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NOTES & NEWS

LUEBKE APPOINTED CENTER DIRECTOR

Dr. Frederick C. Luebke, professor of history at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, has accepted appointment as director of the Center for Great Plains Studies. He succeeds Dr. Brian W. Blouet, who is now the head of the Department of Geography at Texas A & M University. A specialist in ethnic history, Luebke is the author or editor of several books and articles treating Great Plains or western American topics.

Luebke will continue as editor of *Great Plains Quarterly*. He will be assisted by Dr. Frances W. Kaye, associate professor of English, who will serve in the newly created position of managing editor.

BERNICE SLOTE DIES

Dr. Bernice Slote, professor emeritus of English at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and an advisory editor of *Great Plains Quarterly*, died on 22 February 1983. A member of the faculty since 1946, she was a distinguished scholar, teacher, and editor. Although she was best known for her work on Willa Cather, she was also the author of a prize-winning book on the poet, John Keats. Her skills as a teacher were recognized when she received a distinguished teaching award in 1978. Editor of *Prairie Schooner* from 1963 until her retirement in 1980, she received an award for excellence in editing from the National Foundation for the Arts in 1970.

The University of Nebraska recognized her skills as a scholar by granting her its first award for Outstanding Research and Creativity in 1979. She also played an important role in the establishment of the Center for Great Plains Studies in 1976.

NON-RESIDENT FELLOWS OF THE CENTER FOR GREAT PLAINS STUDIES

During the past year the following persons have been elected as non-resident fellows of the Center for Great Plains Studies: R. Leslie Heathcote, Flinders University of South Australia; David Kromm, Kansas State University; G. Malcolm Lewis, University of Sheffield, England; Joseph Porter, Center for Western Studies, Joslyn Museum, Omaha, Nebraska; Helen Stauffer, Kearney State College; and W. Raymond Wood, University of Missouri-Columbia.

Non-resident fellows are scholars active in the programs of the Center for Great Plains Studies. Resident fellows are scholars holding appointments in the University of Nebraska. There are at the present time sixty persons in the latter category. They are from a variety of fields in the sciences, social sciences, and humanities.

The Center for Great Plains Studies is an administrative unit within the College of Arts and Sciences, University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

WEBB-SMITH ESSAY COMPETITION

The University of Texas at Arlington announces the 1984 Webb-Smith Essay Competition, a \$500 award for the best essay of 10,000 words or less on the topic: "The Teaching of History and Walter Prescott Webb." The winning essay will be submitted for publication as part of the Walter Prescott Webb Memorial Lecture Series published by Texas A & M University Press. Manuscripts for 1984 judging must be submitted by 1 February 1984. Submittal forms and additional information may be obtained from the Walter P. Webb Memorial Lectures Committee, Department of History, Box 19529, University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, Texas 76019.