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There will be an Open House Christmas Party Tuesday, December 18 from 11 a. m. to 4 p. m. in the Intercultural Studies Office. All members and interested persons in the Society are invited to attend. There will be a pot luck luncheon between 11:30 a. m. and 3:30 p. m.

A special thanks to Steve Johnson and Steve Poyser for their help in giving Dan Steed and Linda True a farewell.

In an effort to beef-up the newsletter, we are now looking for short book reviews by any student who finds a book that they feel is worthwhile. We are also interested in letters or comments regarding our newsletter, folklore, or anything else that may be of interest or just a general gripe.

Dick Sweterlitsch from Indiana University is tentatively scheduled to speak February 10th on legend. Included in this issue is the bibliography which Dick forwarded to us.

Anyone with a bibliographic note or article on animals that enter the body please contact Hank Willett (or just leave a note) in Intercultural Studies. Anyone having special requests for information are free to use the newsletter for these folklore queries.

HAVE A HAPPY CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

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ELECTIVE COURSES OFFERED SPRING, 1974

This list of classes is not meant to ignore classes offered in other areas, but rather, should serve to help in choosing classes for the Spring semester, 1974.

Oral Literature of the North American Indian taught by Dr. Kenneth W. Clarke will meet on Tuesday and Thursday at 11:30 a. m. in 211 Van Meter. The required text, The Portable North American Indian Reader, published by Viking and available at \$3.95 will not be available in the bookstore until February. The course will follow the general outline of the book and will cover myths, tales, poetry, and oratory of the North American Indian.

Appalachian Folklore(570) will be taught by Dr. Jim Wayne Miller from the Foreign Language Department. Dr. Miller is a native of the region and has taught a similar course at Berea College.

A major portion of the class will be spent in surveying the various folklore aspects of life in the Appalachian region. A part of the class will be devoted to discussing The Silent Language as it applies to folklore in Appalachia. At present, the decision as to the remaining texts to be used in the course is pending. The class will be offered Tuesday and Thursday at 9:10 a. m. in Van Meter 211.

Dr. J. Crawford Crowe offers a graduate seminar class in Immigrant History. The class covers all immigrants but the American Indian. Immigrant groups he discusses are the English, Dutch, Finns, Irish, and Catholics. The groups discussed after the Civil War are the Chinese, Japanese, Lithuanian, and Czechoslovakian. Also covered in this history class are Old and New Immigrants and the legislation of federal and state government for and against immigrants. A reading list is handed out and the class is expected to read at least 10 books or one thousand pages. Also all graduate students are to write a paper concerning immigrants and their history. The class is offered at 11:30 a. m. on Monday-Wednesday in FAC 417 (the course is History 459).

ELECTIVES - II

Cultural Geography (430G) (1182 call number) Dr. Albert Petersen
9:10 MWF

The course is basically an introductory course in the application of the culture concept to geography. The following ideas are discussed:

1. human cultural and biological evolution—the interrelationship between environment and culture
2. the origins and diffusion of agriculture
3. human environmental perception
4. man as an agent of landscape change

Texts:

Baker, H. G. Plants and Civilization (\$3.00)

Tuan, Yi-Fu. Man and Nature (\$1.00)

Saarinen, Thomas. Perception of Environment (\$1.00)

Gould, Peter. Spatial Diffusion (\$1.00)

Lewis, Peirce, et. al. Visual Blight in America (\$1.00)
series of reprints

Paper:

One field project to be presented in written form with maps, photographs, etc. (20% of grade).

Field Experiences:

Four or five eating field experiences.

Selected Problems in Cultural Geography (530) (1212 call number)
Dr. Albert Petersen (7:00-9:00 P.M. Tuesday)

The course will examine the effect of strip mining on the cultural landscape of Muhlenberg County, Kentucky. The class will conduct an indepth study of the county and of a micro area of the county (defined by the Paradise Quadrangle). The student will research both the historical and contemporary landscape. The research will be a class effort and a publishable paper is expected.

**The study is not designed for the armchair student nor for the loner who cannot work to produce a joint effort. To some degree the exact bent to be followed will depend upon the interest of the student... material culture, perception, and the like. The role of the teacher is viewed as a "gadfly" and not as a purveyor of knowledge and/or other magical properties.