Teaching Undergraduate Sociology held in the Pittsburgh Marriott Inn, February 9-12, by the ASA Projects on Teaching Undergraduate Sociology.

The Plenary Conference marked the end of the initial grants the ASA Projects had received from the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education, HEW. However, the Conference proceedings clearly demonstrated that it was the end of a beginning rather than the beginning of the end.

As the Conference Handbook stated, "This Plenary Conference....is scheduled at this time when many of the activities initiated by the Projects have gained independent life and will continue without outside funding. Some have been institutionalized within various structures of the discipline. Others will continue to evolve and to be developed; new efforts will be launched, and some early projects and structures will end. Looking at the work of the past five years we can conclude that significant products of the Projects will be ongoing endeavors."

Several "ongoing endeavors" are undergoing further development by the Teacher Development Project with support from the Lilly Endowment, Inc. In addition, the ASA Teaching Resources Center and the ASA Teaching Newsletter are proceeding on a self-sustaining basis.

See Continuing, page 4

Task Force on Certification/Accreditation Created

Task forces have been established by ASA Council to look at issues including certification, licensing and accreditation that may affect the further development of the profession and to review existing knowledge in the sociology of homosexuality.

The task forces were authorized during the January Council meeting in response to a report from the Committee on the Profession and to a resolution passed at the 1977 Business Meeting in Chicago.

Acting on a resolution from the Business Meeting in San Francisco, Council passed a motion deploring "the University of Maryland's decision in denying appointment to Professor Bertell Ollman to chair the government department at College Park because those actions are in grave violation of academic freedom."

Richard Hill, chair, Committee on the Profession, reported the receipt of several requests for advice or information on matters of licensing and certification from members employed in non-academic settings.

DEVELOPMENT OF

PROFESSION

Hill further reported that concerns within the ASA Projects on Teaching Undergraduate Sociology suggest the need to consider accrediting program, particularly for community and junior colleges.

Hill reported that his Committee recommended the establishment of a task force to assist in gathering information on certification, licensing, and accreditation issues pertaining to sociologists.

Council accepted the recom-

mendation with the stipulation that accreditation issues be considered separately from legal certification and licensing.

Consequently, Council authorized the President to establish a task force to provide it with "an informational and analytic basis for determining what stance and specific actions the Association might take toward the further development of the profession, including but not limited to issues of (1) certification and licensing of sociologists for purposes of governmental, industrial and academic employment, and (2) the accreditation of academic programs."

HOMOSEXUALITY

Council authorized the task force on the sociology of homosexuality to review existing See Task, page 6

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sourcebook, describes key services — providing housing alternatives, teaching coping skills, using work as therapy, and so on — that can help long-term mentally ill patients handle the pressures of daily life and live closer to other people. Leonard Stein is editor. Mental Health Consultations in Community Settings, the third sourcebook, examines how mental health practitioners can provide consultation services to educators, the police, administrators of board-and-care homes, and caretakers in other community facilities. Alexander Rogawski is editor. Coping with the Legal Onslaught, the fourth sourcebook, examines the effects of judicial decisions, civil rights disputes, and legislation (such as malpractice laws) on the activities, alternatives, and responsibilities of mental health professionals. Seymour Halleck is editor.

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ADAMHA Raises Small Grant Limit

A Masters Degree in Mental Health **Evaluation** is being offered at the Graduate School of the Hahnemann Medical College of Philadelphia. The NIMH-supported training program provides postgraduate training and experience in the design, implementation, and utilization of program evaluation and applied research in human service settings. For further information contact: Dr. George Spivack or Dr. Jonathan A. Morell, Department of Mental Health Services, Community Mental Health/Mental Retardation, The Hahnemann Medical College & Hospital, 314 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102

The ASA Research Skills Development Institute, to be held June 18-July 16 at Morgan State University, will cover the following general topics: Week 1: "Introduction to the Research Process, Problem Formulation, Scale Types and Uses of Research" (Taylor); Week 2: "The Developments of Research Questions and Hypotheses: Univariate to Multivariate Distributions" (Hill); Week 3: "Models and Theory Construction, Sampling Inference, Correlational Analysis and the Problem of Causation" (Blalock); Week 4: "Computer Characteristics, Programming, and Applications' (Hedgepeth). For applications, write: Project Director, Research Institute, ASA, 1722 N Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20036.

Financial Aid: A Partial List of Resources for Women is available from the Project on the Status and Education of Women, AAC, 1818 R Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20009.

A Workshop on Chicano Identity will be held at the University of Colorado-Boulder, April 27-29. Further information and programs may be obtained from: Albert Ramirez, Chicano Studies Program, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO 80309.

The 7th Annual Conference on Ethnic and Minority Studies will be held May 2-5 at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. An informational brochure may be secured from: Sara Bently, Institute for Minority Studies, University of Wisconsin, 101 Main Hall, La Crosse, WI 54601.

The SWS Mid-Year Steering Committee meeting was held March 2-4 in Milwaukee. National SWS officers, committee chairpersons, regional SWS representatives, and other members participated. The meeting was chaired by the current national president, Pamela Roby.

The Data User Services of the Census Bureau has printed a list of user training activities being offered this year. For copies of the calendar and descriptions of activities, write: User Training Branch/Data Users Services Division, U.S. Bureau of the Washington, D.C. 20233.

The 1979 Women's Educational Equity Research Grants Program emphasizes fundamental research about the social processes which influence girls' and women's achievements in the areas of mathematics, science, and technology. Among social processes which might be examined in this competition are: formation of self-concept, aspirations, self-expectations, especially in relation to mathematical, scientific, and technological education and occupations; role modeling of successful adults of both sexes; perception of the structure of educational and occupational opportunities which involve science, mathematics, and technology. Deadline for submitting proposals is May 10, 1979. For program announcement and other information, write: Social Processes/Women's Research

Team, National Institute of Education, 1200 19th Street, NW, Room 819, Washington, D.C. 20208.

A summer seminar on "The Status of Women in a Changing Africa" will be held June 18-August 10, 1979 at Northwestern University. For further information on this NEH summer program write: Remi Clignet, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL 60201.

The First Annual Conference on Women in Crisis will be held in New York May 17-19. Topics to be covered are: Women and Mental Health, Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Justice. For information write: Women in Crisis, 444 Park Avenue, South, New York, NY 10016

The new second edition of Professional Women and Minorities-A Manpower Data Resource Service pre sents highlights on the educational and occupational progress for women and minority professionals.

"Women have approximately doubled their proportion of earned degrees in the sciences since 1970 and quadrupled their share of engineering bachelor's degrees. In medicine, dentistry, law, their proportions have also increased. In business and management, minorities have increased their share of master's degrees to 6.8% in 1977, while women now earn 12% of those degrees, up from 4% in 1971.

Unemployment rates for professionally trained women continue to be two to five times higher than for men in the same field with the same level of training, and the gap increases at higher degree levels. For example, in the social sciences, the unemployment rate for men doctorates was 1.0% and for women, 4.0%.

Employment of women in higher education has grown slowly over the 1970s, as college enrollments began to level off, but women's progress up the academic ladder still lags far behind that of men.

Minority women, like majority wo men, rank well below men of any race in terms of employment and advance-ment opportunities."

Sociologists looking for support to carry out exploratory or pilot studies, to develop and test a new technique or method, or to analyze data previously collected should apply to the Small Grants Program of the Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Administration (ADAMHA) which just raised its support limit to \$10,000.

An estimated total of \$2 million is budgeted annually by the three ADAMHA Institutes for the support of the program.

The ADAMHA Small Grants Program accepts applications that fall within the program interests of the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), and the Na-

(NIDA). Support is limited to a one year period and is not renewable. The Small Grants Program pro-

tional Institute on Drug Abuse

vides relatively rapid financial support which is principally intended for newer, less experienced investigators, those at small colleges, and others who do not have regular research grant support or resources available from their institutions.

Small grant applications may be submitted at any time and without regard to the receipt dates that pertain to the regular research grant program. However, applications requesting early Summer (June) dates must be received no later than December 1; applications with July and August starting dates must be received no later than February 1.

Small grant support may not be requested to supplement research already being supported, or to provide interim support of projects under review by the Public Health Service. Simultaneous submissions of both a small and regular research grant application on the same topic will not be accepted. Small grant support may not be requested for thesis or disertation research.

For guidelines and additional information about the Small Grants Program, contact: Dr. Ellen Simon Stover, Small Grants Program, National Institute of Mental Health, ADAMHA, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. Phone: (301) 443-4337.

NSF Launches Program to Improve Management of Research Projects

The National Science Foundation (NSF) has started an experimental program to improve the management of research projects supported by NSF and to simplify administration of research grants.

Richard C. Atkinson, NSF Director, said the experiment will demonstrate that better accountability is not synonymous with more paperwork.

"If successful," Atkinson said, this experiment will show that the nation's universities, working in partnership with the Federal government, can give the American taxpayer more research value for each dollar spent and with a good deal less frustration over red

PROGRAM ELEMENTS

The two elements of the experiment are a master grant concept and an expanded "Organizational Prior Approval System" (OPAS).

In the master grant concept, research projects approved by NSF in a single fiscal year at an institution are treated as parts of a single grant rather than as individual units. This permits simplified accounting methods and makes it easier for investigators to share resources among research projects.

The specially designed OPAS allows the university to make many of the decisions now normally made by the NSF, except for changes in such matters as the level of effort or scope of work. In return, the university agrees to certain safeguards to ensure that valid decisions are made.

The experimental program does not affect the NSF's peer review system used to evaluate proposals for scientific research programs. The experimental program will

run for one year in the Chemistry Departments of the University of Florida, the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA), the University of California at San Diego, and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Several other universities also have expressed interest in participating. During the trial period NSF will collect data to determine the advantages and disadvantages of the new procedure. The evaluation will include an audit of accounting transactions to ensure that the system provides appropriate accountability over grant expenditures.

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Functions of Committee on Sections Listed

Continued from page 1 Association serving three-year rotating terms.

The following functions were assigned to the new Committee by

- 1. Implementation of ASA rules regarding Sections.
- 2. Further development of criteria for the establishment of Sections, including consideration

of the meaning and function of Sections in the Association.

- 3. Development of an appropriate monitoring system in relation to the criteria, and the receipt of annual Section reports.
- 5. Performance of an advisory function for new Sections, for new officers of old Sections, and generally be available to Sections as needed, to assist with problems and complaints, and otherwise serve the interests of the Sections.

4. Revision of the Section Manual to conform to changing needs.

BOARD OF CHAIRS

In suggesting the formation of a Board of Section Chairs, Council expressed the desire to have the Board meet separately and jointly with the Committee on Sections during Annual Meetings. Council also hoped Board members would elect a "convener" to serve as communications coordinator between meetings.

Council instructed the Executive Office to provide communication facilities to the Board as needed.

in connection with the ASA Annual Meeting 1. Data Analysis: Objectives and Tools

(11 a.m.-1 p.m.)

R. Gnanedesikan, Head, Statistics and Data Analysis Research Department, Bell Laboratories

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Section Dues Increased for 1980

Annual dues for Section membership has been raised to \$5.00 effective in 1980 by ASA Council to more nearly recover through Section dues the direct costs of Section activities to the Association.

Council took the action during its January meeting upon the recommendation of the Committee on the Executive Office and the Budget. The Association currently

receives \$3.00 per Section member for direct costs. These costs include clerical for Section support activities-correspondence, collection of dues, payment of bills; printing and distributing a ballot and mailings (a total of 16 pages per year); maintenance of computerized membership lists and accounting records; and costs associated with the Annual Meeting.

In 1978, the cost of these services ran to about \$5.00 per member, according to an analysis made by the Committee on the Executive Office and Budget. Since 58% of the membership does not belong to Sections, Council felt the subsidy of Sections should be reduced in this period of inflation and tight budgets.

Some Sections currently charge \$5.00 for dues, \$2.00 of which is under the control of the Section. With the increase to \$5.00 for ASA expenses, Sections wishing to retain their own funds will need to raise their dues to \$7.00.

Five General Sessions to Focus on Teaching at ASA Meeting

A series of five general sessions scheduled for the ASA Annual Meeting in Boston will give "Issues in Teaching" a prominent place in the annual program of the Association for the first time.

The 74th Annual Meeting will be held in the Sheraton Boston Hotel from August 27-31.

Recognizing that the Association and its members have a vested interest in the vitality of the teaching enterprise, the 1979 Program Committee developed major sessions on five critical issues related to teaching.

These issues are (1) alternative curriculum models, (2) the first course, (3) graduate training for teaching sociology, (4) evaluating and rewarding teaching, and (5) institutional and disciplinary controls.

"These sessions are intended for a broad audience of sociologists concerned with the quality of the teaching enterprise," Hubert M. Blalock, Jr., ASA President, said. "It is our hope that these 'Issues in Teaching' will become a permanent part of the annual program."

Besides orienting the sessions to a broad audience of sociologists, the 1979 Program Committee also drew on the board spectrum of institutions in which sociology is taught for session participants: universities, colleges, and community colleges.

Besides Blalock, members of the 1979 Program Committee are Charles Y. Glock, Joseph Gusfield, John Kasarda, Albert J. Reiss, James F. Short, Jr., Ida Harper Simpson, and Howard F. Taylor.

SESSION PARTICIPANTS

Fred Campbell, University of Washington, will preside over the session on "Alternative Curriculum Models". David Riesman, Harvard University, will speak on "The Undergraduate Sociology Curriculum: The Liberal Arts

Feeder System Developed at IWU

A "feeder system" to encourage research, writing and participation in professional activities at the undergraduate level has been developed by the Alpha Kappa Delta chapter at Illinois Wesleyan University.

The AKD chapter sponsors an on-campus student competition that includes all papers written for sociology courses. The competition identifies outstanding papers that are then submitted to undergraduate competitions held by the Illinois Sociological Association, the Midwest Sociological Society and the national AKD competition.

The student who writes the best paper for the year receives a one year membership in the American Sociological Association.

For more information on the "feeder system", contact Emily Dunn Dale, Department of Sociology & Anthropology, Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, IL 61701.

Function"; James A. Davis, Harvard University, will present

"Quantitative Matters in Undergraduate Sociology: Some Qualitative Observations"; and Sharon McPherron, St. Louis Community College, will outline "The Undergraduate Curriculum: Issues of Planning, Progression, and Accountability".

Raymond W. Mack, Northwestern University, will guide the session on the all-important "First Course". Paul Baker, Illinois Stat University, will issue "An Invitation to Sociology"; Robert Perrucci, Purdue University, will discuss "A Survey of the Field"; and Albert Chabot, Macomb Community College, will assess "Multiple Entries to Sociology".

Charles Goldsmid, Oberlin College, will chair the session on "Graduate Training for Teaching Sociology". Everett Wilson, UNC-Chapel Hill, will trace "The Scholarly Route to Becoming a

Teacher of Sociology"; William Ewens, Michigan State University, will detail "Issues in Socialization into the Teacher Role"; and Thomas J. Rice, Denison College, will concentrate on "Learning the Sociology of the Classroom".

Lee Bowker, UW-Milwaukee, will preside over the session on "Evaluating and Rewarding Teaching". William D'Antonio, University of Connecticut, will examine the relationship between "Teaching and Career Management"; Hans O. Mauksch, University of Missouri, will present "A Minority Group Model of the Undergraduate Teacher"; and Reece McGee, Purdue University, will analyze "Criteria Problems in Assessing Teaching Performance".

Albert J. Reiss, Yale University, will chair the session on "Institutional and Disciplinary Controls". Theodore C. Wagenaar, Miami University, will look at "The Classroom as Reflection of the Social Structures of Disciplines and Colleges"; Jay Lowe, TVA, will open the discussion of "Accreditation and Certification"; and Betty Maynard, Southern Methodist University, will present "The Sociology Department Chair: A Sociological Analysis".

Texas Establishes Monetary Reward for Teaching

A new policy to reward good undergraduate teaching, especially of freshman and sophomore courses, has been established in the College of Liberal Arts at the University of Texas, Austin by Dean Robert King.

Dean King announced that every year sufficient funds are available he will select 10 faculty members from the college and recommend for each an additional merit salary increase of \$1,000 based on a sustained record of outstanding undergraduate teaching, especially at the lower-division level. He emphasized that the \$1,000 will be in addition to any merit raise recommended by the department.

"The University values both good teachers and good researchers," King said, "but undergraduate teaching hasn't always been adequately rewarded in the past."

Essentially, the Dean said, he has decided to "put our money where our priorities lie."

Each department in the College of Liberal Arts has been instructed by the Dean to give him a list of not less than two names of persons who meet the following qualifications:

- They must be faculty members who have taught at the University for at least three full years.
- They must have a record of sustained teaching excellence, particularly at the lower-division level.

MEASURING EXCELLENCE

To measure "sustained teaching

excellence", the Dean has asked the department to consider;

- Peer evaluations, which could include judgments based on colleagues evaluating each others' classes.
- Evaluations of course materials used by faculty.
- Evaluations of the quality of work by students enrolled in the courses of faculty being considered for recommendation.
- Student evaluations of teachers.

Dean King said that all salary increases for faculty are merit increases based on teaching, research and public service. To make sure that good teaching is rewarded at the University, however, he is going to focus on that aspect by recommending an additional merit increase over and above increases recommended by departments.

Stanley S. Clawer, Rosemont College, was chosen President-Elect of the Pennsylvania Sociological Society during its annual meeting at Cedar Crest College in Allentown.

Penn Society

Elects Officers

Other officers elected were Joan Mandle, Penn State-Media, Secretary-Treasurer, and Diana Papademas, Penn State-Sharon, Newsletter Editor. The current President is William R.F. Phillips, Widener College, Chester.

The theme of the annual meeting was "Making Sociology Work: Social Research and Social Policy in the 1980s". The Society has more than 100 members.

A Spring interim conference was held March 31 at Slippery Rock State College.

Youth Values Report

A final report on a 1977 inquiry conducted by teenagers into the attitudes values and experiences of 1,000 female and male teenagers in New York City regarding sex, contraception and life goals has been issued by the Youth Values Project.

Susan Ross, project director, said the study was conducted "to clarify the reasons teenagers do or don't use birth control".

The Project was sponsored by the Population Institute in Washington and the State Communities Aid Association in New York City.

Copies of the report are available for \$1.50 from Susan Ross, Director, The Youth Values Project, c'o The Experiment, Kipling Road, Brattleboro, VT 05301.

Continuing Effort to Improve Teaching Outlined

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And by acclamation, Conference participants endorsed the continued existence of the ASA Projects as the coordinating body for further efforts to improve teaching in sociology.

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

One hundred and eleven sociologists from all over the United States attended the first national conference on teaching in the discipline. They represented the broad spectrum of educational institutions in which sociology is taught as well as the range of professional associations—national, regional, state—in whose structures, activities and values further institutionalization of the improvement and the recognition of teaching resides.

Among the participants were six ASA Council members including two officers, two former and the current ASA Executive Officer, and officers and officials from all regional associations, the National Council of State Sociological Associations, and several state associations. Program managers from the funding sources were also present.

Having traveled the "bumpy road" to the Marriott, Conference participants found themselves locked into a demanding Program organized by Gail Brady, Project Associate, that kept them busy from morning until evening hearing, talking and thinking about teaching sociology.

Plenary session after plenary session, discussion group after discussion group, demonstration after demonstration, idea exchanges after idea exchanges, and speaker after speaker followed.

PROCESS & OUTCOMES

This activity had an underlying logic. It moved from articulation of the problems to explorations of solutions to recommendations for action.

In the process, some romantic notions about teaching were challenged (i.e., teachers are born not made; teaching cannot be evaluated; bad teaching does not affect the discipline or the profession); issues concerning courses and curriculum, teacher development, and structural supports for teaching were raised; the diverse institutional environments in which sociology is taught were examined; new efforts, resources and approaches to teaching were

demonstrated; historical precedents expressing a concern for teaching in sociology were cited; solutions to the problems were explored; and recommendations for action were made.

What emerged from the process was a clearer understanding that the improvement of teaching in sociology would require a long-term, multidimensional, multi-level strategy. In fact, sociology may not be able to do it alone; it may require a coordinated effort among several disciplines.

A sampling of suggestions and recommendations made at the Conference indicates the range of activities emcompassed by this larger strategy: (1) ASA should employ one full time professional staff member to support services to teachers and teaching; (2) Departments should be encouraged to include teacher training in graduate programs; to establish in-service training programs for faculty; and to give greater weight to teaching in hiring and rewarding practices; (3) Sociological theory and concepts should be incorporated into research and evaluation of teaching; (4) A student profile data bank should be created; (5) A concerted program emphasis on the first course should be given in state, regional, and national association meetings; (6) Model curriculum packages should be developed; (7) Curriculum should be on the agenda of all professional associations; (8) Networks based on teaching should be developed; and (9) Institutional administrators should be approached about the development of support systems for teaching.

A more complete report on the recommendations will appear in *FOOTNOTES* when the Conference report is submitted to ASA Council.

In fairness, it must be said that the Conference was not all work. There were social hours, communal meals, late hour "rap" sessions, and, of course, standing ovations for Hans O. Mauksch, Projects Director, and others involved in the Conference planning.

After the Conference was over, one participant summed up its significance in this manner: "The Conference will be like a pool—a stone thrown in the middle, emanating influence to the far banks."

The Pittsburgh Conference. It will long be remembered.

NEH Offers Fellowships to Teachers

Three categories of fellowships, two of which are aimed primarily at undergraduate teachers, are being offered by the National Endowment for the Humanities for the 1980-81 academic year.

Sociologists have received fellowships from these NEH programs. Social sciences are included under the humanities when the projects are philosophical and/or historical. Several seminars under Category C are offered by sociologists. For the Summer 1979 list, see February FOOTNOTES.

Categories A and B offer fellowships for independent study and research in the humanities and carry stipends of up to \$10,000 for six months of tenure, and \$20,000

NIE Invites Proposals On Organizational Process

Funding for basic research on organizational processes in elementary and secondary schools is available from the Program of Grants for Research on Organizational Processes in Education, National Institute of Education, which currently supports four investigations being conducted by sociologists.

The program is funded at approximately the \$1.0 million level for new projects this year. The next submission deadline is August 15.

Proposals submitted to this program must attempt to increase or synthesize basic knowledge about one or more organizations processes, or the barriers which impede or prevent these processes from working in elementary and secondary schools.

Organizational processes include means by which a school or larger administrative unit makes basic policy choices, sets goals, recruits and assigns personnel, chooses and implements courses of action, allocates resources, establishes organizational forms and structures, gather and processes information on performance, and takes correction action based on such evaluation.

Interaction among personnel and among organizational units, and changes in processes and interactions within the organization over time are also covered by the program. Studies of other organizations such as school districts,

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Copyright 1979, ASA. Third class postage paid at Washington, D.C. and additional mailing offices. state or Federal agencies, and community groups are also invited if they contribute to increased understanding of organizational processes in elementary and secondary schools.

The program emphasizes modest-scale efforts which look in depth at a few settings or which reanalyze existing data using more carefully-developed concepts.

FUNDED PROJECTS

The program currently funds the following projects being conducted by sociologists:

Magnet Schools in Their Organizational Environment: Mary Haywood Metz, Mount Mary College, Milwaukee, 1/79-8/81, 881,080.

Conditions and Processes of Problem Identification, Definition and Resolution in Two School Systems: Toward a Grounded Theory: Peter and Dee Hall, Center for Research in Social Behavior, University of Missouri, 3/78-2/80, \$146,495.

Education Decision-Making in Students' Careers: Hugh Mehan, Director, Teacher Education Program, UC-San Diego, 9/78-9/81, \$190.753.

The Authority System and Alternative Coupling Mechanisms in Elementary Schools: Lawrence Redlinger, CPI Associates, Inc., Dallas, 5/78-4/81, \$213,664.

For further information contact: Grants for Research on Organizational Processes in Education, National Institute of Education, 1200 19th Street, NW (Mail Stop 16), Washington, D.C. 20208. Phone: (202) 254-7930.

Planning Survey Of PhD Nurses

A national survey of doctorally-prepared nurses will be conducted by the American Nurses Association with support from HEW to determine the number of nurses with doctorates, their career patterns and factors in their working environment.

One outcome of the study will be the publication of a national directory of doctorally-prepared

Nurses who have received a doctorate since 1972 are asked to send their name (maiden and married), address and date of birth to the American Nurses Association, Director, Department of Research, Grants and Contracts, 2420 Pershing Road, Kansas City, MO 64108, so that they can be included in the

for twelve months. Application deadline for both categories is Iune 1.

Category A is open to all scholars, teachers, and other interpreters of the humanities. Category B is intended for persons engaged primarily in teaching undergraduates in colleges and universities.

Fellowships in Category C provide teachers in undergraduate and two-year colleges opportunities to participate in seminars directed by distinguished scholars at designated universities and to undertake study and research of their own choosing beyond the work of the seminar.

Category Cfellowships are open only to members of departments that do not offer the PhD. These fellowships carry stipends of up to \$20,000 for twelve months of tenure. The application deadline is November 12. The directors, topics and locations of the seminars are available from NEH.

Applicants may apply under only one category in any one year. They need not have advanced degrees, but must have completed their professional training. Degree candidates may not apply, nor may those seeking support for work leading toward degrees.

Application materials for all three categories may be obtained from the Division of Fellowships, Mail Stop 101, National Endowment for the Humanities, 806 15th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20015. I like to think of myself as neither single nor simple minded. At times, a number of connecting events forces me to consider one activity and its complexity. I have been thinking about teaching.

Recently, I read Robert E. Park: Biography of a Sociologist (Duke University Press). In it, there is an account of Ernest Burgess as a new instructor with his assignment to teach introductory Sociology for the first time. He asked a senior colleague for the syllabus he used; he refused. He asked another colleague, Park; he agreed. That collaboration lead to a very influential textbook, not just for students, but for the conceptual classification of the discipline. Both men were Presidents of the ASA. I tried to imagine what would have happened if the first colleague had given Burgess the syllabus and he had followed it.

I also read Dan Rather's account of the formative years of his career. (A Camera Never Blinks, Morrow). He recalls a Sociology professor, Dr. Koenniger, at Sam Houston State who raised questions with him as a student reporter, about his "evidence". That forced Rather to think about the nature of proof in reporting and he still grapples with those questions many years later.

More recently, I attended the Plenary Conference of the ASA Teaching Projects in Pittsburgh, discussed elsewhere in this issue. There, over 100 sociologists spent time thinking and reporting about teaching. It was impressive. The stimulus to Sociology that has come from the Projects has been important. The enthusiasm is contagious and the impact growing. We all each owe a debt of gratitude to Hans Mauksch, Tad Blalock, and the hundreds of others who have contributed their energies and talents to think about teaching Sociology.

Also in Pittsburgh, I had a chance to see the results of a 25 year old teaching "experiment". Back in the early 1950s, my wife babysat for two neighborhood children whose "foreign" parents wanted them to learn "spoken" English. We lost track of that experimental group for many years but the two of them have reappeared as the second and third students back in the U.S. from Mainland China. I thought I could still detect a "southern" tone of my wife in their renewed attempts to communicate to us the meaning of the last several decades. Even with our "native" precision, those years are still hard to understand.

All of these seemingly isolated events relate to teaching and its importance—for the structure of our discipline; for the careers of others; for our own careers; for interpersonal and international understanding. Perhaps the key to it all is that, when we think of teaching, we are always discussing our learning.—RRD (Bigfoot)

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Both workshops utilize new texts containing recent publications by the staff, plus additional introductory material. Tuition is \$425 for one workshop, \$750 for both, and includes the course text(s), computer time, and lunches.

For further information contact:

Claudia Kelly, Workshop Coordinator or Jay Magidson, Director IAS Workshop Series Abt Associates Inc. 55 Wheeler Street Cambridge, MA 02138 (617) 492-7100

Spivack Fellowship Application Deadline Set for June 1

Three Sydney Spivack Fellowships in intergroup relations will be awarded to ASA members during 1979 through a grant to the Association from the Cornerhouse Fund.

The grants of about \$5,000 each are intended (1) to recognize major contributions to interracial, interethnic, and inerreligious relations and (2) to support continuing research and action programs in intergroup relations.

A Fund spokesman said the Fellowships are to serve simultaneously as recognition for past accomplishments and as stimulus for future productivity.

Competition for the 1979 Spivack Fellowships will be limited to the following areas:

- (1) For recognition of significant applications of sociological knowledge to actual prevailing social conditions and to encourage future applications.
- (2) For recognition of sustained scholarly contributions throughout the recipient's sociological career and to encourage further contributions.
- (3) For recognition of a significant sociological work that has appeared during the previous five year period and to encourage future contributions.

Nominations for the fellowships must be received by June 1, 1979 in the ASA Executive Office. Winners will be announced and formal presentations will be made during the ASA Annual Meeting in Boston.

In submitting a nomination, a nominator should specify the category for which a person is being nominated. Nominators are also asked to provide information concerning one or more of the following when appropriate: (1) nominee's publications; (2) practical applications of sociological knowledge in action programs, e.g., housing, health, employment; (3) service to local communities, organizations, and government agencies; and (4) current activities.

The ASA has established the following eligibility requirements for the Fellowships: (1) No person may receive more than one such Fellowship. (2) No one who has prepared manuscripts on commission from the Cornerhouse Fund or received substantial support from the Fund shall be eligible. (3) Fellowships are made only to ASA members

Census Experts Wanted for Project

Experts with census processing or use skills are needed to participate for short periods in technical support to developing countries for the 1980 worldwide census program.

The project is being developed by DUALabs and Delta Systems Consultants, Inc., with funding

One component of the project requires using census data to analyze the status of women in selected countries

Assignments will be on a shortterm basis, usually six weeks, and may be available in the U.S., Asia, Africa and Latin America.

For more information, contact J.C. Beresford, President, Data Use and Access Laboratories, Inc., 1601 North Kent State, Suite 900, Arlington, VA 22209. Phone: (703) 525-1480.

Med Soc Program At Boston Univ.

A summer program in medical sociology will be offered by the Department of Sociology at Boston University that includes two courses in Boston and a London Study Tour.

For further information, contact Mark G. Field, Program Director, Boston University, Department of Sociology, 100 Cummington Street, Boston, MA 02215. Phone: (617) 353-2591

Two ASA representatives to other organizations have recently been appointed: Hanan Selvin to the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and Lee Robins to the Committee on Problems of Drug De-

Robert Kleiner, Temple University, and Samuel Klausner, University of Pennsylvania, will represent the Association at the annual meeting of the Academy of Political and Social Sciences in Philadelphia.

Robert Parke, SSRC, Washington, and Philip Converse, University of Michigan, will represent the Association on the newly formed Committee of Professional Associations on Federal Statistics.

Immanual Wallerstein represented the Association at the inauguration of the President of SUNY-Purchase.

President Hubert M. Blalock, Jr., testified before the National Research Council Commission on National Needs for Biomedical and Behavioral Research Personnel, Washington.

Paul Williams represented the Association at the Eastern and Southern Regional meetings; Larry Rhoades at the Eastern and Southwestern; Doris Wilkinson at the Eastern and Pacific meetings as well as the National SWS meeting in Milwaukee.

Sigmund Diamond, Alice Myers, and Russell Dynes represented the ASA at the 1979 Annual Meeting of the American Council of Learned Societies, Washington.

Russell R. Dynes attended the Midwestern and North Central Regional meetings.

Task Force on Homosexuality

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knowledge in the sociology of homosexuality and identify topics in this field which demand research.

The task force will be composed of three members of the Sociologists Gay Caucus and three non-members. A non-member is to serve as task force chair and the task force is to submit its report to Council.

Responding to other provisions of the resolution, Council authorized the ASA Executive Office to send press releases to all major press services announcing the Association's recommendation that "sexual orientation" be included as an anti-discrimination provision in civil rights legislation and regulatory codes.

Council did not act on the provisions concerning the journal, The Body Politic, pending a report on the disposition of the case by the Attorney General of Ontario.

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COURSE INSTRUCTORS

Dr. Alan Agresti, Associate Professor, Department of Statistics, University of Florida. Author of Statistical Methods for the Social Sciences (Dellen Publishing), to be given to all course participants. Dr. Agresti has taught applied regression to social scientists many times and serves as a statistical consultant for the social sciences.

Dr. Robert Smidt, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science and Statistics. Cal. Poly. State University, Author of Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences (to be published in 1980), pre-publication copies of multivariate chapters to be given to all participants. Dr. Smidt has taught applied multivariate analysis many times and has served as a consultant on numerous behavioral science research projects requiring multivariate analysis.

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April 26-28. North Central Sociological Association. Annual Meeting. Cascade Plaza Holiday Inn, Akron. Theme: "Sociology in the 1980s: Problems and Prospects". Contact: Paul Sites, Department of Sociology, Kent State University, Kent, OH 44242.

April 27-28. Conference on Human Behavior: A Bio-Psycho-Social Phenomenon." Focuses exclusively on human behavior. Contact: Cindy Miller, Vanderbilt University, Box 1811, Station B, Nashville, TN 37235.

April 28-May 2. Western Gerontological Society. 25th Annual Meeting. San Francisco. Theme: "A Celebration of Life". Contact: WGS, 785 Market Street, Suite 1114, San Francisco, CA 94103.

May 3-4. Conference on Children of One-Parent Households. Wayne State University. Speakers: Selma Fraiberg, Paul C. Glick, E. Mavis Hetherington, Asa G. Hilliard III. Contact: Sally Brown, Council on Early Childhood, Center for Urban Studies, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI 48202. Phone: (313) 577-2208.

May 5-6. East Coast Conference of Socialist Sociologists. University of Delaware. Contact: ECSS Conference Committee, clo Department of Sociology, University of Delaware, Newark, DE 19711.

May 10-11. Computer Science and Statistics: 12th Annual Symposium on the Interface. University of Waterloo, Ontario, Canada. Contact: Jane F. Gentleman, Department of Statistics, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario. Canada NZL 3G1.

May 10-12. Law and Society Association. Annual Meeting. Sheraton-Palace Hotel, San Francisco. Contact: James E. Wallace, University of Denver College of Law, 200 West 14th Avenue, Denver, CO 80204.

May 17-19. Women in Crisis Conference. Americana Hotel, New York City. Contact: Women in Crisis, 444 Park Avenue, South, New York, NY 10016.

May 23-26. The West Virginia University Gerontology Conference on Transitions of Aging. Ramada Inn, Morgantown. Contact: Nancy Lohmann, Gerontology Center, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV 26506.

May 28-30. Caribbean Studies Association. Fourth Annual Conference. Fort-de-France, Martinique. Theme: "Research in the Caribbean". Previously scheduled for January 10-12. Contact: Alvin W. Murch, 68 Mountain Road, Cheshire, CT 06140.

June 20-22. National Symposium on Rural Justice. Knoxville, TN. Contact: Ronald K. Green, Director, Office of Continuing Social Work Education, University of Tennessee School of Social Work, 2012 Lake Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37916.

August 27-31. American Sociological Association. Annual Meeting. Sheraton Boston Hotel. Theme: "The Relationship Between Theory and Research: An Assessment of Fundamental Problems and Their Possible Resolution".

October 26-28. Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Annual Meeting. Menger Hotel, San Antonio, TX. Theme: "Lifestyle and Faith". Contact: SSSR Business Office, Box U68A, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT

PUBLICATIONS

Qualitative Sociology invites papers for a special issue on sexual behavior. There are no methodological, theoretical, or philosophical restrictions on submissions. Send four copies of manuscripts to: Jay Corzine, Department of Sociology, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE 68588.

International Journal of Sociology of the Family seeks papers on nonmarital cohabitation for a special issue in 1980. Especially interested in articles on non-marital cohabitation in non-Western societies. While some preference will be given to empirical pieces, theoretical ones are welcomed. Submission deadline is August 30, 1979. ASK format. Send three copies of manuscript to: Man Singh Das, Department of Sociology, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL 60115.

California Sociologist: A Journal of Sociology and Social Work invites contributions for a special issue on current research (70s) of Pacific Asian-Americans (Cambodian, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Philippino, Samoan, Vietnamese) to appear in Summer 1980. Submission deadline is December 31, 1979. ASR format. Send three copies of manuscript to: Larry Hong or Ton Tsukashima, Co-Editors, Department of Sociology, California State University, Los Angeles, CA 90032. Submissions for regular issues are also welcomed

American Journal of Sociology solicits papers for a supplementary issue on Marxist inspirations in contemporary social research. The editors are looking

Population Studies and Training Center, Brown University, expects to offer one or more 10-12 month postdoctoral fellowships beginning in July or September 1979 and for the 1980 academic year. Interested in qualified candidates who are government research and policy officials trained and working in the field of population, foreign social scientists not trained in demography but whose professional activities would benefit from work in population studies, and social science faculty at American institutions who have not been trained in population studies but who are responsible for teaching or developing courses with a population component in the undergraduate or graduate curriculum. Before submitting a formal application, interested individuals are welcome to inquire about the program and their eligibility for an award. Deadline for September 1979 appointments is April 30; deadline for July or September 1980 appointments is January 15, 1980. Contact: Sidney Goldstein, Director, Population Studies and Training Center, Brown University, Providence, RI 02912.

FIELD RESEARCH

The Center for Field Research, a non-profit organization established to provide funding and volunteer support for field research, is accepting proposals for 1980. Projects are considered on the basis of scholarly merit and their ability to constructively utilize the assistance of motivated lay volunteers in the field. These non-specialists underwrite the costs of research in exchange for the opportunity to participate in field work. Contact: Nancy Bell Scott, The Center for Field Research, 10 Juniper Road, Box 127-X, Belmont, MA

for concrete studies that are conceived and executed within some Marxist tradition or address a problem distinctively raised by Marxist writers or test or develop Marxist ideas about a given aspect of social life. Submission deadline is February 1, 1980. Papers may be no longer than 45 typewritten, double-spaced pages. AJS style. Three copies of the manuscript should be sent to either: Michael Burawoy, Department of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley, CA 94720, or Theda Skocpol, Department of Sociology, Harvard University, William James Hall, Cambridge, MA 02138.

Alternative Lifestyles invites contributions to its special issue on "The Busted Bond", which will deal with the processes involved in the dissolution of intimate relationships, including but not limited to marriage. Manuscripts may be reports of empirical research or theory development, with a little humor sprinkled in. Sage publication style. Send three copies of manuscript by June 1 to: Helen J. Raschke, The Graduate School of Social Work, Norfolk State College, Norfolk, VA 23504

International Review of Cross Cultural Studies seeks manuscripts that deal with provocative themes in global studies or report cross cultural research. Book reviews and notes on area studies, and international education programs are also welcomed. Send two copies of manuscripts to: Editor, International Review of Cross Cultural Studies, Box AF, Grambling, LA 71245.

Alternative Lifestyles invites manuscripts on alternative structures and processes for intimacy in the later years for a special issue on intimacy and aging that will be published in 1980. Submission deadline is July 1, 1979. Send manuscripts to: Paula Dressel, Department of Sociology, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA 30303. Use Sage publication style.

Journal of Popular Culture solicits substantive papers of not more than 15-20 pages for an issue with an "In-Depth" section on "Latin American Popular Culture". Topics are comics, pulps, radio, television, tabloid press, carnivals, sports, popular music, cinema fotonovelas, cartoons, and popular poster or wall art. Papers must be completed by January 1, 1980, but oneor two-page proposals should be submitted as soon as possible to: Harold E. Hinds, Jr., Division of Social Sciences, University of Minnesota, Morris, MN 56267, and Charles Tatum, Department of Foreign Languages, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM 88003.

Caribbean Review, a quarterly journal, dedicated to the Caribbean, Latin America, and their emigrant groups has resumed publication after a three-year suspension. The multidisciplinary journal invites highly spirited manuscripts of either a theoretical or empirical nature. Contact: Caribbean Review, Florida International University, Miami, Fl. 33199.

CONFERENCES

Symposium on Leisure Research, October 27-29, in New Orleans, invites contributions for its thirteen sessions. Sponsored by the Society of Park and Recreation Educators, a division of the National Recreation and Park Association. Abstract deadline is June 15. For more information contact: Lynn Barnett, University of Illinois 56 Institute for Child Behavior and Development, 51 Gerty Drive, Champaign, IL 61820. Phone: (217) 333-6563.

The Wisconsin Sociologist. Special issue on state sociological associations, Winter 1979. Issue available for \$2. Annual subscription \$4.00. Contact: George K. Floro, Editor, The Wisconsin Sociologist, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire, WI 54701.

Current Index to Statistics: Applications, Methods and Theory. An annual computerized index to the statistical literature. Contact: American Statistical Association, 806 15th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20005.

Counting the People in 1980: An Appraisal of Census Plans. Report of the Panel on Decennial Census Plans, Committee on National Statistics, Assembly of Behavioral and Social Sciences, National Research Council. Publication pending. Contact: Printing and Publishing Office, National Academy of Sciences, 2101 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20418, for publication date and cost.

The Red Feather Institute. Articles on Critical Dimensions in Social Psychology: "Collective Identity Formation and Social Movements" by Richard Weiner, and "Some Theses on the Structure of Self" by T.R. Young. Available from The Red Feather Institute, Red Feather, CO 80545.

McGREGOR AWARD

Articles that exemplify the interplay among theory, practice, and values in any domain of planned change are being solicited by the Journal of Applied Behavioral Science for the 1979 Douglas McGregor Memorial Award competition. The Award consists of a \$1,000 honorarium and publication of the article in the Journal. Articles should be 3,000-6,000 words long, and submitted in four copies by September 1 to: Susan Sherman, Assistant to the McGregor Award Committee, NTL Institute, P.O. Box 9155, Arlington, VA 22209.

PHI BETA KAPPA BOOK AWARDS

The Phi Beta Kappa Book Awards are given in three categories: (1) The Phi Beta Kappa Award in Science is offered for outstanding contributions by scientists to the literature of science. (2) The Ralph Waldo Emerson Award is offered for studies of the intellectual and cultural condition of man. (3) The Christian Gauss Award is for books in the field of literary scholarship or criticism. Each award carries a \$2,500 prize. The 1979 awards are open to qualified books published between July 1, 1978 and June 30, 1979. Entry deadline is June 30. For entry details contact the appropriate award committee at 1811 Q Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20009.

WASSERMAN STUDENT PRIZE The American Iewish Historical Soc-

iety announces the establishment of the annual Leo Wasserman Student Essay Prize for the outstanding research essay prepared by an enrolled undergraduate or graduate student in any area of American Jewish studies. The prize includes a \$100 award and possible publication of the essay in the journal American Jewish History. Submission deadline is December 31, 1979. Modern Language Association style should be used in preparing the essay. Entries should be sent to: Student Prize Committee, American Jewish Historical Society, 2 Thornton Road, Waltham, MA 02154.

IRB: A Review of Human Subjects Research. A new periodical focusing on information and ideas about the ethical aspects of research involving human subjects. Individual subscriptions: \$15.00. Contact: IRB, The Hastings Center, 360 Broadway, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY 10706.

Comparative Research—a quarterly news magazine which reports new developments in cross-national comparative research throughout the world. Editors are William Glaser and Judith Thomas, Center for the Social Sciences, Columbia University, 420 West 118th Street, New York, NY 10027. The magazine is published by the Comparative Interdisciplinary Studies Section of the International Studies Association. A sample copy and further information are available from Glaser at the above address.

Literature of Liberty—a quarterly journal of political and social thought. Each issue features a lengthy bibliographical essay and about 100 summaries of recent research relevant to the study of human liberty. The sumarized articles are drawn from a list of over 400 journals. The journal is published by Cato Institute, 1700 Montgomery Street, San Francisco, CA 94111.

Parole in the United States—the first comprehensive parole statistics published in the U.S. Contains data on paroling authority characteristics, parole supervision, prison population, and parole use. Single copies available from the National Criminal Justice Reference Service, Box 6000, Rockville, MD 20850.

Clearinghouse for Civil Rights Research—resumes publication after a two-year absence. This quarterly presents syntheses of social science research with policy implications for minorities. Persons interested in contributing or subscribing should contact the Center for National Policy Review, Catholic University Law School, Washington, D.C. 20064.

Study and Evaluation of Integrating the Handicapped in HUD Housing—the first comprehensive effort to examine and to evaluate the architectural and social implications of integrating the handicapped in multifamily housing. The study was conducted by Battelle Columbus Laboratories for HUD. Copies may be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.

Multifamily Housing Shared by the Able-Bodied and the Disabled—a guidebook for planners, public officials, and design professions that outlines a systematic approach to the development of housing shared by able-bodied and disabled occupants. It also contains an annotated bibliography of literature on social aspects of integrating able-bodied and disabled persons. Guidebooks are available for \$10 from Thomas R. Martineau, Battelle's Columbus Laboratories, 505 King Avenue, Columbus, OH 43201.

ASIAN ELDERLY

An Asian Elderly Caucus has been organized to develop a professional network among Pacific/Asian American gerontologists. A directory is being compiled. Contact: Masako Osako, Asian American Mental Health Research Center, Chicago, IL 60608, phone: (312) 226-0117; or Elena Yu, Department of Sociology, San Diego State University, San Diego, CA 92182, phone: (714) 582-6595.

MINUTES OF THE 1979 COUNCIL

The second meeting of the 1979 Council convened at 9:05 a.m., Saturday, January 13, 1979, at the Dupont Plaza Hotel in Washington, D.C. President Hubert M.

Washington, D.C. President Hubert M. Blalock, Jr., presided. Present were: Pauline Bart, Hubert M. Blalock, Jr., Elise Boulding, Ernest Q. Campbell, Herbert L. Costner, Irwin Deutscher, William A. Gamson, Charles Y. Glock, Amos H. Hawley, Richard J. Hill, Helen M. Hughes, Helena Z. Lopata, Joan Moore, Morris Rosenberg, Peter H. Rossi, James F. Short, Jr., and Maurice Zeitlin. Present from the Executive Office were: Russell R. Dynes, Alice F. Myers, Lawrence J. Rhoades, Doris Y. Wilkinson, Paul R. Williams, and Janet L. Astner. Visitors present during parts of the meeting were: George during parts of the meeting were: Geo Bohmstedt, Thomasina Borkman, Rola Chilton, Albert E. Gollin, Annabelle Mo Margaret Nelson, and Ruth Wallace.

- Approval of Agenda. With the addition of a Committee on the Profession report and times specifically reserved for two other committee reports, the agenda was approved.
- 2. Report of the President. Blalock re 2. Report of the President, Blalock re-ported a request from an MIT professor for endorsement by ASA of a letter writing campaign to HEW Secretary Califano re-garding the proposed rules for Institutional Review Boards. The chair of the ASA Committee on Research Regulation has been in mittee on Research Regulation has been in touch with the Executive Office concerning the proposed revision. The deadline for re-sponse to HEW is January 29, which could preclude any organizational response from ASA. The draft of a letter from the Executive Officer to the Office for Protection from Re search Risks was made available to Council The item was deferred to the end of the agenda to allow Council time to review the draft.

Requests from various National Science Requests from various induction occasion. Foundation committees for input have appeared in FOOTNOTES. The President suggested that ASA responses be submitted, particularly if other organizations are making suggestions for the allocation of resources. More weight might be given such responses if formulated with the Consoron Social Science Associations

MOTION: That Council refer this matter to the Executive Officer to work out with other social science associations; and refer any questions that come up to the President and Secretary. Carried.

Blalock reported another request for ASA endorsement or sponsorship of a survey re-plicating an earlier study on general perceptions of sociology and sociologists. The en-dorsement could help improve response rate and, in turn, findings would be made available to the Association. Council has usually preferred to not endorse particular pieces of research.

MOTION: That ASA endorsement not be given to this project. Carried

With diplomatic relations being estab-lished between the U.S. and China, the pos-sibility of inviting a Chinese delegation to the Annual Meeting was discussed. As ex penses for such a group could not be paid, it was suggested that the Chinese embassy be contacted after it is established. The Association could indicate that if Chinese scie tists are visiting in this country they would be welcome to contact ASA and attend the meetings. Also, Boulding indicated she could discuss such possibilities with UN personnel during a forthcoming meeting ir Tokyo.

Blalock informed Council of requests from Bilack informed Council of requests from various groups to use rooms at odd times during the Annual Meeting when other activities are not normally scheduled, such as in the morning prior to ASA regularly scheduled sessions or in the evening before plenary sessions. All hotel space is released at 6:30 p.m. on the last day of the Annual Meeting, therefore time slots before the plenaries are limited to the first four days of the Meeting. Specific requests included a hospitality room for graduate and undergraduate students, additional times for other groups now limited to one meeting on other groups now limited to one meeting on other groups now influence to one meeting on Wednesday night, and allowing meetings of small groups of members whose interests have not been covered by the Program Committee

Council first discussed and acted on the hospitality room request from the Commit-tee on the Status of Women in Sociology.

MOTION: That one room be set aside as a hospitality room for graduate and unde graduate students of both sexes every night except Wednesday night before the plenary sessions. Carried.

Some groups whose interests have been judged by the Program Committee as too narrow to be accorded a regular program session have been unable to obtain free room space under existing policy. Council discussion indicated that, if possible groups meeting to discuss scholarly in-terests should be aided.

MOTION: That legitimate groups with specialized interests not otherwise represented on the program be allowed use of meeting rooms in the morning prior to the opening of ASA regularly scheduled sessions. Groups must submit to the Executive Office a petition signed by ten or more members of the Association. Space will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis one meeting per group. Carried

It is the Council's intention that p It is the Council's intention that publicity concerning these meetings, including con-tent and participants, is the responsibility of the initiating groups. Groups, times, topics, and participants will not be listed in the official program. Current policy regarding evening meet-ings of other groups at the ASA Annual

Meeting has been to allot each group one Meeting has been to allot each group one meeting room on Wednesday night, on a first-come, first-served basis. Discussion centered on the desirability of accommodat-ing more groups by making available even-ing time slots in addition to Wednesday night, after the regularly scheduled sessions asnd before the plenaries.

MOTION: That groups wishing to meet in conjunction with the ASA in 1979 submit to the Executive Office petitions for space signed by ten or more members of the Association. Rooms will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, one meeting per group. Carried.

In the event that space exceeds demar requests for a second meeting will be considered. Council recognized that it was setting precedents regarding scheduling and noted that as Sections have regular allotted program time they are excluded from these provisions. provisions.

MOTION: That all of the above provisions i.e., the three previous motions, are for this year only. After the 1979 Annual Meeting, a year only. After the 1979 Annual Meeting, a report is to be submitted to Council by the Executive Office containing a complete listing of all groups who applied for space and which ones received it. Carried.

Blalock reported that two ASA representa-tives had been appointed— Hanan Selvin to the American Association for the Advance-ment of Science, and Lee Robins to the Committee on Problems of Drug Depen-

Council then paused at the reserved time for a report from the Ad Hoc Committee on Sections. Committee members George Bohmstedt and Roland Chilton were present to provide additional information to Council if requested.

Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Sections. Boulding indicated that all current Section chairs and secretaries, and immediate past Section chairs, had been asked for their views on Section/Council relation-ships, programming for the Annual Meet-ing, monitoring of Sections, and other mat-ters of concern. Fourteen of the seventeen fully functioning Sections submitted at least one response. The most basic and frequently mentioned issue that emerged in these communications concerned the au-tonomy of Sections within the ASA. Two quite different viewpoints were identified: (l) that the Sections are the Association, that (1) that the Sections are the Association, that the professional identity of A5A members is achieved primarily through the Sections, that Section members represent the cutting edge of sociology in contrast to the more conservative general body of the Association; therefore, in this view Sections should have increased autonomy; and (2) that the Association—representing the discipline as a whole—is the primary identity, that it offers participatory opportunities for mem whose interests are excluded from or not well represented by Sections, that it is the Association that protects innovative ideas whereas Sections are protective of vested interests; therefore, the Association should have primary control. The Committee recognized valid arguments in perspectives and aimed for an optimum balance between Section needs and the needs of the Association. The Committee presented re-commendations in four areas: (I) Reconstitution of the now defunct Committee on Sec tions: (2) Organization of Section Chairs: (3) Reconsideration of Other Policies concern ing Sections, e.g., with respect to program-ming, funds, publications, and awards; and (4) Future Directions.

Council recognized the importance and

urgency of attending to Section concerns. In view of the complexity of the issues and the "hot off the press" nature of the report, further consideration was deferred pending overnight review by Council members.

MOTION: That Council receive the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Sections with this session on the first two recortions. Carried. thanks, and that Council intends to act in

4. Discussion on Problems of the Discipline. The President had requested that, the first day of Council meetings, one half-hour before lunch be set aside for general discussion of problems pertaining to the discipline. Items discussed during this period included problems of contract re-

search for government agencies, where services of sociologists are utilized, implicaseaution sources of sociologists are utilized, implica-tions of the increasing employment of sociologists in non-academic settings in terms of additional services expected from the Association, and unemployment and eral

5. Report of the Secretary. Short indi-cated that a nominee has asked for Council reconsideration of the current policy of not revealing candidates' names prior to com-pletion of a slate. At present, candidates are asked to make decisions on running for of-fice solely on their willingness to serve. De-pending on the lists prepared by the Nominating Committee, this procedure can result in embarrassment to candidates, as when close friends or members of the same when close friends or members of the same department, campus, household, or agency, etc., accept nominations to the same position. It was pointed out that write-in or petition candidates typically know who their competition will be. While nominees for the offices of President, Vice President, and Secretary are contacted over the telephone. nominees for Council and other committees receive letters from the Executive Office. Contacting nominees more than once would itly increase the work of the Secretary and lengthen the time required to complet and lengthen the time required to complete slates. The process already is lengthy, espe-cially for at-large Council positions and elec-tion to the Committees on Publication, Nominations, and Committees. The Con-stitution specifies that election ballots must be mailed by May 15.

MOTION: That for the offices of President Vice President, and Secretary, full informa-tion about the proposed slates be given to the potential candidates. Carried.

Discussion centered on the feasibility of Discussion centered on the leasibility of using a procedure whereby a conditional acceptance is obtained, each candidate is informed of the identity of the other candidate for a position, and a final decision is requested. In the case where a candidate refuses at the final step, the procedure would be repeated until two candidates accept nomination.

Report of the Executive Officer. a. General Information -(1) Dynes indicated that the DJF Award ceremony took place in November. A feature story appears on the front page of the January FOOTNOTES. (2) The FBI has indicated the existence of a file on the Association in response to the re quest submitted by the Executive Office for quest submitted by the Executive Office for on the Committee on the Profession. A report on the file will be made available to the Association in due course. (3) The mockup of the new journal has been completed and production is underway. The Publications Committee will review it in February and it would be sometisted or the contraction of the contracti should be available to Council in March. (4) should be available to Council in March. (4)
A meeting of representatives of professional
associations with the Director of the National Science Foundation has been announced, with the purpose of facilitating
communication between the Foundation

communication between the Foundation and the associations, a representative of the ASA will attend. (5) Discussion on the posibility of a common building for social science associations is continuing.

b. ASA Projects on Teaching Undergraduate Sociology—A two-year grant for Faculty Development has been awarded by Lilly Endowment, Inc. It will be administered out of the Teaching Project's Oberlin office. The Project recently sponsored a tered out of the Teaching Project's Oberlin office. The Project recently sponsored a workshop in Dallas for chairpersons, about which the Executive Office has received many favorable comments. Dynes reminded Council of the special session in Pittsburgh on February 9-11. The Teaching Resource Center has been installed in the Executive Office and is operating well. One spinoff from the Projects is that one member has been awarded a grant from the To-Months. has been awarded a grant from the Fund for the Improvement of Post Secondary Educa-

c. Funding—A booklet on Federal fund C. Funding—A booker on receral runaing programs for social scientists is almost
completed. A \$45,000 one-year grant has
been received from the National Institute of
Education for a Skills Development Institute
this summer. The final report on the travel
grant money from the National Science
Foundation (NSF) has been submitted. The
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Council of Science Foundation. Council of Social Science Editors sponsored by NSF met in October. The Minority Fel-lowship Program's proposal for training in applied sociology is still experiencing de-

Council authorized the President to write propriate letters in behalf of the Minority Fellowship Program.

7. Committee Reports, a. Committee on Executive Office and Budget (EOB)—(1) Annual Meeting Services. Short reported that EOB reviewed the operation of the Placement Center at Annual Meetings and, while costs are high, continued operation seems to be justified by the importance of this service to members. As directed by Council information on the use of child care. Council, information on the use of child care services at the 1978 Annual Meeting was collected. 18 children used the service for a total of 19 child-days at a cost of \$700. \$100 was received from parents in payments. In

view of low utilization and high costs, EOB view or low unization and night costs, 800-recommended a change in policy for 1979. Available services will be publicized and parents encouraged to work out their own arrangements. Parents utilizing such services will be reimbursed by ASA for 50% of the cost after the Annual Meeting. Since the intent of federal this effects when the services were not services will be federal the services of the cost after the Annual Meeting. Since the intent of offering the service is to free pa-rents to attend sessions, Council recom-mended that reimbursement be limited to urs of sessions.

MOTION: That child care services for the 1979 Annual Meeting be arranged by pa-rents with individual sitters from an apoffice; that parents pay all fees themselves; that parents be reimbursed following the Annual Meeting for 50% of that amount, limited to session hours; and that a report be given to Council next year. Carried

(2) Section Dues Proposal. In January 1978 Council had directed "that the direct administrative costs to the ASA Office of Section activities be determined, and more Section activities be determined, and more nearly recovered through Section dues."
Short reported that the current \$3.00 Section membership fee covers only 35 of the cost per member, and EOB recommended that Section dues be increased to \$5.00. The sensitivity of Section relationships at this time was emphasized in discussion of the EOE was emphasized in discussion of the 20th proposal. Since subsidy of Sections relates to the autonomy issue previously noted, consideration of Section dues was tabled pending discussion of the budget.

pending discussion of the Budget. Council then paused at the reserved time for a report from the Ad Hoc Committee on Expanding Employment Opportunities pre-sented by Albert E. Gollin, Chair. b. Ad Hoc Committee on Expanding Employment Opportunities—Gollin pre-

- sented three major recommendations reconstitute the Committee and expand its reach; (2) increase resources available for work by ASA in the area of employment and careers; and (3) expand publications and promotional activities in the career field. Inpromotions activities in the career riscu. In-cluded were thirteen recommendations for implementation and twelve pages of background information. After some dis-cussion, Council fell it needed more time to review the report and requested it be made a March agenda item to be accompanied by position papers from Council members and input from Doris Wilkinson, Executive As-
- sociate for Careers, Minorities and Women
 c. Committee on Executive Office and
 Budget, continued—(3) Dues Structure. Re
 commended changes in the ASA dues struc commended changes in the A5A dues struc-ture were presented by the Secretary. Vot-ing member dues would be assessed on the basis of an expanded annual income scale, while members with lower incomes would be assessed at lower rates. The category of Student Member would be abolished and absorbed into the new assessment scale. An increase in International Associate dues ould help adjust for high international postage rates and the decreased value of the dollar. The Emeritus Member category would be eliminated and dues determined by the proposed assessment scale. It was pointed out that the number of members who are projected to become eligible for emeritus status in the next few years consti-tutes a fairly high proportion of the mem-bership and the Association would be hard pressed to continue to offer all rights and privileges to emeritus members privileges to emeritis memoers while re-ceiving no dues. The proposed overall changes would help combat inflationary ef-fects on the Association, adjust for some inequities of service costs in the present

inequities of service costs in the present structure, and affect many voting members very little. "No journal" options would be continued at the present 20% reduction. Council discussed the possibility of adding new categories, such as "sustaining" or "contributing", to encourage further support, and offering institutional memberships. Data will be collected this year on what percentage of the membership pays each subcategory within the Member category, but no information is available from ory, but no information is available from previous years. Council recommended a graduate income scale rather than the \$10 graduate income scale rather than the \$10 per category increase suggested by EGB, as follows: Members and International Members—annual income under \$10,000 \$20 dues; \$10,000-\$20,000/\$30 dues; \$20,000-\$30,000/\$45 dues; \$30,000-\$40,000/\$45 dues; \$30,000-\$40,000/\$40,000/\$40,000/\$40,000/\$40,000/\$40,000/\$40,000/\$40,000/\$40,000/\$40,00 \$65 dues: \$40,000-\$50,000/\$90 dues: over \$50,000/\$120 dues; Associate and International Associate—\$25 dues; Studen tional Associate— Associate—\$12 dues.

MOTION: That Council approve the proposed changes in the dues structure for a membership referendum. Carried.

(4) Consideration of Section Dues Prop-sal. Discussion concerning Section dues was untabled and a motion to raise Section dues to \$5.00 returned to the floor. Two Sec tions currently forming are using the \$5.00 rather than \$3.00 fee. A motion to table the discussion pending creation of a standing Committee on Sections was narrowly de feated. The unfortunate timing between this proposal and attempts to reduce friction with Sections was again noted. It was strongly recommended not to refer the dues proposal to the yet uncreated Committee on Sections as that entity is to facilitate Section interests. A substitute motion to assess Secinterests. A substitute motion to assess section dues on a percentage basis was defeated. Sections currently operate under the impression that their \$3.00 membership dues pay for their costs. EOB reported that a review of ASA costs for Section operation indicated per member costs of \$3.20 to \$4.85 indicated per member costs or 53.20 to 54.80. Non-Section members, constituting 58% of ASA membership, clearly subsidize Section members. It was noted that a similar situation, in which prompt dues paying members were seen to be subsidizing late dues paying members, resulted in the institution of a late charge.

MOTION: That Section dues be increased to \$5.00 effective 1980. Carried.

- (5) Liability Insurance. Short reported that liability insurance had been purchased for all officers of the Association. Coverage
- includes Council members.

 (6) Preliminary Program. EOB has authorized the Executive Office to discontinue monized the executive Ornice to autominue production of a preliminary program, at an estimated savings of around \$44,000. Pre-liminary information will be distributed via a convention bulletin rather than in a general program format. The special bulletin will be sent to all members and will contain will be sent to all members and will contain the usual general information on arrange-ments, scheduling, etc., but will not include paper titles or authors' names. Council ap-proved the action taken by EOB.

 (7) Meeting Participation Survey. The Executive Office proposal for gatherin in-formation by questionnaire on why mem-bers do or do not attend Annual Meetings
- vas approved, and Rossi's offer to condu survey and analyze the results was grate
- fully accepted.
 (8) 1978 Financial Statement. The annual (8) 1978 Financial Statement. The annual audit is underway and preliminary figures indicate a possible \$30,000 deficit. The proposed 1979 budget projects income lower than expenses, as did the 1978 budget. As EOB is in continual contact with the Executive Office Coural continual tentiated the pre-Executive Office, Council received the pre liminary report and indicated trust that EOB will continue its monitoring function.
- 8. Executive Session. Council went into executive session at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday.
- 9. Consideration of the Ad Hoc Commit-9. Consideration of the Ad Floc Commit-tee on Sections Report. Discussion had been deferred pending overnight review of the report by Council members. The provision in the By-Laws for a Committee on Sections was deleted when Article VI was amended by membership referendum effective January 1, 1976. The dissolution of the old Committee on Sections was felt to be partly responsible for the communications gap be-tween Sections and Council, since current rules make recognition of new Sections and operation of existing Sections an automatic operation of existing Sections an automatic process requiring contact with the administrative officers of the Association only. There is no provision for monitoring and no provision for dealing with nonroutine matters. Council discussed and acted on the first two recommendations from the Committee.

MOTION: That a standing Committee on Sections be established to carry out the fol-lowing functions: (1) implementation of ASA rules regarding Sections; (2) further development of criteria for the establishment of Sections, including careful consideration of the meaning and function of Sections in the Association; (3) development of an appropriate monitoring system in relation to the criteria, and receipt of annual Section reports: (4) revision of the Section Manual to conform to changing needs; (5) perform an advisory function for new Secperform an advisory function for new tions, for new officers of old Sections, generally be available to Sections as nee to assist with problems and complaints, and otherwise serve the interests of the Sections; (6) serve as Section liaison to Council: and (7) composition of the Committee on Sections should be five members— one a member of Council, one the currently elected convener of the Board of Section Chairs serving ex-officio with voting pow-ers, and three at-large members from the Association serving three-year rotating terms. Carried.

MOTION: That Council support the formation by Section chairs of a board consisting of chairs and chairs-elect to meet at Annual Meetings, with board members electing a convener to serve as communications coor-dinator until the following Annual Meeting. The function of this Board shall be to facilitate communication among Sections on mat-ters of common concern. To further facilitate that communication, it is recommended that the Newsletter of each Section be sent to the officers of each other Section, and that the Executive Office provide communica tion facilities to the Board as needed. In addition to their separate meetings at each Annual Meeting, the Committee on Secdition to their separate meetings at each Annual Meeting, the Committee on Sec-tions and the Board of Section Chairs shall meet jointly. Carried.

Due to time limitations, consideration of the remaining recommendations was deferred to the March meeting of Council. The Com-mittee report and Council actions will be mittee report and Council actions will be circulated to all Section officers prior to that meeting.

10. Committee Reports, continued. d. Committee on Problems of the Discipline Hill indicated concern in the Committee or Hill indicated concern in the Committee on the number and quality of proposals being submitted and emphasized the continuing need to support and encourage the type of activity for which the grants were originally created. The Committee intends to take a more active role, including seeking funding to support working conferences on prob-lems in the discipline. Expansion of the Committee membership was requested.

MOTION: That effective immediately, the Committee on Problems in the Discipline shall be comprised of the Past-President, three Council members, and the Executive Officer serving ex-officio. Carried.

e. Ad Hoc Committee on Election Procedures—Glock reported recommenda Procedures—Clock reported recommenda-tions to adopt the preferential voting system for the offices of President, Vice President, and Secretary but retain the current system for Council and Committees. Adoption of the preferential system for officers would eliminate the need for second ballots which eliminate the need for second ballots which are expensive and time consuming. The Committee felt that the preferential system does not really solve the problem of minor-ity representation on committees and re-quested additional time to continue discussions. Concern was expressed that the in sions. Concern was expressed that the in-itiative for consideration of changing pro-cedures had come from the Committee on the Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities of Sociology (CSREMS), yet the current re-commendations respond to budgetary problems and not the minority constituency Glock indicated consensus on the Commit Clock Indicated consensus of the Committee, which includes representatives from CSREMS, that the proportional system does not solve that particular issue. Council discussed timing of the referendum to mem-

MOTION: That a referendum be sent to members asking for By-Law changes in vo ing procedures to simple preferential for th offices of President, Vice President, and Secretary, effective for the 1980 elections. Carried

MOTION: That Council encourage the Ad Hoc Committee on Election Procedures to continue its efforts to establish procedures which will attempt to assure minority representation on Council. Carried.

- f. Subcommittee on Awards Structure—No recommendations were forthcoming at this time, but Campbell re-quested discussion by Council of the Stouf-fer, Bernard, and DJF awards, Association awards in general, and named Section awards. Awards have been established by ad hoc decisions in the past rather than in relation to an overall policy. Efforts to create a consistent policy and inconsistent applications have resulted in member discontent and committee confusion. No particular consensus was reached in Council discus-sion, but the Committee was urged to come back with recommendations as soon as possible
- g. Subcommittee on Ad —The distinction between "ad Committees—The distinction between "ad hoc" and "standing" committees is not a distinction made in the ASA Constitution or By-Laws but is a creation of Council, Currently the Committee on Committees (COC) does not make recommendations on the membership of ad hoc committees, and the question was raised as to whether Council has the authority to establish a special class of committees which do not fall within the jurisdiction of COC. As COC proposes committee members "subject to the instruction and approval of Council." it was suggested that Council instructions could be to avoid consideration or to not change membership of an ad hoc committees. Non-consideration of ad hoc committees by COC not make recommendations on consideration of ad hoc committees by COC often results in ad hoc committees existing for long periods of time with no changes. Council frequently has not had time for serious consideration of ad hoc committees. and so they have been neither disbanded and so they have been neither disbanded nor instituted as "standing," The major task of Council's first meeting in September is to act on the report of the Committee on Committees and further additions to those considerations would be burdensome. How ever, instructions from Council to COC reever, instructions from Council to COC re-garding the existing ad hoc committees could be composed in March or June. By channeling ad hoc committees through COC, that Committee would be made aware of members already serving the Association so that duplications would be further re-duced, which would be responsive to con-cerns expressed in Council's open meeting in September.

MOTION: That Council shall continue to create "ad hoc" committees of the Associa create "ad noc" committees of the Associa-tion as necessary, with Council naming the membership of such committees without the advice of the Committee on Committees only for the initial membership composi-tion. The Committee on Committees shall be asked to propose members for all com-mittees in existence at the time of the annual meeting of the Committee on Committees, with "instruction" by Council, as provided in the By-Laws. Carried.

A motion to have committees submit draf statements of their mandate was tabled to the March meeting. Prior to that meeting, the Executive Office was requested to provide Council with the mandates which were

sent to all committees not specifically named in the Constitution at the time of their establishment

Subcommittee on Insurance Members—Many professional associations offer group insurance plans to members. Boulding reported that plans can be operated within the Association for profit or managed outside by brokers. The Commitmanaged outside by prokers. The Commit-tee did not recommend a profit-making plan, since it would add to the cost of the insurance and might change ASA's tax status. Other than the initial time spent in investigation and negotiations, the Associa-tion will incur no gets and no respontion will incur no costs and no responsibilities other than to sell the broker mailing lists and review proposed mailings.

Most organizations offering this service indicate few problems or costs; however, others commented that a staff person must be involved as a contact for the company be involved as a contact for the company. Unemployed and non-academic sociologists are believed to be most likely to use and benefit from this service. Differ-ences between companies were reported not to be substantial, and the Committee reto be substantial, and the Committee re-commended negotiating with Wohlers for group life insurance. Several different prog-rams are available, but discussion indicated that any expansion in services would re-quire Council consideration and approval.

MOTION: That Council authorize the Executive Officer to negotiate with Albert H. Wohlers & Co. regarding a group plan of term life insurance for ASA members. Carried

i. Committee on the Profession-Hill continued the Committee report that had been deferred from September. Several re-quests for advice or information on matters of licensing and certification have been received from members employed in non-academic settings. Consideration of these requests led to general discussion in the Committee of a wide range of issues. The Committee recommended establishment of a task force to assist in gathering information on certification, licensing, and accredi tation issues pertaining to sociologists tation issues pertaining to sociologists. Council discussed the perceived need for legal certification and licensing and agreed that accreditation issues should be considered separately. Concerns within the Teaching Projects suggest the need to consider accrediting programs, particularly for community and junior colleges.

MOTION: That the President establish a task force to provide Council with an informational and analytic basis for determining mational and analytic basis for determining what stance and specific actions the Association might take toward the further development of the profession, including but not limited to issues of 1) certification and licensing of sociologists for purposes of governmental, inclustrial and academic processions and a the accorditation of employment, and 2) the accreditation of academic programs. Carried.

Project personnel will be contacted at their Pittsburgh meeting for input.

11. Business Meeting Resolutions. That 1) the public discussion of these important issues of family policy in a separate White House Conference on Families is essential; 2) the membership expresses its concern about the postponement and possible merger of the White House Conference on Families; and 3) this meeting recommends to the U.S

Conference be held as soon as possible.

In the light of information that the conference has been rescheduled, no action was taken by Council

b. Resolved: That individual members and groups will have the permanen right to freely distribute and sell literature at annual meetings. To facilitate this right, ASA offic-ers will regularly reserve table space in hallways in or near the central registration area. Association members will have the right to set up tables in the allotted space without charge and without bureaucratic harrass-

MOTION: That members, individually MOTION: inat members, incurvitainly or in association, have the right to distribute and sell literature at annual meetings. To facilitate this right, ASA officers will regularly reserve table space in hallways in or near the central registration area to the extent consistent with available facilities. Association members will have the right to sign up for tables in the allotted space with-out charge on a first-come, first-served basis. Carried.

c. Resolved: 1.2 That the Association re commend the inclusion of the term "sexual orientation" as an anti-discrimination pro-vision in the human rights code of every city, county, and state and in federal civi rights legislation; 1.3 That the Council of the Association conform with the resolution passed by the A.S.A. Business Meeting of 1977 in Chicago to establish a task force to: 1.3.1 review existing knowledge in the sociology of homosexuality, and identify topics in this field which demand research; 1.3.2 conduct a thorough and impartial in restigation of discrimination against vestigation of discrimination against homosexuals within the discipline of sociology and of restraint upon research on homosexuality; 1.3.3 disseminate a report to legislators, public officials, and other concerned parties: 1.4 That the Association af firm the right of homosexuals to freedom of speech and freedom of the press, and in particular, affirm the resolution passed

unanimously by the Canadian Sociology and Anthropology Association in May, 1978 in London, Ontario, Canada, to recommend to the Attorney General of Ontario: 1.4.1 return of the possessions of Canada's lead ing gay journal, *The Body Politic*, seized by police on December 30, 1977, to its editorial collective; 1.4.2 destruction of all copies of files, letters, and subscription lists ma police during the seizure; and 1.4.3 drop-ping of the fatuous charge of "obscenity" laid against members of the editorial collec-

MOTION: That Council take no action on

MOTION: That the Association recom MOTION: That the Association recom-mend through press releases to the major press services the inclusion of the term "sexual orientation" as an anti-discrimination provision in civil rights legislation and regulatory codes, Carried.

MOTION: That the Council of the Association establish a task force to review existing knowledge in the sociology of homosexuality and identify topics in this field which demand research, and that the makeup of this task force shall include three mem of the Sociologists Gay Caucus and three non-members with a non-Caucus member as chair, and that this task force shall submit its report to Council. Carried.

MOTION: That Council reconsider the previous motion to take no action with respect to 1.2. Defeated.

Council took no action on 1.4-1.4.3 pending a report on the disposition of the case by the Attorney General of Ontario.

d. Resolved: That the ASA deployes Unid. Resorvea: That the ASA depiores University of Maryland President John Fall's (sic) decision to deny appointment to Professor Bertell Ollman to chair the government department at College Park because of ment department at College Park Decause of Ollman's dissident Marxist views. This ac-tion is a grave violation of academic freedom and human rights. We urge President Fall (sic) to resist outside political interference, rescind his decision, and uphold the University Search Committee's recommendation appointing Professor Ollman

MOTION: That the ASA deplores the University of Maryland's decision in denying appointment to Professor Bertell Ollman to air the government department at College Park because those actions are in grave v lation of academic freedom. Carried.

All remaining resolutions were deferred to the March meeting of Council. The Executive Office was requested to compile materials relating to the German Berufsverbot and send them to Council prior to the next meet ing

 Future Annual Meetings. The 1978
 Council had recommended that meetings after 1981 be held in the South or West, since the next three Annual Meetings are in the northeast. Two options were presented to Council for the 1982 site. Myers reported a 25% reduction in rates would be available if the meeting were held following Labor Day. In addition, a sharp increase in room costs is to be expected in the future.

MOTION: That ASA hold its 1982 Annual Meeting in San Francisco during the week following Labor Day. Carried.

Due to the delay resulting from pulling out of Atlanta and all non-ERA states, the Execuof Atlanta and all non-EKA states, the EXECU-tive Office is behind schedule in booking future meetings. Investigations into sites in the South and Southwest will be conducted over the next few months

MOTION: That all other agenda items be deferred to the March meeting. Carried.

Council adjourned at 3:55 p.m. on Sun day, January 14.

Respectfully submitted, James F. Short, Jr. Secretary

Annual Section Reports

COMMUNITY

Section membership now approximates 500 and has almost doubled since 1972, when we were first organized.

The 1978 San Francisco program was coordinated by Sylvia Fava, Program Chair, coordinated by Sylvia Fava, Program Chair, and included a panel discussion on Carter Administration Policy on Urban Issues or-ganized by Elizabeth Huttman and Susan Fainstein. A session on Spatial Inequalities in American Urban Life and Their Conin American Ordan Life and Intel Con-sequences for Women was planned and chaired by Gerda Wekerle and David Popenoe. Larry Lyon, Tahi Mottl and Maynard T. Robison were responsible for the 24 roundtable discussions. Attendance at the Roundtables and the Section's Business Meeting was down slightly from previness Meeting was alown singnity irom previ-ous years, possibly because they were not scheduled in the convention headquarters hotel and the rooms were difficult to locate. Larry Lyon was appointed by the Council as 1979 Program Chair. The program will include a panel discussion on a Long View

of Community Sociology, a session on New

Directions in Urban Political Economy and a number of Roundtable discussions. John Walton, Maynard Robison and Michael D Grimes comprise the Program Committee

The Section's new officers are: Chair, 1978-80: Sylvia Fava; Chair-elect, 1978-80: 1976-90. Sylvia Pava, Chair-Eed. 1976-90. Arthur Vidich; Secretary-Treasurer, 1978-81: George A. Hillery; Council Members, 1978-80: Jacqueline Scherer and Lynne G. Zucker.

Council members continuing in office are Albert Hunter, Jack Kasarda, Richard C. Hill

Albert Hunter, Jack Kasarda, Richard C. Hill and Barry Wellman. New Council appointments in addition to the Program Chair are Philip Olson, News-letter Editor; Irwin Sanders, Nominating Committee Chair; and Michael D. Grimes,

Committee on Current Research Chair.
One of the Section's major activities during the past year was preliminary work for the preparation of a Section Directory. The the preparation of a Section Directory. The Committee on Current Research constructed and mailed a directory questionnaire to all members. Those who had not returned it by August were urged to do so in the Section Newsletter, which included another copy of the questionnaire. The Directory will be completed during the 1978-79 academic year. It will include a listing of all members' names and addresses and, for those who completed the questionnaire, information on current community/urban research, courses taught, relevant association and committee memberships, and recent search, courses taught, relevant association and committee memberships, and recent communitylurban publications. All section members will receive a copy of the directory, which will be reproduced and mailed by the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health by the Hogg Foundation to Mental Teasur at the University of Texas at Austin. Dianne Lewis, Hogg Foundation Research As-sociate, has agreed to work with Grimes and his committee in designing, producing and mailing the directory. In conjunction with gathering Directory data the Committee on Current Research is

in confinetion with gamening Directory data, the Committee on Current Research is also assembling a considerable amount of information on members' ongoing community/urban research. The format and distribution of the more detailed research inventory, and especially the funds needed for its distribution warp discussed at the for its distribution, were discussed at the for its distribution, were discussed at 1978 Council and Business meetings. Final recommendations and decisions on this project will be made during the current year. Section officers and members indicated the desirability of obtaining more informa-

the destrationly of obtaining more informa-tion in regard to the community/urban ac-tivities of other associations. It was suggested that the Committee on Liaison and the Newsletter editor work together to accomplish this objective. Editor Olson's re-sponse was immediate and he included revant program information from other associations in the first 1978-79 newsletter

The Association's new awards structure was discussed by the Council and an ad hoc committee to be headed by chair-elect Vidich was formed to investigate the feasibility of a Section Award.

Charles M. Bonjean, Chair

CRIMINOLOGY SECTION

The Criminology Program for the 1978 meetings consisted of the following three sessions: (i) a panellforum on "Criminology and Criminal Justice: The Emergence of a New Criminology" organized by Richard Quinney, (2) a session of papers, on the topic "Crime and the Development of Costolicians," sensited the Stong Software topic "Crime and the Development of Capitalism" organized by Steven Spitzer, and (3) a series of criminology roundtables, organized by William J. Chambliss. Charles Frazier served during the year as the Chair of the nominating committee, a committee that included Malcolm Klein,

committee that included Malcolm Kellin David Greenberg, Edward Sagarin, and Joseph Weis. On the basis of the election, Ronald Akers is the new Chair-Elect and Rita Simon and Gary Marx are on the Coun-cil. Frazier will serve on next year's nominating committee, which will be nominating committee, which will be chaired by James Hackler. Drew Humphries, Lois DeFleur Nelson, and James Teal will also serve on the committee. The council decided that Edwin Schur, Richard Berk, and David Ward will serve as

next year's program committee—Schur being the Chair of the Section elected for the year. Among the topics suggested were corrections—beyond rehabilitation, politicization of criminology, mind control and criminal justice, legal versus humanis tic definitions of crime, and invitations to tic definitions of crime, and invitations to economists, biologists, and historians now studying crime. There was general agreement that at least one of the sessions be devoted to roundtables.

At the council and business meetings,

Af the Countra and tustines meetings, Julius Debro reported on the LEAA funded project to establish minimum standards for criminal justice education programs, indicating that the first task of the project's staff is to find and examine the curriculum and faculty qualifications of existing programs. The final product of the project will be a report to the LEAA containing findings and recommendations. The grant was awarded to the Academy on Criminal Justice Scientists, which is working with the American Society of Criminology. Sheldon Messinger presented some background information on the project, pointing out that the ACJS was a new name for an older police science organization that had a long term interest in accredidation. There was a general understanding that Edwin Schur would find a Julius Debro reported on the LEAA funded accredidation. There was a general under-standing that Edwin Schur would find a

member of the Section living in the Washington area to sit in on meetings in November (ACS) and March (ACJS) and report to the Section.

The council discussed the matter of the new five dollar dues and the limitations on new live dollar dues and the limitations on their use. There was some feeling that the Section ought to complain about restrictions on the use of the money. At the business meeting Edwin Schur's motion was passed: "That the Section ask the ASA Council to

approve the use of unexpended funds (ex-cess of \$3 dues) in the Section account for the purpose of paying the expenses of distin-guished non-Association members (Ameri-can or foreign) from related disciplines to participate as invited speakers at a session on interdisciplinary developments in criminology to be held at the 1979 annual

During the year David Greenberg served on the Crime Statistics Committee, in conjunction with a similar committee of the Crime and Juvenile Delinquency Division of the Society for the Study of Social Problems. Recommendations are being formulated about the proposals for the reorganization of the gathering of crime statistics by the agencies of the federal government.

Richard Quinney, Chair

(1) Maintenance Activities

During 1978 the Section continued to set up committees to make nominations for elections. Two sorts of elections are perti-nent: (i) for officers of the Section as permitted by ASA and (ii) for members of a standing Committee on Public Issues and the ing Committee on Public issues and the of-ficers circulate lists to the membership for voting. Each officer has a set of designated duties: the President-Elect always takes charge of the Section Day Program, making sure to include the panel arranged by the Committee on Public Issues and the Family. The President sees to nominations and elec-tions and chairs the Annual Meeting. The Secretary handles correspondence and is the guardian of the rules, as well as keeping the Section minutes and records.

(2) Growth Activities

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(i) A petition from members of the 1977 meeting led to the creation of an ad hoc committee charged to recommend whether and in what form to make public the dissertation of Ronald W. Howard. "A History of Family Sociology in the U.S.A." Dr. Howard was killed in an auto accident soon after he defended this work at the University of Missouri-Columbia. The four members of Missouri-Columbia. The four members of his subcommittee, Glen Elder, Reuben Hill, Ins subcommittee, Gief Lucer, Reducti Fini, John Mogey and Jetse Sprey, agreed on two points: (a) the work was worthy of publication, and (b) no member of the committee could be assigned to edit the work for publication. So, remembering a parallel doctoral work on the development of family sociolation to the development of the property of the control of the contro work on the development of tamily sociol-ogy in the Netherlands, they decided to ask Dr. Louis van Leeuwen to undertake the task of editing this book. Dr. Louis van Leeuwen agreed to do this, and was awarded an ACLS fellowship for 1978-79 at 1

awaraced an ALLS relieboship in 1976-79 at Boston University. He has, of course, an additional personal program as well. (ii) The Committee on Public Issues and the Family brought to the annual business meeting a resolution that came out of their own discussions. Following further discusown discussions. Following intried discussion this resolution was presented and accepted at the ASA Business Meeting. The text of the resolution deplored the failure to organize a White House Conference on Families in 1979 as scheduled and asked that such a conference not be combined with one devoted to children and youth in 1981 as is

devoted to children and youth in 1981 as is presently being discussed.

(iii) The Business Meeting of the Family Section vigorously opposed the plan that in 1979 all ASA Sections meet on the same day. The members, some of whom are actively involved in other sections as well as Family, much preferred the plan for the Annual Meeting in which one or two sections organized their sessions on each day of the meetine.

meeting.

(iv) Thanks to references from the ASA (iv) Thanks to reterences from the ASA Executive Office in Washington, the Presi-dent, the President-Elect and the Secretary have on several occasions during this year been able to talk with influential journalists from such papers as Neusweek, Time, and Wall Street Journal. Paragraphs published from these conversations have kept the disinfinite contribution of Sociology in the public eye as a major contributor of solutions for problems in the relations between the families of the U.S.A. and other segments of their own societv

John Mogey, Chair

MARXIST

The Marxist Section of ASA had 530 The Marxist Section of ASA had 530 members during 1978. At the time of the Annual Meetings in San Francisco, in addition to the sessions held within the framework of the meetings, it held five additional sessions at the Glide Memorial tional sessions at the Glide Memoria. Church. The total list of sessions held were as follows: New Directions in Marxist Thought; The Transition from Capitalism Socialism; The Failure of State Economic Planning; Class, Race, and Labor; Varieties of Socialism: Marxism and the Trade-Union Movement; plus 18 roundtables.

Immanuel Wallerstein, Chair

MEDICAL SOCIOLOGY

The Section carried out a number of activities this year.

 Nominations Committee, Ronald Andersen, chair, reports that the following per-sons were elected to fill vacant council posi-tions: Leo Reeder, chair elect; Marilyn Bergner, secretary-treasurer elect; John Colo botos, council member-at-large; Cathy , student council member-at-large Charles, student council member-at-large; Linda Aiken, Health Policy Committee chair; Irving K. Zola, Professional Relations Committee chair; Nominations Committee: Gary Albrecht, Thomasina Borkman, C.L. Estes, and John Loft.

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In September the section learned of the tragic death of Leo Reeder in the P.S.A. San Diego plane crash. A special election will be held to elect a new chair-elect.

2. The Distinguished Medical Sociologist

- Citation was presented to Everett C. Hughes, the first chair of the Medical
- Sociology Section.

 3. Francoise Boudreau is this year's recipient of the award for the best Ph.D. paper submitted.
- 4. Several of the section's committees 4. Several of the section's committees were active this year. The Publications Committee (Stephen Shortell, chair) conducted a survey of books in medical sociology which are reviewed in Contemporary Sociology. In addition, it took an active role in soliciting names for editors of the Journal of Health and Social Behavior and the Medical Sociology Section Newsletter.
 The Career and Employment Committee (Richard Hessler, chair) has started to explore non-academic employment opportunity.

explore non-cademic employment oppor-tunities for medical sociology graduates. It also hopes to develop an internship prog-ram which would link university training programs with private research and development firms

The Professional Relations Committee (Ray Elling, chair) has begun to explore the establishment of relationships in policy areas with various federal and other health services programs. It also established liaisons with other professional groups of medical sociologists

5. The student council members (Park 5. The student council members (Park Dietz and Syvia Kenig) organized a special student session on section day entitled "Dissertation Research in Medical Sociology." In the spring of 1979, they hope to sponsor a graduate student conference in medical sociology.

6. The chair (Peter New) and chair-elect (Virginia Olesen) have actively worked with other professional organizations to coordinate and land future coverage and activities.

onter professional organizations to coordinate and plan future programs and activities of the section. There are plans to initiate joint programs for the Society for Medical Anthropologists and the Medical Sociology Section. The section has also cooperated with the British Medical Sociology group. with the British Medical Sociology group. Seven section members gave papers at the recent British Medical Sociology meetings in York, England, and our British colleagues have been invited to participate in the 1979 section day activities. The section is also working with two divisions of the Society for the Study of Social Problems (Health, Health Policy, and Health Services Division at the Persistric Societies Division and the Persistric Societies Division. and the Psychiatric Sociology Division) to sponsor sessions at the 1979 SSSP meetings. Joint activities with ABSAME are also plan-

7. Iournal of Health and Social Behavio editor Howard Kaplan reports that there are now 4,067 subscribers to the Journal. 8. Medical Sociology Newsletter editor Corrine Kirschner has carried out her duties

most ably. During this year, Patricia Collette will become co-editor before taking over the

duties of editor in 1980.

9. The section day program was well attended. In particular, the section had an overflow crowd for its business meeting and the evening reception honoring Professor Hughes.
The section membership continues to

grow, with current membership at 1,005. With the expanded Council, the section is now able to undertake a number of new activities. It looks forward to innovative program plans under the leadership of Vir-ginia Olesen and the new council members. It appreciates the hard work of Jack Elinson, who was chair during the transition to the new council structure, and all the outgoing council members

Peter K. New, Chair

METHODOLOGY

This past year the Section on Methodology was involved in a number of activities of interest not only to Section members but in some cases to the Association more gener ally. First, the Section sponsored three sessions dealing with issues of current importance in methodology at the annual meetings. One of the sessions dealt with research designs and response effects as they affect the quality of survey data, a second address sed the problem of modeling social processes and the third, issues in cross-level analysis. The Section also sponsored its third annual training institute on the Sunday immediately prior to the meetings. This year Professors Samuel and Gaea Leinhardt presented an overview of exploratory data analysis.

The Section also has issued a strong pro-

test to the ASA Council's decision to "return

the Samuel Stouffer award to the Section. In a letter to President Amos Hawley, it was pointed out that the decision to return the ward to the Section made no sense since and never resided there in the first place has been an ASA award since its inception It was also pointed out that asking the Section to take over the award does an injustice to Sam Stouffer who insisted on an integra tion of methods, theory, and research and eschewed being labeled a methodologist. The letter continued that all past recipients of the Stouffer Award are members of the prestigeous National Academy of Sciences a record no other ASA award could match. Finally, it was pointed out that Council's decision with respect to the Dubois-Johnson-Frazier and Jessie Bernard awards could easily result in even further politization of the Association. In response to this letter, the Council has agreed to reconsider its decision with respect to the Stouffer Award and its policy with respect to awards more generally.

The Association is currently surveying its The Association is currently surveying its members, in attempting to develop a list of methodological concepts to which undergraduates should be exposed at various points in their education. When completed, the results of the survey will be forwarded to the Continue of the Continue of

the results of the survey will be orwarded to the Section on Undergraduate Teaching since they originated the request for the list from us originally. In addition to three Section-sponsored sessions, the Section on Methodology will sponsor its fourth training institute at the 1979 meetings. Professor David C. Hoaglin 1979 meetings. Professor David C. Hoagitin of the Department of Statistics at Harvard University has agreed to present a session on "Robust Estimation and Data Analysis." Again, this session will be conducted on the Sunday immediately prior to the meetings; and again, all ASA members are invited to attend, not only those belonging to the Section on Methodology. The time and place of this year's training institute will be an nounced in the August issue of FOOT-

This year the Section is also sponsoring a set of pre-sessions in which a small number of papers which have been circulated prior to the meetings are discussed in detail. These sessions will provide for a more ex-tended detailed and technical presentation than is possible within the structure of the ASA annual meetings. Professor Samuel Leinhardt of the University of Pittsburgh is organizing this set of sessions.

George Bohrnstedt, Chair

POPULATION

The ASA Section on the Sociology of The ASA Section on the Sociology of Population put forward an extensive prog-ram at the 1978 Annual Meeting in San Fran-icsco. Sessions were held on "Innovative Applications of Demographic Materials to Sociological Research" and "Comparative Studies in Internal Migration." A wide array of roundtable discussions were held and all well attended

Roundtable discussions will be part of th Koundtable discussions will be part of the 1979 program indicated Shirley Hartley (15 Van Tassel Lane, Orinda, CA 94563) program committee chair. Sessions are also being planned on "Theory and Research. An Assessment of Fundamental Problems and Their Possible Solutions," chaired by Pan Pindirus (Dent. of Sociology, UINC Ron Rindfuss (Dept. of Sociology, UNC, Chapel Hill, NC 27514) and "The Politics of Chapel Hill, NC 27514) and "The Politics of Demography: The House Select Committee on Population," chaired by Dudley Poston (Dept. of Sociology, University of Texas, Austin, TX 78705), Several orders of business were attended

to in San Francisco, First, a Council seat was vacated by the election of Dan Price as president, beginning Jan. 1, 1979, and Judah Matras was selected to fill the position. The other new members are Harriet Presser and Mary Powers who join Linda Waite, Paul Glick and Kingsley Davis on the Council.

Second, appointments were made for the nominations, publications and program committees. The nominations committee committees. The nominations committee consists of Charles Keeley (chair), Karen Mason, Abbot Ferris, David Heer and Bob Weller. The publications committee carries over Gerald Markle (chair) and Paul Tschetter and adds Jack Kanther. The program committee consists of Shirley Hartley (chair). Dudley Peston and Rop Findfuse. (chair), Dudley Poston and Ron Rindfuss

(chair), Dudley Poston and Ron Kindhass who was appointed this year.

In the coming year the publications committee will be looking into the possibility of publishing a directory of members. Also, the newsletter will be increasing its scope of the publishing and formation of publishing the To-Osebean formation of publishing in To-Oseb and frequency of publication. The October newsletter reviewed activities of the San Francisco meeting and solicited nomina-tions for officers, suggestions for the 1979 meeting and items for upcoming newslet-ters. Subsequent newsletters will include information about job openings, research support, editorials or other items of interest

Charles B. Nam, Chair

SEX ROLES

was the organization of sessions for the 1978 ASA annual meetings. Papers were requested on the theme of new directions in theory and methods in the study of gender differentiation and stratification. The resulting sessions were: theoretical papers on

The main activity of the Sex Roles section

reconceptualizations-family and revolution reconceptualizations—tamily and revolution (Stacey), gender and work (Feldberg & Glenn), differential impact of Weber's class, status, power concepts for each sex (Jacob-son & Kendrick); critiques of the basic con-cepts and approach of the section—gender (Thorne), sex roles (Rosenthal), lack of integration of the study of gender into stan-dard sociological areas (Chafetz); research papers—utopian and communal societies (Bartelt), achievement in mixed sex groups (Bartelt), achievement in mixed sex groups Pugh & Wahrman). Discussants for the sessions were, respectively, Dorothy Smith, Jessie Bernard, and Virginia Olesen. Joan Acker helped select papers for the sessions, and Nancy Olson presided at session 3. Election results. Chair-elect: Joan Acker (UO, Eugene): Secretary: Judy Corder-Bolz (Southwest Educational Development Lab.

211 E. 7th St., Austin, TX 78701. Council: Betty Kirschner (Kent State), Rachel Kahr-Hut (SFSU). Send announcements, items for the newsletter to Corder-Bolz. Nominations: Diana Wortman Warshay (18694 Oak Dr., Detroit, MI 48221)

1979 Meetings. Chair Arlene Daniels (Northwestern University) has announced the following program. Betty Kirschner (Kent State) "His and Her Perspectives on Inti mate Relations;" Dana Hiller (University of Cincinnati, 45221), "Gender and Organizational Behavior;" Lynne Dobrofsky (Mills), and Bill Arkin (SFSU), roundtables. Please submit papers immediately.

The Sex Roles Council and Business meet-

ings considered the following:

A. Collection of teaching materials. The advantage of sharing material on teaching courses on women, gender differences tratification, etc. were discussed. Paula Goldsmid (Oberlin College, Oberlin, OH 44074) will chair the Committee on Teaching Materials and requests course syllabj. exercises, audio-visual suggestions, etc. The section will later discuss how these materials can beet be chaved. rials can best be shared.

nals can best be shared.

B. Name Change. The perennial problem of the inappropriateness of the phrase "sex roles" to describe the theoretical and research work of the members was discussed. Members will be polled for suggestions for a new and more appropriate name. Any ideas should be sent with a no-more-than 50 word

should be sent with a no-more-than 50 word statement explaining the preference. Send to Corder-Bolz asap.

C. Section Day(s). The Council and members at the B.M. discussed the new proposed ASA Council policy of placing all section activities on one day only at the annual meetings. Objections were raised: many who attend ASA meetings are members of more than one section, the section support more innovative papers, the sections should more innovative papers, the sections should be recognized as a viable, not competetive part of ASA. Council of ASA should con sider designating TWTh as section days, thereby allowing persons to limit meeting attendance, yet attend a reasonable number of days, and go to the main presidential program as well as section activities. Sections could be rotated among the 3 days as has been done among the 5 days with each section getting "good" as well as "bad" has been do

Nona Glazer, Chair

SOCIOLOGICAL PRACTICE

The Section is in its first full year of official The Section is in its first full year of official section status, having secured well over the necessary 200 members in January 1978. As of August, 1978, membership had grown to 364, a healthy increase.

Elections: Section officers were elected in April 1978 (Section 2014).

April, 1978 for terms expiring as follows: Lora Liss, Chairperson—9/79; Carolyn R. Dexter, Chairperson-Elect—9/79 and Chairperson through 980. Council: Donald E. Gelfand, Barbara A. Payne—9/81; Betty L. Havens, Yolanda T. Wesley—9/80; Suzanne R. Day, Omar K. Moore—9/79. Bruce R. Fox was appointed Acting Secretary-Treasurer in the absence of two candidates for that position, required by ASA by-laws. Members also voted for \$5 annual dues, in order to provide extra funds to advance the section. Dave Vachon chaired the Nominating Committee consisting in addition of Louisa Howe, Barbara Jameson, Ken Barb and Harold Kaufman. Dave Vachon also edited the section newsletter distributed just prior

to the 1978 annual meeting.

Program Sessions: Under the leadership of Program Sessions: Under the leadership of Chairperson Lora Liss three program sessions were presented in September 1978: "The Sociological Practitioner in the Medical World," with Pamela D. Savatsky as Organizer and Presider; "The Interaction of Sociological Theory and Research as Applied to Social Policy," with Carolyn R. Dexter as Organizer and Presider; and "Issues in Sociological Publishing," with Deborah S. David as Organizer and Presider. Comments on the three sessions are in-Comments on the three sessions are included in the section's latest newsletter sent to members.

to members.

Nominations: At the business meeting in San Francisco, the following Nominating Committee was elected: Paul Freddolino, Francine E. Jefferson, Kurt Finsterbusch, Mark van de Vall, and Cecile Strugnell. The Committee met and elected Kurt Finsterbusch as its chair and they selected the following slate: Chairperson-Elect for 979—980: David R. Segal, Omar K. Moore; Secretary-Treasurer for 9/79—9/82: Bruce R.

Fox, P. David Vachon; and two Council members for 9/79—9/82: Yolanda A. Willis, Loretta Williams, Susan Naomi Nelson, Joseph Molnar and Suzanne Powers. Further nominations are being solicited from the membership through the newslet

ter. Directory: At the Council and Business meetings it was voted to use part of the budget to prepare a directory of members of the section possibly with a 25-word description of each member's occupation to help establish a communications network and to be available for use by sociological practitioners in dealing with clients or grantors. Other related suggestions were: to review order teates aggesstrols well: of leview graduate departments in sociology in order to list those with graduate programs in applied sociology or sociological practice, and to issue a directory of professional associations relevant to sociological practice, with appropriate contact persons.

Section Day: Members expressed concern that the ASA decision to schedule all section meetings on one day (Wednesday) in 1979 would present difficulties to members of more than one section. Even though the section has a low rate of single-section memhon has a low rate or single-section membership it is hoped that a particularly attractive program will draw attendance. Carolyn R. Dexter, Penn State University, Middletown, PA 17057 is chairing the program committee and will receive papers until

n. 15, 1979. Newsletter: Two co-editors were ap pointed for the 1978-79 year: Jan Fritz, Georgetown University and Matt Green-wald, American Council on Life Insurance, both of Washington, D.C. In addition, regional members serving on an editorial board will scout news from the regions: David Vachon, Northeast; Peggy Dobbins, South; Elinore Lurie, West; and Bill Maesen, Midwest. The Newsletter carried announcements about the journal Sociological Practice, the newsletter formed to the control of the search of the sear the newly-formed Association of Clinical Sociologists, the National Institute of Rural Justice and Legal Assistance, requests for a research network around the Voluntary Job Preservation and Community Stabilization Act introduced in the 95th Congress as well as a request for sociologists working with

Membership: With the approval of Council, the Chair urged members to help recruit minorities and women, who have often been overlooked as section members, into the Sociological Practice section. With the increasing shortage of full-status teaching positions, expanded opportunities for professional employment must be developed for recent graduates.

Lora Liss, Chair

SOCIOLOGY OF EDUCATION

The 1978 Sociology of Education section day programs were well attended. The interest reflected the high quality of the presentations and continuing interest in the field. Unfortunately not all unsolicited papers could be included in the program. Some were received after the program had been set. The outgoing section chairman expres-ses his thanks to Dr. Edsel Erickson, Chair-

ses his thanks to Dr. Edsel Entekson, Chair-man and his associates on the program committee for the fine program presented. The Nominating Committee composed Carolyn Perrucci, Chairperson, Mark Chesler, Duane Oliver, Celestino Fernandez. and Janie Newby carried out their task of nominating and counting ballots in a very efficient manner. No person who the section chairman asked to assist in any way refused.

The Section business and issues are well reflected in the following minutes of the Annual business meeting prepared by Caroline Persell, Secretary: President Wilbur Brookover's Report: Our membership figures are as follows: in early 1977 we had 372 members in the section; by August 1977 we had 466; and as of July 15, 1978 there was

437.

As of August 1978, there was \$3900 in the kitty of the section. The first \$3 of the \$5 dues goes into an ASA operating account to pay for 4 mailings per year of the section news-letter and the ballot mailings, and to pay for an annual listing of the membership. The other \$2 has been building up this surplus in the section? account.

With respect to what can be done with the surplus, the section can propose and the

with respect to what can be a one with the surplus, the section can propose and the ASA Council disposes, i.e., decides whether or not they will approve our suggestion. There are certain things that sections cannot do. They cannot give cash awards or prizes, although they could give a contificate or a placua to more records. certificate or a plaque to one or more people doing important work in the Sociology of Education. Other possibilities: The methods section supports a training institute. Perhaps we could enlarge the number of pages in the journal, Sociology of Education, thus allowing more material to be published. We could award prizes to the best student research papers. We could try to strengthen the diffusion of the sociology of education. We could try to strengthen possibilities for the Sociology of Education. We could produce a bibliography of work in the sociology of education and distribute it to members. Someone suggested that a training session could be devoted to exposure to the literature on the social organization of schools, the new ethnographic certificate or a plaque to one or more people ganization of schools, the new ethnographic work being done in education. We could try

to bring in speakers from another country, such as Murray from Manchester, England; Boudon from France; or Bordieu.

Regarding section publications, Brookover reported that the section had provided \$200 to underwrite a publication containing sample syllabi used in teaching Sociology of Education around the United States and Canada. This has been completed by Caroline Persell, Floyd Hammack Wagner Thielens, and Ted Wagenaar. Copies are available through the ASA Pro-ject on Teaching Sociology, with a discount for Section members. The title is *Teaching* Sociology of Education. The Section Newsle

ection Newsletter has been edited for the last two years by Peter Nardi, who is tor the last two years by Peter Nardi, who is now stepping down. If was moved and sec-onded that Peter Nardi be commended for his fine work as editor, and thanked. The motion passed by acclamation. Jeffrey Schneider of Brown University, Department of Education, has agreed to assume the re sponsibility of being editor of the Newslet

officers of the section are as follows Ron Pavalko, President-Elect, takes office 1979-80; Caroline H. Persell, Secretary took office 9/6/78; Jean Grambs and Donald Hansen are the new Council members. The election was very close. Charles Bidwell, 1978-79 section Presi-

dent, requests suggestions from the mem-

dent, requests suggestions from the mem-bership for program ideas for the next year. This year's program committee was: Edsel Erickson, Joyce Epstein, James Pitts, David O'Shea, and Benjamin Card. They recom-mended that next year the committee should send out the questionnaire to the membership earlier, so that the process may be begun earlier. This year they were able to accept nearly every paper that was submit-

ted.

Next year all the section meetings are on Wednesday, with no general meetings on that day. There will be four slots for each section. Usually the Education Section uses one slot of two hours for the Council meet-ing and the Business Meeting, giving each one 1 hour.

Last year at the business meeting it was Last year at the business meeting it was approved to reduce the membership dues in the section from \$5 to \$3. Brookover reported that this would need to be voted by the entire membership. It was moved and seconded and approved with one dissenting vote that the membership should vote on the following: The dues of the Sociology of Education section shall immediately be re-duced from \$5 per year to \$3 per year. When the balance in the section's account reaches \$1000 the dues shall again be raised to \$5. The rationale offered was that as long as the section has a surplus of \$3900, we should have lower dues until a reasonable amount of that surplus has been spent on projects that section considers constructive and in

keeping with its objective and in keeping with its objectives. The business meeting did approve to spend up to \$150 on a social event at next year's ASA meeting. This event should be well publicized and designed to enable sec-tion members to meet and talk with others who share their intellectual and professional interacts. Poseumably this recommendation interests. Presumably this recommendation will be subject to the ASA Council's ap-

was moved that the Section Newsletter should survey the members about how the surplus should be spent. It should list the suggestions made, solicit members reactions to those suggestions, and allow space for additional suggestions to be made. The excellent cooperation of the member-

nip made 1978 a very pleasant year for the chairperson. Thanks.

Wilbur B. Brookover, Chair

THEORETICAL SOCIOLOGY

Council and business meetings of the Sec tion were unusually well attended, including the immediately past chairperson (Aaron Cicourel), present chairperson (Roscoe Hinkle), incoming chairperson (Alvin coe Hinkle), incoming chairperson (Alvin Boskoff), and chairperson-elect for 1978-79 (Randall Collins). Jerry Hage (U. of Maryland) was selected as the chairman of the nominating committee for new officers and council members to be elected by the Section in 1979. A lively discussion ensued over the possible topics for the sessions of the Section at the 1979 ASA meetings, e.g., "How different theoretical approaches would explain some particular empirical relationship," "The current relevancy of Parsons," "New theoretical problems in understanding post-industrial society," "What are the major current theory groups" are the major current theory groups?"
Members at the meeting agreed that appropriate action to raise section dues is to be
taken (if discussions between the incoming
chairperson and the executive office indicate that such a raise will permit issuance of expanded or more frequent section newsletters). In addition, representatives from each region were identified to collect relevant news from regional meetings for inclusion in the Section newsletter (Jeffrey Alexander—UCLA, Pacific; Alvin Boskoff—Emory U., Southern; Edward Armstrong—Murray St. U., Mid-South; Gisela Hinkle—O.S.U., North Central; Stephen Warner—U. of Illinois-Chicago Circle, Mid-West; Ino Rossi—St. Johns U., Eastern). It was also decided that a brief ewsletter is to be developed and distriters). In addition, representatives from each newsletter is to be developed and distributed at the ASA meetings in 1979. Nicholas Mullins (Indiana U.) agreed to be responsible for this endeavor.

Roscoe C. Hinkle, Chair

UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION

This annual report covers the major decisions and activities of the Section and Council from September 7, 1977 to September 7, 1978.

1978.
OFFICERS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS A. 1977-78 Council Membership: Albert E. Chabot, Chairperson, Macomb County Community College; Michael Malec, Chairperson-Elect, Boston College, Betty Green, Past-Chairperson, Hamline University: David Weiss, Secretary- Treasurer, C.W. Post CollegelLong Island University. From University: From Universities: Ray Cuzzont (78). University of Colorado; Alan Bates (79). University of Nebraska; Joe Faulkner (80), Pennsylvania State University. From Colleges: Kniem Wenzel (78). College of New Rochelle, Bob Stauffer (79), Kalamazoo College; Vanne (80), College of New Rochelle, Bob Stauffer (79), Kalamazoo College; Rosanne Matoralle (80), William Pottership: Normandale Community College: Rosanne Matoralle (80), William Patterson College. RESIGNATIONS AND REPLACEMENTS

RESIGNATIONS AND REPLACLEMENTS Larry Rhoades informed the Council of his recent appointment as Executive Associate in the ASA office in Washington, D.C. Because of this new position, Rhoades has decided to resign from the office of Secretary-Treasurer of the Section as well as Section Newsletter Editor. Rhoades explained the method of nomination and election of Secretary-Treasurer and Newsletter Editor. The results of the Council executive session vote were: David Weiss, Secretary-Treasurer; John Schnabel, Newsletter Editor.

SECTION COMMITTEES MEMBERSHIP AND CONCERNS A. Nominations: The 1977-78 Nomina-

A. Nominations: The 1977-78 Nominations Committee was chaired by Carla Howery, University of Wisconsin. Her committee consisted of: Brent Bruton, Iowa State University; Richard Dukes, University of Colorado; Allan Schwartzbaum, Virginia Commonwealth University; Meg Wilkes, College of St. Catherine; William Cross, Illinois College; Chic Goldsmid, Oberlin College; Jerald Sicard, Miami-Dade Community College; Nancy Saunders, San Antonio College.

Officers elected in spring 1978 were Charlotte Vaughn, Chairperson-Elect, Cornell College; and David Weiss, Secretary-Treasurer, C.W. Post College/ Long Island

University.

Council members elected were: Tom
McFaul, University of Houston at Clear Lake
City: Charlene Black, Georgia Southern
University: and Pat Allen, Los Angeles
Community College.

Community Conegram: ASA President-Elect Blalock urged and invited active planning and participation by the Undergraduate Education Section. He expressed his desire to see increased attention to the teaching enterprise and to teaching related topics at the annual meetings. He suggested that this may be accomplished at the 1979 meetings by allocating 3-5 thematic sessions and possibly

one plenary session to teaching matters. Chabot would chair the 1978 Program Committee for the ASA meetings in San Francisco. It was suggested that the chair-person from this point on should be responsible for planning the Section's program as his/net returne expires as chair. In light of this suggestion, Chabot planned the 1978 San Francisco program (as well as the 1977 Chicago program) and Malec will plan the 1979 Boston program.

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The 1978 theme for Section Day was "Undergraduate Sociology: What and How We Teach." Program Committee membership for 1978 was: Mike Delaney, Des Moines Area Community College: Joe DeMartini, University of California, Santa Barbara; Joshua Heller, Syracuse University (graduate student); Howard Rosenbaum, Syracuse University (graduate student); John Maiolo, East Carolina University; Paul Murray, Millsans College.

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The mini-plenary speaker was Bill D'Antonio, University of Connecticut, and his topic "Teaching Sociology: The Impossible Dream."

C Publications: The 1977-78 Publications Committee was chaired by Bob Stauffer, Kalamazoo College. His committee consisted of: John Schnabel, West Virginia University, Kristen Wenzel, College of New Rochelle; David Weiss, C.W. Post College! Lone Island University.

Nothing: Javan wriss, Christon and Conglete Long Island University. Stauffer observed that the committee seems to be faced with two sets of dilemmas: (1) the access and subsequent reporting and dissemination of information by both the Project's and Section Newsletter; (2) the communication difficulties within the committee.

In light of these observations, Stauffer asked Council to consider the following recommendations: (1) replacing present Publications Committee with two Council selected persons, one "Advisor" for Section's publications, one Editor for Section's Newsletter with responsibilities in these areas; (2) continued close cooperation with the Oberlin office since that office has become somewhat of a clearinghouse for

Section-related materials and information; (3) possible development by Section Newsletter Editor of new Newsletter format so that contents do not duplicate Project Newsletter's information. New format might provide more substantive discussions via expanded letter-to-the-editor section, guest editorials, book reviews, etc.; (4) when major special publications are entertained, such as syllabus project, person(s) responsible should be other than publications Advisor or Newsletter Editor, being selected by full Council vote. A committee was appointed to explore the recommendations.

The Syllabus Project has been a clear success. The introductory set has gone through two printings. A revision of the introductory set is being considered before a third printing. A social problems set will soon be available (Winter 1978-79) and two or three other sets are being considered. However, there is a need for a Guidelines Statement for preparation of the syllabi packets.

A. Several budget models were suggested for Section's activities. Council agreed unanimously to plan a budget that would allocate funds to ongoing Section activities in fixed amounts ranging from \$25-875 for each activity or group.

B. The Section established an Ad Hoc. Mankharkin Committee which had as in

B. The Section established an Ad Hoc Membership Committee which had as its charge to gain members and to keep mem-

bers.

C. The Section established an Ad Hoc Committee on Teaching Awards. The committee will emphasize "contributions to teaching" which could include published materials, innovative teaching techniques, individual, group, or institutional teaching contributions, etc. Limited guidelines were established with the award(s) to be decided by vote of Council. The first award will be given at the 1979 ASA meetings in Boston.

D. Council has had a continued concern about the relationship between the Section Newsletter and the ASA Teaching Newsletter. E. The Section By-laws are being reviewed. The Section charged Weiss and

E. The Section By-laws are being reviewed. The Section charged Weiss and Chabot with this responsibility. It is anticipated that they will make recommendations either at the Pittsburgh or Boston meetings of the Council (1979).

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G. The Section deeply regrest the death of Betty Green, Past-Chairperson. The Section was represented by Carla Howery and Al Chabot at the Memorial Service at Hamline University in St. Paul this past June (1998).

H. The Section's theme for the 1979 meetings in Reston was represented by

H. The Section's theme for the 1979 meetings in Boston was announced by Chairperson-Elect Malec: "Research on Teaching."

Albert E. Chabot, Chair

WORLD CONFLICTS

The section on World Conflict held three panels at the last meeting of the ASA which were very well attended. A bibliography on conflict and peace prepared by Elise Boulding and J. Robert Passmore is scheduled for publication. The section met and discussed a series of issues, including the need to increase membership, organize sessions at regional meetings and complete work on a handbook on world conflict. Reports on Congressional legislation to establish a U.S. Peace Academy and program planning led to lively discussion of the areas of interests which the section should pursue. The previous years' efforts to broaden the scope of the section to encompass the political-economy of world conflict was favorably considered. The formation of nominations and program committee concluded business.

James F. Petras, Chair

Criminal Justice Studies Underway

One of the largest centers in this country for the study of criminal justice is the Center for Urban Affairs at Northwestern University.

The Center recently received two grants totaling \$1.18 million to conduct the first in-depth analysis of the government's responses to crime over the past three decades (\$922,000) and to assess citizen participation and community crime prevention (\$261,000) from the National Institute of Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice,

Other crime-related studies already underway at the Center are reactions to crime, attitudes toward rape and adaptive behaviors, monitoring delinquency JAMES TAMPLIN LAING (1899-1979)

Dr. James T. Laing died on January 1, 1979 near his beloved homestead in Lancaster, West Virginia, a place he fondly dubbed "Green Pastures". He is survived by his wife, Lenila, his son, James Thomas of Pontiac, Michigan, and two grandchildren.

Dr. Laing was born in Montgomery, West Virginia, August 26, 1899, and proudly associated himself with the sons and daughters of his native state. He earned his AB degree at West Virginia University in 1924, his MA at Ohio State University in 1929, and his PhD at Ohio State University in 1935. Postdoctoral studies were continued at the Institute of Race Relations, Swarthmore College in 1936.

His concern for others was evident throughout his career. His master's thesis was a study of the literature of "Negro" economic conditions between 1880 and 1929. His dissertation was entitled, "The Negro Miner in West Virginia".

First and foremost, Dr. Laing was an able, highly skilled administrator. In 1933-1934, he served as Chairperson of the Department of Economics and Sociology at Holbrook College. In 1934-1935, he was Chairperson of the Department of Sociology at what is now West Virginia Institute of Technology. But his real leadership began in 1935 when he came to Kent State University as the University's first professor of sociology. From 1937 to 1967, 30 full years, Dr. Laing devoted himself to building a significant department of sociology at Kent State University.

His ability to sense the potential talents of faculty and students was phenomenal. Dr. Laing drew around him a circle of scholars, teachers, research specialists, theorists, authors, and social service-oriented personnel who have contributed, and continue to contribute, to the fields of sociology, anthropology, and social work. A partial list includes the distinguished names of John F. Cuber, Leonard Broom, Edwin M. Lemert, Delbert C. Miller, Robert A. Harper, William H. Form, John A. Given, James Fleming, Glenn T. Nygreen, Morris Sunshine, Charles Hildebrandt, Doris Wilkinson, Richard Kerckhoff, Edward Dager, Paul Horton, and Herman

Perhaps one of Dr. Laing's most gratifying experiences was his choice and support of the late (and revered) Oscar W. Ritchie. Dr. Ritchie, thanks to Laing's initiative, became the first black sociologist to teach in any of the state universities of Ohio. He had moved steadily through the ranks holding every possible status from graduate assistant to full professor, in-

interventions, and the local crime survey dissemination program.

To receive Center publications, or for further information, call Gave Hayerkos at (312) 492-3395.

Society of Behavioral Medicine—a new organization formed to promote the interdisciplinary field concerned with the development and integration of behavioral and biomedical science. Includes fields of sociology, psychology, social work, nursing, epidemiology, biostatistics and medicine. Contact: Society of Behavioral Medicine, Suite 2547, 420 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY 10017. Phone: (212) 682-0065

cluding Acting Chairpersonship upon Dr. Laing's retirement.

There were other honors for Dr. Laing such as the presidency of the Ohio Valley Sociological Society in 1945-1946 (now North Central Sociological Association), the publication of over a dozen articles of scholarly interest, his special interest in a series of studies dealing with the drain of talents between states such as Ohio and West Virginia, and his work with the Rotary Club of Kent and Phi Sigma Kappa Fraternity.

The department that Dr. Laing founded, shepherded, and inspired grew from a two-man department introducing a relatively new discipline to the university community to a multifaceted department of sociologists, anthropologists, social workers, and correction specialists. By his retirement, Dr. Laing had brought his department to the threshold of the state's first joint doctorate program in sociology with Akron State University.

There remains one vital ingredient aside from his sustained leadership and that was his warm, gentlemanly, modest, self-effacing, accepting personality. He saw only good in people because that was the kind of man he was. Whatever defects, flaws, or errors existed in others were overdooked in recognition of their positive, constructive, dedicated efforts.

He was my teacher, counselor, superior, academic "father", colleague, and treasured friend. There have been and will continue to be great and respected sociologists, but far too often we tend to underestimate those persons who labor behind the scenes administratively to make everything fall smoothly into place. In the passing of Dr. James T. Laing, we have lost a wonderful advocate of our discipline. Most of all, we have witnessed the passing of a sweet and wholesome human being who graced this world.

Marvin R. Koller Kent State University

SVEND HENRY RIEMER (1905-1977)

Professor of Sociology at UCLA since 1952, Svend Henry Riemer died of cancer on May 15, 1977 in Fullerton, California. He is survived by a son, Ralf. Professor Riemer donated his body to the University medical school. At his request no services were held, but donations were directed to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, 135 N. Screenland Drive, Burbank, CA 91505

During his lifetime Professor Riemer published and lectured on the subjects of family, housing, and cities. His courses on the family were immensely popular among UCLA undergraduates. In addition, he completed more than ninety scholarly articles in English, German, Danish and Swedish. Riemer was also the author of *The Modern City* (Prentice-Hall, 1952), an influential textbook in urban sociology.

Svend Riemer had to confront ill health in the last twenty-five years of his life. Multiple sclerosis was diagnosed in 1954. Failing health was an increasingly serious problem ever after. Nonetheless, Professor Riemer continued to teach his hugh classes on the family until retirement in March 1972. By this time the progressive disease had sadly crippled his body. However, his physical suffering did not repress Riemer's critical intelligence. His last sociological publication appeared in 1974, two years after retirement. At the time of his death, he was writing a novel. His colleagues remember with sadness the bitter spectacle of Riemer's alert mind continually frustrated by the limitations of his crippled body.

Svend Riemer was born in Berlin, Germany on October 28, 1905 to a bourgeois family. His father, Fried-

rich, was a bank executive. His mother, Flora, was Danish; she bestowed his Scandinavian given name. Riemer grew up in Berlin. As a young man, he became active in the Socialist Party of Germany (SPD), and married Ingebord Mueller, a Jew. Riemer received his doctor's degree in social science from the University of Heidelberg in 1930. In 1932, with the Nazis on the brink of power, he published "Zur sociologie des National sozialismus", an unflattering portrait of Hitlerism. This publication brought Riemer to the irritated attention of the Nazis. When Hitler became chancellor in 1933, Riemer and his wife fled Ger-

They went to Stockholm, where Svend lectured at the university until 1938. His wife, Ingebord, died in Sweden. With the assistance of a Rockefeller Fellowship, Svend visited the United States in 1938-39. While here, he obtained an assistant professorship at the University of Minnesota in 1939-40. There followed a decade of immense scholarly productivity. Riemer moved from Minnesota to the University of Washington (1940-42), and from there to Cornell University (1942-45), and acquired U.S. citizenship by naturalization while in Ithaca, New York. His next academic appointment was associate professor at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, where he remained from 1945 until 1952.

Svend Riemer accepted an appointment as Professor of Sociology at UCLA in 1952. Assessing Riemer's research contribution, Herbert Blumer detected "a genuine scholar and an ingenious research worker". As a human being, Riemer was, in Blumer's opinion, "a real gentleman—not in the sense of cold aloofness but in the sense of sensitive consideration for the personal rights and feelings of others".

Ivan Light UCLA

Biopolitical Research

A Center for Biopolitical Research has been established at Northern Illinois University in an attempt to bridge the gap between the findings of the natural sciences and the social and behavioral sciences related to human behavior.

Thomas C. Wiegele, Center Director, said the Center's interests will include, but not be limited to, "the study of physiological and psychological stress as it is related to social behavior, the impact of nutrition and health on political and social behavior, physiological aspects of political analysis, and certain dimensions of ethology."

Other activities of the Center, created by the Chicago Consortium of Colleges and Universities, will involve the holding of research conferences; the stimulation of cooperative, interdisciplinary research; publication of a newsletter; and the creation of a capacity for graduate students to pursue their own thesis and dissertation research.

For more information contact Wiegele at the Center for Biopolitical Research, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL 60115.

Problems of Discipline Funds 3 Projects; Proposals Solicited

Three proposals were funded by the ASA Problems of the Discipline Grant Program during 1978 which, for the second year in a row, has not obligated all of its available funds.

The funded proposals will allow 25 sociologists and other social scientists to pursue work in three areas in a collaborative manner.

In 1978, the fund had \$7,200 available for grants, including \$2,200 left over from 1977. Total funds expended on grants in 1978 were \$4,222.

Applications for 1979 grants are being solicited by the Committee on the Problems of the Discipline. Guidelines and further details on the program are presented below.

FUNDED PROPOSALS

A grant of \$1,500 was made to Natalie J. Sokoloff, CUNY-John Jay College of Criminal Justice; Christine Bose, SUNY-Albany, and Roslyn L. Feldberg, Boston University, to support the work of a group of ten scholars from several social science disciplines that is investigating problems with research and theory in women and work. The group hopes to develop an interdisciplinary approach to understanding the relationship of women to work in American society.

Other sociologists in the group are Nona Glazer, Portland State University; Myra Marx Ferree, University of Connecticut; and Carol Brown, University of Lowell.

Other social scientists in the group are Heidi Hartmann, National Academy of Sciences, Commission on Occupational Classification and Analysis, economics; Alice Kessler-Harris, Director of the Center for Work and Leisure, Hofstra University, History; Peggy Crull, Research Director of Working Women United Institute, New York City, developmental psychology; and Dorothy Remy, University of District of Columbia, anthropology.

Another \$1,500 grant was made to a group of eight sociologists and an historian that is coordinated by Theda Skocpol, Harvard University. The grant will support the group's work on methods of historical social analysis.

Other sociologists in the group are Daniel Chirot and Michael Hechter, University of

San Francisco In 1982

Council has approved the scheduling of the 1982 Annual Meeting in San Francisco during the week following Labor Day. Although Council recognizes that it is not possible to schedule the Annual Meeting to everyone's satisfaction, the Labor Day week gives the membership about a 25% discount on room costs.

Sites in the West and Southwest are being investigated for future meetings to offset the goegraphic concentration of the meetings in Boston, New York and Toronto. Washington; Walter Goldfrank, UC-Santa Cruz; Gary Hamilton, UC-Davis; Jeffery Paige, University of Michigan; Dietrich Rueschemeyer, Brown University; and Ellen Kay Trimberger, California State University-Sonoma. The historican is Lynn Hunt, UC-Berkeley.

A grant of \$1,222 was jointly awarded to Zelda F. Gamson, University of Michigan, and Joyce Rothschild-Whitt, Cornell University, to support the work of six scholars who are looking at the implications of research on collec-

tive self-management in the workplace.

Other scholars in the group are Paul Bernstein, UC-Irvine; Robert Kahn and Mayer Zald, University of Michigan; and Jan Mansbridge, University of Chicago.

PURPOSE AND GUIDELINES

The purpose of the Program is to make grants to small groups of social scientists to facilitate intellectual exchange and to move their efforts into a more productive fu-

ture. Proposals may be brief but they should set forth an objective, a modus operandi, the implications of the project for the development of sociology as a discipline, plans for disseminating results, and a budget.

The Committee does not wish to suggest theoretical, methodological, or substantive priorities or specific modes of operation, but applicants may be guided by the following considerations. Preferences will be given to:

(1) Proposals that involve theoretical and/or methodological issues that promise to have implications of general interest to the entire profession and beyond a narrowly defined substantive field.

(2) Proposals that indicate a concern for drawing together several theoretical and/or methodological approaches, as for example those that cut across several different substantive fields.

(3) Proposals that are of a stocktaking, integrative, synthesizing, and/or evaluative nature, with respect to a given area of sociological knowledge.

(4) Groups of scholars who have established effective communication and have a shared focus on the problems they wish to address.

(5) Groups that can specify mechanisms for preparing for the proposed conferences by the exchange of materials prior to their meetings.

meetings.

(6) Groups that can describe procedures to follow-up their meetings and present their results and conclusions to appropriate

(7) Groups that can find ways to economize on travel and other expenses.

Grants will generally not exceed \$1,500. Grants will not be given for travel to or related expenses involved in attending the ASA Annual Meeting or for travel outside of North America.

Applicants must send five copies of their proposals to the ASA Executive Office, 1722 N Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20036. Applications should come from small groups of social scientists at least three of whom must be ASA members.

Submission deadlines are February 1, May 1, August 1, and November 1. Proposals will be reviewed four times per year, and under normal conditions, decisions will be announced within three months following receipt of the application.

Under unusual circumstances, grants will be made to previous recipients and previous grants will be awarded additional support; however, priority will be given to new proposals from those who have not received support under the Program. All groups receiving support will be required to submit a report of progress one year following the date of their award.

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Expands Mission, Membership

The membership and mission of the Committee on Problems of the Discipline was expanded by ASA Council during its January meeting.

Council has authorized the Committee to take a more active role in addressing the problems of the discipline including the seeking of funding to support working conferences on those problems.

To accommodate this expanded mission the membership was expanded from three to five members. The Committee is now comprised of the Past President, three Council members, and the Executive Officer serving exofficio.

The Committee will continue to review proposals submitted to the Problems of the Discipline Grant Program

Committee members are Richard J. Hill, Chair; Amos Hawley, Morris Rosenberg, Immanuel Wallerstein, and Russell R. Dynes, ex officio.

Humanities Report Due in Early 1980

The Commission on the Humanities expects to issue a final report by early 1980 that will critically assess the role of the humanities in American society in the last 15 years and make some recommendations for strengthening the humanities in American education and public life over the next decade.

In preparation for the report, the Commission, sponsored by the Rockefeller Foundation, is examining three major topics: (1) formal education in the humanities through the university level; (2) non-formal modes of humanities learning—museums, libraries, mass media; and (3) public and private support for the humanities.

The Commission is chaired by Richard W. Lyman, President, Stanford University. The Humanities Commission of 1963-64 recommended the establishment of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Space Allocation Provisions Detailed

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come, first-served basis. Each group will be limited to one meeting.

Council stated that publicity concerning these meetings, including content and participants will be the responsibility of the initiating groups. The meetings will not be listed in the official program.

Sections are not eligible for this additional space because they are already alloted regular program time.

EVENING SESSIONS

Council also authorized additional evening time for groups

New Child Care Policy Adopted

A new child care policy has been adopted by ASA Council for the 1979 Annual Meeting because of the low utilization and the high cost of the services provided.

Under the new policy recommended by the Committee on the Executive Office and Budget, parents will make their own child care arrangements from an approved list of sitters provided by the Executive Office.

Parents will pay all fees themselves and then file for reimbursement (with appropriate receipts) after the Annual Meeting. The ASA will reimburse parents for 50% of the fee incurred for child care services provided during program session hours only.

A report on the 1979 child care services is to be submitted to Council for further consideration.

wishing to meet in conjunction with the ASA. Currently, all group meetings are restricted to Wednesday night. Evening time slots would also be made available after the regularly scheduled sessions and before the plenaries on other nights.

As with morning sessions, groups must submit to the Executive Office a petition for space signed by ten or more members of the Association. Space will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Each group will be limited to one meeting. However, in the event that space exceeds demands, request for a second meeting will be allocated randomly.

Council further authorized setting aside one room as a hospitality room for graduate and undergraduate students every night before the plenary sessions except Wednesday night.

LITERATURE DISTRIBUTION

To facilitate the right of members to distribute and sell literature at Annual Meetings, Council instructed ASA officers to regularly reserve table space in hallways in or near the central registration area to the extent consistent with available facilities.

Association members will have the right to apply to the Executive Office prior to the meeting for tables in the allotted space without charge on a first-come, firstserved basis.

ASA Award

Sorokin Award and Lectureship

This Award is given for any work which, in the opinion of the Selection Committee, has made a contribution to the progress of sociology. Such works include book length monographs published within the past two years or series of articles published within the last five years, if the last article was published within the last two years. The Award will be announced at the Annual Meeting in Boston.

The Award will be given to pay travel expenses for the recipient to deliver a public lecture at a regional association, interdisciplinary association or appropriate scholarly audience.

Any member can send nominations to: The Sorokin Award Selection Committee, 1722 N Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20036. Deadline is May 1, 1979.

Faux Pas

The institutional affiliations of two participants in the thematic panels scheduled for the ASA Annual Meeting in Boston were incorrectly reported in February FOOTNOTES.

Rosabeth M. Kanter is at Yale University, not Brandeis University.

Gary T. Marx is at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, not Harvard University.