

MADISON GEOGRAPHIC

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UPCOMING GEOGRAPHY CLUB NEWS AND EVENTS

Last Meeting Scheduled!

The last Geography Club meeting will be Tuesday, May 6th. Please note that this is during the last week of classes. We'll be discussing plans for next year, and doing something special as a send-off for all our graduating seniors. Just show up in the Student Lounge at 5:30 to be a part of the celebration!

Mark your calendars for the first meeting of Fall 2003

The kick-off meeting of the Fall 2003 semester will be Monday, September 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Student Lounge. Keep an eye out for flyers announcing our first meeting. Have a great summer!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATING SENIORS!

JESSICA OLSON

People/Environment Focus with
Environmental Studies Certificate.

"This summer, I will be doing field and lab work for a prairie ecology study at UW's SAGE – Sustainability and the Global Environment and continuing with my internship at Troy Gardens, maintaining the edible landscape I created with students from Shabazz and Sherman Middle School. Pending acceptance, I plan on joining an Americorps program focusing on a restoration project in northern California, or an urban gardening program in Portland, Oregon."

AARON REINER

GIS/Cartography Focus

Aaron is currently job-hunting for a cartography position, and is getting married in July.

MARK SWEENEY

People/Environment Focus

Mark plans to relocate to New York.

SUMMER PLANS FROM OUR CONTINUING MEMBERS

JEN BRUCE and MARIE PEPPLER

will be working at the USGS Wisconsin District Office in Middleton.

ANDREA NESBIT

Andrea will be interning through the SCA in the Rio Grande National Forest, Colorado. She will be working on various projects for their Biologist.

AARON STEPHENSON

Aaron is interning at the Jackson County, WI, Courthouse as an assistant to both the County Surveyor and GIS Technician.

The Mysterious Doors OF Science Hall

It's the last door of the year, and for this momentous occasion we traveled to one of the most mysterious and familiar doors in Science Hall... THE 6TH FLOOR.

Anyone who has traveled to the 5th floor has undoubtedly looked at the chain-linked cage door and wondered, "Where DO those stairs lead?". Once again, we enlisted the help of Cheryl Murray, Department Administrator, to take us on a tour of the mysterious 6th floor of Science Hall. Once the cage door was opened, we traveled up a flight of narrow steps to a heavy, locked door. What would we find? Would the contents reveal new secrets to Science Hall's dark and mysterious past?

The second door creaked open to reveal ... soil cores. The samples had seen better days and, like much of what filled the room, looked like they belonged in a dump. The rooms were filled with debris in various states of disrepair, including tape recorders, chairs, file folders, and plastic bags. Much of the furniture and floor was covered in pigeon droppings and a thick layer of dust. All of this was illuminated by bare bulbs swinging from the ceiling.

The front room contained a unstable step ladder to an even more mysterious 7th floor, but the holes in the ceiling provided enough incentive for this reporter to stay on the solid ground of the 6th floor. But, the windows in the front room did provide an amazing view of the capitol.

All in all, there were no sordid secrets unveiled by this room... but, wait a minute... bare bulbs... tape recorders... files... plain wooden chairs looking frighteningly like a interrogation room... hmmm.

