Association for Social Anthropology in Oceania.

NEWSLETTER XLIV

I. IN THIS ISSUE


II. 12TH ANNUAL MEETING SITE

The New Harmony Inn, New Harmony, Indiana, has been selected as the site of the 12th ASAO Annual Meeting. The dates for the meeting are Wednesday, March 9 through Saturday, March 13 (Vern requests that members try to stay through Sunday noon for maximum participation). New Harmony, located in the southeastern corner of Indiana, is a small town of approximately 950 people situated on the banks of the Wabash River.

The New Harmony Inn is relatively small with only 45 rooms. Room rates are set at $31.00 for a single, $38.00 for a double, and $44.00 for a triple. Though the temperatures outside may not be viewed as ideal for swimming, the Inn has a "greenhouse" swimming pool for year-round use. More information about the New Harmony Inn, room reservations, and travel arrangements to New Harmony begins on page 2.

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III. FROM THE EDITOR

This will be the next to last Newsletter I will be editing since my two year term expires in March, 1983. Any member who might want to serve as the ASAO Newsletter Editor should contact one of the ASAO Board members to express an interest. A new editor will be selected during the 12th Annual Meeting. Anyone who is interested in serving the association in this capacity should feel free to contact me for more details, i.e., what it takes to get out an ASAO Newsletter.

Rick Marksbury (504) 865-5555

Note: Participants in the 1983 Program should submit all materials to Vern Carroll, not the Newsletter editor. Make sure he has received them so he can meet the January 9th deadline.

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IV. MORE INFORMATION ON NEW HARMONY, INDIANA

Inn Reservations: On the last page of this Newsletter, you will find a RESERVATION SHEET, which should be completed and returned immediately to the New Harmony Inn. Please note that a reservation may be made by giving a credit card number or a check for one night’s room rent. To reconfirm your reservation, you must send additional money, totalling one-half of your total room costs, no later than February 1. Reservations may be cancelled up to February 1 without penalty; a later cancellation in February or March will result in forfeit of the deposit.

Room rates, including airport transportation and “continental breakfast, are $31 for a single and $38 for a double. For each additional person in a room, there is an extra $6 charge. In fact, some can accommodate more than three persons. It may be possible, through extra doubling up, for some members to get you a rate that is much cheaper than the double rate. If you desire this cheaper rate and don’t mind doubling up, mark “cheapest” on the reservation sheet. Vern is unable to guarantee everyone this cheaper rate prior to the meetings. However, based on who wants what, and given the availability of room configurations, he says he will do his best. In all cases, priority will be given those who make their reservations in advance. All bills at the Inn can be paid with any major credit card. There is, of course, no “registration fee” for ASAO Annual Meetings. If you are asked for one, it will be for a scheduled social event.

There are only forty-five rooms at the New Harmony Inn, so room assignments will be made strictly on a first come, first served, basis. Vern will attempt to accommodate those members who want singles or double as long as long as the supply of rooms merits such desires. Members who plan to arrive on March 9th and stay through the 13th will be given priority over those who plan on staying for a shorter period. There are no other accommodations in the immediate area.
Travel Arrangements: Plane reservations should be made immediately, if not sooner. Flight reservations should be made to Evansville, Indiana, the nearest airport to New Harmony. The Evansville airport is serviced by Delta, US Air, and Britt. Vern points out that the number of daily flights to Evansville is limited and the fares will not likely become cheaper in the foreseeable future. In short, even if you are not sure that you will be able to attend the 1983 Annual Meeting, reserve a room at the Inn and make a plane reservation. Otherwise, you might find yourself on the outside looking in!

Transportation to the Inn from the Evansville airport, 15-20 miles, is free, but will only be available to those members who have made reservations in advance.

When plotting your travel plans, it may be useful to calculate what it would cost you to fly to St. Louis, Indianapolis, Louisville, and Nashville. Each of these cities is approximately a 3-4 hour drive to New Harmony. You may find that it will be cheaper (especially if you are part of a group) to fly to one of them, rent a car, and then drive to New Harmony.

Other New Harmony Tidbits: Since there will be no organized "coffee breaks", participants who will require sustenance during the sessions should bring a thermos and fill up at the restaurant ahead of time. There will be no "group meals" as such, but there are two local dining rooms for lunch and supper as well as a couple of other possibilities in the vicinity. It is suggested that members try to arrive as early as possible on March 9th. An early afternoon reception has been scheduled to begin at 3:00 p.m. After dinner, there will be an introductory meeting followed by more festivities. Vern has attempted to avoid extra plenary sessions in favor of more congenial evening social events.

Dress is informal, and we will have the whole establishment to ourselves. By having the meetings during the second week of March, it is hoped that any serious snow will be avoided, but this cannot be guaranteed. Bring warm sweaters and your down parka (not everything is under one roof).

Finally, for an excellent historic overview of the New Harmony area, Mac Marshall suggests that members who plan to attend the meeting might want to read THE ANGEL AND THE SERPENT: THE STORY OF NEW HARMONY by William Wilson.

V. BIBLIOGRAPHIC NOTES

"The control of reefs and lagoons; some aspects of the political structure of Ulithi Atoll," Iwao Ushijima.
"A brief report on archaeological investigations of the southern part of Yap Island and nearby Ngulu Atoll," Jun Takayama.

"The characteristics of Nguluan from the viewpoint of language contact," Osamu Sakiyama.

"Kinship terminology and respect-avoidance behavior in Pulap, the Central Carolines," Kazuhiko Komatsu.


B. FROM TRUSTEESHIP TO...? MICRONESIA AND ITS FUTURE, a joint publication of the Micronesian Support Committee and Pacific Concerns Research Center, is now available. This 68-page booklet on Micronesia features an Introduction and Chronology focussing on political developments in Micronesia, in particular: the crucial political status talks begun in 1969, including a separate section on the Marianas; the conflict between U.S. military interests in the Western Pacific and Micronesian aspirations for sovereignty; and the implications of underdevelopment in the islands.

Copies of this booklet may be ordered by sending US$4.50 (surface to the United States, Canada, Europe, Asia, Pacific), US$5.50 (airmail to the United States and Canada), US$6.50 (airmail to Europe, Asia, and Pacific), US$3.50 (airmail to Micronesia) to: Micronesian Support Committee, 1212 University Avenue, Honolulu, HI 96826 or Pacific Concerns Resource Center, P.O. Box 27692, Honolulu, HI 96827.

C. Academic Press has recently instituted a policy granting ASAO members a 10% discount on all books that deal with Oceania. ASAO members may find the following four books of special interest:

VANUATU - Politics, Economics and Ritual in Island Melanesia, edited by Michael Allen. The fourteen essays in this book all focus on aspects of the many social transformations that have taken place in the Vanuatu during the past hundred years or more of colonial rule. Recurrent topics include the political implications of complex status hierarchies, the relationship between matriliney, male secret societies and the status of women, the interplay between ascription and achievement in leadership systems, the impact of Christianity and cash-cropping on traditional institutions, and the historical circumstances surrounding the origin and perpetuation of indigenous movements such as Nagriamel and John Frum. ASAO discount price - US$35.55.

SUNDA AND SAHUL - Prehistoric Studies in Southeast Asia, Melanesia and Australia, edited by J. Allen, J. Golson and R. Jones. This book sets out some of the exciting new information in a series of papers originally presented at the 13th Pan Pacific Science Congress in Vancouver in 1975. Only a proportion of the essays is archaeological and not all of the contributors are prehistorians. The articles aim to identify the biogeographical factors that give the region its personality, to illustrate the ways in which ethnographic information aids the interpretation of archaeological work, and to demonstrate the kinds of issues and interpretations possible in this context. ASAO discount price - US$ 58.05.
SUBSISTENCE AND SURVIVAL - Rural Ecology in the Pacific, edited by Timothy Bayliss-Smith and Richard Feachem. The contributors represent the disciplines of social anthropology, human geography, human biology, environmental medicine and nutrition, and tropical plant ecology; and the subject matter extends from the glacial uplands of Papua New Guinea, through the montane forests and grasslands of the Highlands, into the coastal jungles, and across to the smaller atolls and islands of the South West Pacific. ASAO discount price - US$61.20.

THE ANTHROPOLOGY OF POWER - Ethnographic Studies from Asia, Oceania, and the New World, edited by Richard Fogelson and Richard Adams. This book provides a rich source of material for the study of power as well as an important set of theoretical papers suggesting direction for further investigation. Essays in this collection covering Oceania include: "Ritual, Power, and Male Dominance in the New Guinea Highlands" by L.L. Langness; "Order and Power in Karavar" by Shelly Errington; "Mana in Maori Medicine - Rarotonga, Oceania", by Margaret MacKenzie; and "A Sanction for Authority: Etiquette" by Edward Norbeck. ASAO discount price - $36.00.

Orders should be sent to: Academic Press, Inc., Commercial Division, 757 Third Avenue, 18th Floor, New York, NY 10017, Attention: Lucille D’Esposito.

D. Status report of the monograph MODERNIZATION AND THE EMERGENCE OF A LANDLESS PEASANTRY and a request for contributors: Many Third World countries are engaged in efforts to transform the traditional agricultural sectors of their economies into modern forms that are more closely linked to the national economies and export markets. This book will consist of contributed papers that deal with the social impact of this modernization at the village level in a variety of agricultural societies around the world. It will be directed towards those interested in the processes of sociocultural change as well as those involved in development studies, social and development planning, development financing, and the management of development projects.

Modernization of an agricultural sector is frequently done without regard to the indigenous system agriculture and its interrelationship with the ecosystem, and without regard to the indigenous system of land tenure and its function in the local society and economy. As a result, traditional farmers may find that they no longer have adequate access to land for farming and for essential raw materials so that they have to become landless agricultural laborers or seek employment in other economic sectors. And their children have to find sources of employment that frequently require migration. Thus, a new landlord class comes into being and a landless peasantry emerges. This book will explore the local level processes that lead to the development of a landless peasantry and the consequences that this has not only for the population involved but also for the larger society.

Contributions that deal with the development of new social inventions at the village level to preserve local control over the agricultural economy and agricultural lands are particularly welcome. Since the original announcement, a publisher has been
secured, and contributions to date include examples from New Guinea, Insular Southeast Asia, Central America, South America, and Africa. Anyone wishing to contribute a manuscript for this book should contact Dr. G. N. Appell, Senior Research Associate, Department of Anthropology, Brandeis University, Waltham, Massachusetts 02254. Potential contributors must contact Dr. Appell no later than January, 1983.

VI. RESEARCH AND SCHOLASTIC NOTES

A. Rebecca Stephenson, Chairman of the Anthropology Department of the University of Guam sends the following information:

1. Eulalia Harui-Walsh ("Lolly"), of Ulithi, is currently researching the changing lifestyle of young women who have attended Outer Islands High School on Falalop, Ulithi. This research project, which will be used toward her M.A. thesis, involves a comparison of these young women to the older and more traditional women in the Western Carolines who have never attended high school. Lolly suggests that a breakdown in the relationships between older and younger women is currently taking place. She is exploring the many ways in which Peace Corps teachers, especially women teachers, have influenced young Carolinian women. Any ASAO members who have information on this topic and wish to share it with Lolly are encouraged to contact her c/o Department of Anthropology, University of Guam Station, Mangilao, Guam 96913.

2. Kim Kihleng, of Ponape, is collecting data for her M.A. thesis at the University of Guam. She has chosen as her topic, women of Ponape, with particular reference to social and economic change in the context of the perception of self. Any ASAO member wishing to correspond with Kim regarding her research or with data they would like to share, should contact her at the following address: P.O. Box 233, Kolonia, Ponape, E.C.I. 94941.

3. Lolita Leon Guerrero Huxel, assistant professor of Chamorro in the Bilingual Bicultural Program of the Language and Literature Department at the University of Guam, died on June 3rd at Queen's Hospital in Honolulu. She had suffered from a heart problem for several years. Lolita was on leave pursuing her doctoral studies in linguistics at the University of Hawaii. Some of the ASAO members will remember Lolita from her participation in the "Women in Oceania" symposium at the 1980 Annual Meeting in Galveston, Texas. Friends of Lolita are in the process of establishing a scholarship fund in her name at the University of Guam. Any ASAO member who would like to know more about the scholarship fund or make a contribution to it, the mailing address is: LOLITA L.G. HUXEL MEMORIAL FUND, Box 5056, University of Guam Station, Mangilao, Guam 96913.

B. Bill Wormsley has recently resigned as Research Fellow at the Institute of Applied Social and Economic Research, Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea. He has accepted the position as Social Anthropologist with the Enga Provincial Development Programme. The EPDP is a development project funded by a World Bank loan and national government funds. Bill will be directing the Enga Law and Order Project which will deal with the issue of tribal fighting in Enga. The Law and Order Project will run until March 1985. The aim of the research is to prepare recommendations which, if implemented,
would reduce the frequency and severity of tribal warfare in Enga. Those ASAO members with experience in Enga, or with the issue of tribal fighting, and any other interested individuals are invited to correspond with Bill at this address: P.O. Box 170, Wabag, Enga Province, Papua New Guinea.

C. Dr. Michael Maliszewski, a research psychologist, is presently investigating the types of ecstatic states, religious experiences and related experiential phenomena which people have that are triggered through or emerge during sexual intercourse. Aside from an empirical investigation of people's experiences, he is attempting to present an historical overview of similar experiences described in the anthropological and religious literature. Although the Tantric literature most clearly depicts the type of phenomena he is researching, Maliszewski is also interested in determining what other cultures and religions had similar practices and goals. Dr. Maliszewski is seeking assistance from ASAO members who can suggest sources, e.g., books, journals, unpublished manuscripts, etc., that describe any religions, cultural factions, or groups in Oceania which sought to achieve religious experiences, mystical states or awareness, or other non-ordinary states of mind as triggered by sexual intercourse. Dr. Maliszewski can be contacted at the following address: 2520 N. Lincoln, #282, Chicago, IL 60614.

VII. REPORT FROM VERN CARROLL – ANNUAL MEETINGS COORDINATOR

Vern Carroll has submitted the following materials which include an explanation of his position as Annual Meetings Coordinator, the 1983 Program, and the possibility of meeting in Hawaii in 1985.

Annual Meeting News: During the 1982 Annual Meeting, the Board of Directors made two decisions concerning the Annual Meetings, of which all members should be aware: (1) For the time being, all functions concerning Annual Meetings, i.e., site selection, program chairman, and local arrangements will be consolidated in one office. The Association officer responsible for these functions, known as the Annual Meetings Coordinator, is Vern Carroll, Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI 48109, (home address – 560 South First St., Ann Arbor MI 48103, phone – (313) 769-7661). Any queries, suggestions, requests for space, etc., as they pertain to the Annual Meeting program should be addressed to Vern; and (2) The locales of the Annual Meeting will shift, in strict rotation, from the Eastern portion of the country (widely construed) to the Central portion (idem), to the Western portion, and back again to the East. Thus, the meeting sites for the foreseeable future will be:

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Every section of a given region will be considered for each year, whether snowbound or not, and we will no longer limit ourselves to coastal sites.
An Annual Meeting in Hawaii?: Our Hawaiian colleagues proposed last year that the next West "coast" meeting be held in Honolulu. At that time, it was assumed that the next Western meeting would be in 1983. A proposal was made to the Board, which was basically sympathetic to the idea. An informal poll of the membership present at Hilton Head showed approximately one-half supported the notion of going to Hawaii. There was a concern expressed over the potential costs involved. Eventually, however, it was agreed by all concerned that it might be a good idea to schedule an Annual Meeting in Hawaii during a year in which the entire program could and would be devoted to capitalize on the distinctive features of that particular place.

Consequently, the 1983 program could not fit this criterion. On the other hand, 1984 appears to be a year in which the schedule will be relatively free of continuing symposia. This then permits us to think of and organize particular sessions, if we begin planning immediately, with the possibility of a Honolulu locus in mind.

It is likely that the Board will soon consider, probably before the upcoming Annual Meeting, the desirability of scheduling the 1984 meeting in Hawaii. The Board's decision will, in large part, be based on whether the potential for a special program in Honolulu would warrant the expenses involved for participating members. Specifically the Board will require from Geoff White (Culture-Learning Center, East-West Center, Honolulu HI 96822) a tentative Annual Meetings program that seems, (1) more interesting and useful than anything that is liable to happen if we "let nature take its course"; and (2) more appropriately held in Hawaii (because of local resources, participant logistics, etc.) than elsewhere.

In order to present such a program, Geoff must hear from you and he has to hear from your soon. So, if you would like to attend an ASAO Annual Meeting in Hawaii in 1984 (in February or early March), write to Geoff and inform him of your interests. If, moreover, you have an idea for a session you would like to see scheduled and/or assist in organizing, and in which you would participate, make sure to send your suggestion to Geoff. Priority will be given to proposed sessions which already have lined up participants. Thus, within the next month or six weeks you should budget some time to decide how to respond to this appeal. If Geoff does not hear from enough interested members, the 1984 Annual Meeting will take place some place in the West.

1983 Annual Meeting Program Information: As of the present writing, the following sessions will appear on the 1983 Program (unless cancelled). The number of sessions devoted to each will depend on what claims can be stated by the organizers, in virtue of the number of papers in hand. The first three sessions are well advanced and have already qualified for at least three sessions.

* 1. Infant Care and Feeding. Organizer - Leslie Marshall, School of Nursing, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA 52242.
* 2. Gender, Aging and Dying. Organizer - Dorothy Counts and David Counts, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada L8S 4L9.

4. The Rosohmon Effect. Organizer - Karl Heider, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC 29208.

5. The Significance of Laughter in Oceania. Organizer - Rick Feinberg, Kent State University, Kent, OH 44242.


7. Tree symbolism in Oceania. Organizer - Mary Ayers, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL 60637.


9. Analysis of Traditional Narrative. Organizer - Vern Carroll, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI 48109.

The session with a single asterisk are well advanced. Those with a double asterisk are described in either the Spring 1982 or Summer 1982 Newsletters. The others are described below:

"Communication in Oceania" - Only on the margins of cultural anthropology has a focus on communication been sustained. At the same time there are ample indications of the fertility of such a focus. Whether cultural phenomena are viewed as a set of "distinctive features," "structure," or "text," the analogy between linguistic and cultural phenomena has often and been drawn. Moreover, symbolic interactionist and semiotic approaches share a concern with communicational processes.

The session will offer a forum for the exploration of the fertility and also limits of such a focus using Oceanic material. What aspects of organized behavior are illuminated by communicational models (ritual, sorcery, magic, exchange, dispute settlement)? What are the possible extensions of the linguistic analogy and the implications of such extensions?

Papers are expected to vary widely, some purely ethnographic, some theoretical in orientation. This range will itself facilitate our discovery of the power of lens once we take communication (much as Levi-Strauss took exchange) as a topical focus. Is our scope narrow and specialized, or is it broad and synthetic? Is communication merely a topic among topics, or like exchange, is it a major organizing concept, a "total social fact"?

Potential participants should contact Aletta Biersack, Department of Anthropology, University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon 97403.
"Analysis of Traditional Narratives" - The question posed by this session is: What, if anything, can be learned about a culture from the (close) study of "traditional narratives", i.e., 'folktales', 'myths', 'legends', or whatever? The organizer is not interested in comparative/constructive analyses across cultural boundaries (whether of tale variations or otherwise) but rather only in the degree to which an individual field worker field can, with some assurance, use traditional narratives, collected in the field, to further ethnographic analysis. In order to avoid merely a "general" discussions illustrated only with anecdotes, participants will focus on the analysis of particular tales.

Potential participants in this endeavor must provide Vern with: (1) An English translation (preferably line-indexed) of one narrative that you will base your methodological points on; (2) A brief paper, as short as 2-3 pages, outlining the useful things one might learn from a close analysis of the chosen text that could not have been learned easily by other means; and, (3) How one might characterize the style of analysis presented in order to communicate to others how they might usefully do likewise in their own work.

Anyone interested in participating must get this information to Vern Carroll no later than December 31, 1982. At that point in time, Vern will circulate all copies of materials collected to those who have submitted proposals. Sets of all materials will be available for purchase at the meetings for those who are not "full participants", in the sense defined above, but who would like to participate none the less in the session(s).

Presently, there are no participants lined up for this session. Anyone who is interested in participating should write Vern and inform him if you want to be a "full participant" or not; (b) if not a full participant, whether or not you want him to reserve for you a set of session materials (for purchase at cost); and (c) whether your participation is contingent on program scheduling (indicate other sessions you are committed to).
ASAO 1983 ANNUAL MEETING RESERVATION FORM

Please reserve a room for me under the following name:

Name: ________________________________

Address: ______________________________

City: ___________ State: _______ Zip: _______

Please reserve a room for the following nights (circle):
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Room Preference (circle): Single Double Cheapest Triple

I am ___ am not ___ (subject to Vern's Veto) willing to add another person in case of need.

Name of room mate, (if any): ________________________________

If flying to Evansville Airport, please complete:
(if this information is not now available, it must be submitted no later than February 15, 1983).

1) Date & Time of Arrival ________________________________
2) Carrier & Flight # ________________________________
3) Date and Time of departure ________________________________
4) Do you wish to have ground transportation arranged for you? YES____ NO____

If flying to another airport, which? ________________________________

1) Estimated time of arrival at INN ________________________________
2) Do you want to be in touch with others who will be arriving at the same airport? YES____ NO____

I am coming by car and will arrive at the INN at ________________________________
I will/will no (circle one) require baggage handling at the INN ($1.00 charge).

A copy of this completed reservation form must be sent to Vern Carroll, 560 South First Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48103 even if you have already made reservations with the New Harmony Inn. If this form is not sent by February 15, 1983, you should call Vern (313) 769-7661, between 8:00 - 10:00 p.m. EST to ascertain what is possible.

Enclosed please find my check for $__________, representing the first night's lodging. I understand that this deposit is not refundable after February 1, 1983. I also understand that this reservation will be cancelled (without refund) unless reconfirmed by sending an additional amount of the New Harmony Inn by February 1, 1983 (see page 2).

Signature

Return to: NEW HARMONY INN
ASAO Reservations
Box 581
New Harmony, IN 47631