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Howell Named Editor of Anthropology Newsletter

David R Howell has been appointed Editor of the Anthropology Newsletter, effective with the January 1984 Issue. Howell earned a PhD in Social/Cultural Anthropology from the University of Virginia in 1978 and is currently a Policy Analyst in the Office of Refugee Resettlement, Department of Health and Human-Services. As AAA Congressional Fellow in 1978-79, he served on the stafts of Senator Charles Mathias, Jr and Congressman Gillis Long.



David R Howell

AAA Goes to Denver in 1974, Rotation Pattern Now in Place

The next stop for meeting goers of the American Anthropological Association is Denver. Colorado, in 1984. In the past 35 years, the Association has met once in Denver and that was in 1965. Scientific sessions and special events will be scheduled November 14-18 in the Denver Hilton and Holiday Inn Denver Downtown. Members intending to participate in the program should begin their planning now in order to meet the April 1 deadline for submissions. The required forms for symposia, volunteered papers, research reports, and special events are provided inside this issue, accompanied by a call for papers.

The selection of Denver for 1984 fits into a fouryear rotation pattern established by the Executive Board last year. The cycle begins with Washington, DC, as the meeting site each year following the US presidential election. In two of the three succeeding years, meetings will be scheduled in the Central States and West. The fourth annual meeting in the cycle will be a "wild card" to a foreign or domestic city not included in the usual pattern. Beyond the selection of Denver for 1984, annual meeting arrangements are now firm for Washington, DC, in 1985 and Philadelphia in 1986.

Departmental Survey

Enrollments Stabilizing, Faculty Size Declining

A recent survey of anthropology departments, covering the 1982-83 academic year, shows graduate courses and degrees increasing, undergraduate courses and majors decreasing, budgets (except travel funds) and faculty size declining, fewer new faculty positions, and 29% fewer anthropologists being hired to fill vacated positions.

In May 1983, the Association mailed a departmental survey questionnaire to 303 US departments of anthropology; 208 departments (68%) returned usable questionnaires. The survey is the only nationwide compilation of data about budgets, curricula, enrollments, salaries, and faculty composition in anthropology. Although conducted annually from 1977 through 1981, the survey is now biennial, alternating with the survey of recent PhD recipients (AN, May 1983:24).

The following summary presents some of the findings; the full report is distributed free of charge to all Departmental Services Program members and to those departments who returned questionnaires on time. The report may be purchased for \$50 from AAA, 1703 New Hampshire Av NW, Washington, DC 20009. Please enclose payment with orders.

The typical US anthropology department in 1983 is a separate departmental unit offering a Bachelors degree in a public institution on the semester system and employing seven full-time and 1.6 part-time faculty. The typical PhD-granting department is part of a larger institution (20,000 + students) and employs 15.4 full-time and 2.9 part-time faculty. The typical MA-granting department is also part of a 20,000 + student institution and employs 7.7 full-time and 1.7 part-time faculty. Undergraduate Enrollment

The mean total undergraduate anthropology enrollment is down in PhD and BA departments, but up very slightly in MA departments (Table 1). This slows, if not halts, the trend noted in the 1981 Report that "... anthropology may be rebounding

somewhat from its poor 1979-80 performance." (AN Nov 1981:1). Enrollment declines between 1979-80 and 1982-83 are most notable in advanced courses; introductory courses, enrolling more than twice the number of students, increased in all types of departments.

Table 1. Mean Total Undergraduate Anthropology Enrollments

	1979-80	1980-81	1982-83
All Depts	1134	1136	1113
PhD Depts	1761	1841	1795
MA Depts	1160	1152	1164
BA Depts	735	7 2 3	671

All four subfields show increased enrollments between 1979-80 and 1982-83 at the introductory level (soc/cult + 30%; physical + 41%; archeology + 40%; linguistics + 36%). Higher introductory enrollments did not, however, lead to an increased number of anthropology majors; except in BA departments, the mean number of majors dropped below the 1979-80 "poor performance" year (Table 2). The mean number of undergraduate degrees remained stable, although PhD departments granted nearly 7% fewer degrees (Table 3).

Table 2. Mean Number of Undergraduate Majors

	1979-80	1980-81	1982-83
All Depts	47.7	49.8	46.5
PhD Depts	65.6	61.9	61.2
MA Depts	49.7	46.6	44.0
8A Depts	32.6	43.4	39.2

Table 3. Mean Number of Undergraduate Degrees

	1979-80	1980-81	1982-83
All Depts	19	16	16
PhD Depts	25	22.4	20.9
MA Depts	15	13	13
BA Depts	18	14	15
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Help for Symposia Organizers

In this issue forms are provided for the submission of organized symposia proposals for the 83rd Annual Meeting in Denver, November 14-18, 1984, In order to expand the networks of members who plan to organize such sessions, items soliciting the participation of colleagues will be published in the Cooperation Column of the Anthropology Newsletter. Organizers are encouraged to submit their items early so that interested members will have adequate time to respond. Items will be accepted until February 1, 1984, for publication in the March AN. Copy must be typed double-spaced and the information provided in the following format: (1) title or subject of symposium; (2) sponsoring organization, if applicable; and (3) name and address of organizer to whom responses should be directed.

Members interested in chairing sessions are also invited to indicate their willingness to serve and should provide name, address, and special interests to the 1984 Program Editorial Board, AAA, 1703 New Hampshire Av NW, Washington, DC 20009

Graduate Enrollment

The mean total number of graduate students increased (7%) for-the first time in five years, nearly reaching 1977-78 levels (Table 4).

The 9% increase in graduate students in PhD departments from 1980-81 to 1982-83 raised them above 1977-78 levels, while MA departments dropped 14% below 1977-78 levels. Archeology, the fastest growing subfield between 1977-78 and 1982-83, slowed considerably from 1980-81 to

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