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NOTES AND NEWS

IN MEMORIAM

On 7 March 1999, Professor Leslie Hewes died at his home in Lincoln at the age of 93. A native of Oklahoma, Les joined the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Geography Department in 1945 and became Emeritus in 1974. He was a founding member of both the Center for Great Plains Studies and the advisory board of the *Great Plains Quarterly*. An active scholar all his life, Les continued to review books and manuscripts for the *Quarterly* and to publish his own research long after his retirement. His most recent article, "Humanitarians on the Frontier" appeared in the *Great Plains Quarterly* just last year (winter 1998). His knowledge, generosity, and daily presence on campus will be greatly missed by us all.

GPQ'S HOME IN CYBERSPACE

The Center for Great Plains Studies has been working all year on updating its web site. The Center's new home page is now at <http://www.unl.edu/plains/index.html>. You can click on the link to the *Great Plains Quarterly* from that page, or find us directly at web site: <http://www.unl.edu/plains/gpq.htm>. Please visit us soon and find all our subscription information, available back issues, complete tables of contents, and a list of articles on Canadian topics.

INDIAN PROSE AWARD

The University of Nebraska Press invites book-length nonfiction manuscripts to be considered for the seventh annual North American Indian Prose Award. Sponsored by the University of Nebraska Press and the University of California, Berkeley, the award is given on the basis of literary merit, originality, and familiarity with North American Indian life. For complete competition rules and submission guidelines contact: North American Indian Prose Award, University of Nebraska Press, 312 N. 14th St., Lincoln, NE 68588-0484, or <gdunham@unlinfo.unl.edu>. Deadline for submissions is 1 July 1999.

COMMUNITIES THROUGH PHOTOGRAPHS

Arcadia Press, publishers of regional and local interest books is currently seeking new book manuscripts on the Plains and American West for the following series: *Images of America*, *Oral History*, *College History*, *Postcard History*, and *American Century*. For more information please contact Allison Carpenter, Acquisitions Editor, Arcadia Press, 2 Cumberland St., Charleston, SC 29401, or <arcadia@charleston.net>.

MONTANA MANUSCRIPT PRIZE

The Montana Historical Society announces the 1999 competition for the Merrill G.

Burlington-Ross Toole Award. The Award honors the best article-length manuscript written by an undergraduate or graduate student on a Montana or western history topic and will be considered for publication in *Montana: The Magazine of Western History*. For more information contact the Montana Magazine of Western History, Montana Historical Society, P.O. Box 201201, 225 N. Roberts St., Helena, MT 59620-1201. Deadline for submissions is 16 July 1999.

CFP: INTO THE NEXT MILLENNIUM

The American Society for Environmental History invites proposals for its 2000 meeting in Tacoma, Washington entitled "Into the Next Millennium: The Past and Promise of Environmental History." Paper and session proposals that examine any aspect of human interaction with the physical environment over time are welcome, especially those focusing on the relationships among the practice of environmental history and environmental problems and solutions. For more information please contact Mark Stewart, Program Chair, Department of History, Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA. Email: <smar4@cc.wvu.edu>.

GREAT PLAINS MUSIC, DANCE, AND . . . BISON!

A huge note of thanks is due to the staff of the Center for Great Plains Studies who worked tirelessly to make the Great Plains Music and Dance Festival and Symposium, 5-11 April 1999 a resounding success. Jay Buckley, Belinda Hall, Daniel Justice, Scarlet Presley, Linda Ratcliffe, Rosalee Russell, Gretchen Walker, and Kim Weide contributed time, effort, and expertise far above and beyond the call of duty. Thanks also to our many performers, panelists, and audience members for participating in this memorable event.

Now is also the time to think about joining us for next year's symposium, entitled "Bison: The

Past, Present, and Future of the Great Plains" planned for 6-8 April 2000. We invite submissions of papers, panels, exhibitions, and displays on any aspect of Bison on the Great Plains. The deadline for submissions is 1 July 1999 (please see advertisement p. 159).

LIFE ON THE GREAT PLAINS

An interdisciplinary conference, "Life on the Great Plains," sponsored by the South Dakota Humanities Council and the Great Plains Popular Culture Association / American Culture Association will take place from 30 September to 2 October 1999 at the Radisson Hotel in Rapid City, South Dakota. Scholars working in academic settings and applied fields as well as graduate and undergraduate students from any discipline are invited. The conference will include formal research papers as well as workshops, and panel discussions on topics relating to the culture, folklore, art, and humanities of the Great Plains. For more information please visit their website at: <http://www.hpcnet.org.conf>. Or contact: Judy Sneller, Life on the Great Plains Conference, Humanities Department, South Dakota School of Mines & Technology, 501 E. St. Joseph, Rapid City, SD, 57701, or <jsneller@silver.sdsmt.edu>

NEBRASKA RESEARCH GRANT

The Nebraska State Historical Society announces a research grant program for qualified applicants wishing to pursue research and produce articles on some aspect of Nebraska history or archeology. One \$1,000 grant will be awarded in 1999 for a project that must be completed within one year. The grant can be used to support original research and interpretive writing related to the history of Nebraska and the Great Plains. The deadline for applications is 1 June 1999. For application information please contact: James Potter, NSHS Research Grant Program, Nebraska State Historical Society, PO Box 82554, 1500 R. Street, Lincoln, NE 68512.