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NEWSLETTER

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From the Director:

When the Southwest Center opened its doors for business in the autumn of 1996, Jane Elder and I thought that a simple letter, sent once a semester, was all we'd need to let our constituents know what we were doing. The scope of our activities has increased to such an extent, however, that it has become apparent that we need a more conventional form of communication, the newsletter.

Mike Adler, SMU Department of Anthropology, has produced the first book to appear under the Clements Center's new publishing-on-demand program. *Picuris Pueblo through Time: Eight Centuries of Change in a Northern Rio Grande Pueblo*, ed. by Michael A. Adler and Herbert W. Dick (Dallas: William P. Clements Center for Southwest Studies, 1999) arrived from the printers in November. It sells for \$22.50, plus postage and handling, and can be ordered from the Clements Center.

Gregg Cantrell, 1996-97 Summerlee Research Fellow, has received widespread attention for his biography *Stephen F. Austin, Empresario of Texas* (Yale, 1999). The book was named a selection of the History Book Club, and has been reviewed in the *New York Times*, as well as across Texas. In November, Gregg was a guest on KERA Radio's Glenn Mitchell Show.

This year's Carl B. and Florence E. King Senior Research Fellow, **Bill deBuys**, recently published his latest book with the University of New Mexico Press. *Salt Dreams: Land & Water in Low-Down California* is a portrait of California's Imperial Valley-Salton Sea country, set within the larger context of the history of the West and of the environment.

Austin book designer **W. Thomas Taylor** has been hard at work on the latest volume in the *Library of Texas* series. W. Steinert's delightful look at Texas in 1849, *Nordamerika Vorzueglich Texas*, translated from the German by Gilbert J. Jordan and edited by **Terry G. Jordan** will be out this spring, available for the first time in English. If you are interested in subscribing to the *Library of Texas*, please contact Betty Friedrich at DeGolyer Library, SMU, (214) 768-3231.

James Snead, 1998-99 Clements Research Fellow, has had his manuscript, "Competing for the Past: Scholars and the Public in the Making of Southwest Archaeology," accepted by the University of Arizona Press. Snead is teaching Anthropology at George Mason University, in Fairfax, Virginia, this year.

SMU Press plans a fall release for *Wright Patman: Populism, Liberalism, and the American Dream* by **Nancy Beck Young**, the 1996-97 Clements Research Fellow.

For a complete listing of Clements Center publications, see our web site:

<http://www.smu.edu/~swcenter/swbooks.htm>

Sherry L. Smith has joined the History Department faculty and will be Acting Director of the Clements Center next year when David Weber is on leave. She earned her M.A. at Purdue University and her Ph.D. at the University of Washington. She comes to SMU this year after teaching for twelve years at the University of Texas, El Paso. Her publications include

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Parking at SMU will be at a premium for the next few months while areas once used as parking lots have become construction staging areas and sites for new buildings. Work is underway on the new Dedman Life Sciences Building and Parking Structure #5 in the northeast quadrant of the campus, and will affect motorists and pedestrians in the area of University Blvd., Daniel Blvd., and Airline Road. We do not anticipate the construction to affect our late afternoon and evening programs, although they may pose a challenge for those of you wishing to attend the brown bag lunches. For the latest information on the availability of parking for Clements Center events, consult SMU's construction web site at <http://www.smu.edu/construction/>, or phone Jane Elder at (214) 768-3684.

Construction at the south end of campus continues on schedule on the new Meadows Museum and parking structure, the Gerald J. Ford Stadium and the Paul B. Loyd Jr. All-Sports Center. The stadium and sports center are scheduled for completion in August 2000. The Meadows parking structure will open by August 2000, and construction of the museum will be completed in spring 2001.



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