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NOTES AND NEWS

NEW EDITOR OF GREAT PLAINS QUARTERLY

Charles A. Braithwaite is the new editor of *Great Plains Quarterly*. His scholarly interests include Native American communicative practices, intercultural communication, and tribal education. Professor Braithwaite has a faculty position in the Center for Great Plains Studies, and is also the Assistant Director of International Studies at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He can be reached at (402) 472-6058, <cbraithwaite2@unl.edu>

BISON: THE PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE OF THE GREAT PLAINS

The Center for Great Plains Studies will be holding its 24th Interdisciplinary Symposium 6-8 April 2000 at the Cornhusker Hotel, Lincoln, Nebraska. The American Bison has played an important role in shaping the cultures, environment, and history of the Great Plains. Bison as a spiritual force, a food source, a commercial product, and an active part of the ecology of the Plains form the focus of this interdisciplinary symposium. For registration information, contact the Center for Great Plains Studies at (402) 472-3082, <cgps@unl.edu>, <http://www.unl.edu/plains/2000symp.htm>

PLAINS SYMPOSIUM

The theme of the annual conference at Fort Hays State University will be "Home on the Range: Playing on the Plains." The symposium is scheduled for 7-8 April in Hays, Kansas,

and will concentrate on the pastimes of the inhabitants of the North American West. For more information, contact Ernst R. Hintz <ehintz@fhsu.edu>, or Mark Schuhl <mschuhl@fhsu.edu>, Dept. of Modern Languages, Fort Hays State University, Hays, KS 67601-4099.

INTERNATIONAL CATHER SEMINAR 2000

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the Willa Cather Pioneer Memorial and Educational Foundation will present the International Cather Seminar 2000, "Willa Cather's Environmental Imagination," 17-24 June 2000 at the Lied Conference Center, Arbor Day Farm (Nebraska City). For information about the seminar, phone (402) 472-8777, e-mail <mrine@unlserve.unl.edu>, or check the web site: www.unl.edu/cather_seminar.

SUMMER SEMINAR FOR TEACHERS

Teachers (K-12) will have the opportunity for study and professional development in a seminar sponsored by NEH entitled, "The Great Plains from Texas to Saskatchewan: Questions of Place and Identity." The seminar is 10 July - 10 August 2000 at North Dakota State University, Fargo. Each participating teacher will receive an NEH stipend of \$3270 to defray costs. For information and applications contact: Tom Isern, Professor of History, North Dakota State University, Fargo, ND 58105-5075, e-mail <isern@plains.nodak.edu>.