This issue is the first installment of many this year to help keep planning students informed of the many activities in the Department of Urban and Regional Planning. Through these bulletins, the Student Planning Organization (SPO) hopes to encourage student participation in Department activities and facilitate the extracurricular interaction between the faculty and the students. The small size of the Department and its many friendly people provide a unique opportunity for student involvement. This newsletter will be available once every other week starting August 26. Your input will always be appreciated. We hope you are having a great summer.

SUMMER REGISTRATION

During June the new freshmen and transfer students came to register for their fall classes. Most of them managed to survive the intricate maze of bureaucracy, popularly known as "advance enrollment," and will be with us in the fall. We are looking forward to their participation in SPO. They are strongly encouraged to attend the ...

UPCOMING CANOEING TRIP!

You are invited to get to know the rest of the friendly planning students during an entertaining canoe trip and cozy evening barbecue at Turkey Run, Indiana. We will be journeying to this exceptionally pleasant area on the Eighth of September for canoeing, hiking, eating, drinking, talking, swimming, and general relaxation. The State Park and waterways are being investigated by The SPO President elect, Dave Seglin, and by Chris Rediehs. They successfully canoed twelve miles of Sugar Creek in June without losing more than a watch and a wallet to the "faster-than-it-looked" water current. To secure your spot in the reservations and planning please send a check by August 30th for fifteen dollars made out to "Student Planning Organization" (Department of Urban and Regional Planning, 1003 West Nevada, Urbana, Illinois 61801). The money will go toward paying for canoe rental, supper, and etc.

GILL LIM JOINING FACULTY

Gill Lim, currently at Princeton University, has accepted a position as Associate Professor in the Department. He will be joining us in August. Those of you who were here during the interviewing will remember that he has a strong commitment to working with students and a versatile range of teaching and research interests. He will be teaching in UP101 along with Professor Freund this Fall, and teaching UP406 and planning theory in the Spring. His research interests include housing, environmental protection, international development, and planning theory.
Watch out! He is a black belt in Korean-style Karate (no disputes over grades). If he feels the students here are tough enough, he could be persuaded to provide Tae Kwon Do instruction. Professor Lim is also an avid skier, sailor, and world traveler. He has visited in over two dozen countries and has taken extensive slides, which will be available to interested students. He is a terrifically nice person and extraordinarily gifted teacher. We are excited about his arrival.

COURSE CHANGES

In order to begin to implement the curriculum revisions developed last Spring, several course changes are being made for the coming year. New students will be advised at the regular time based on the revised curriculum. Continuing students should evaluate their schedules and make necessary changes when they return. Please bring any special problems in meeting your requirements to the attention of your advisor. UP407 Economic Analysis of Public Plans and Policies will be taught this Fall instead of Spring. UP406 Urban and Regional Analysis will not be taught this Fall, but will be taught in the Spring. Arrangements are being made so that UP308 Law and Planning Implementation and UP307 Managing Urban Development will each be taught for one half unit in the Fall. UP474 Housing and Community Development Law will be taught in the Spring.

SALEM, ILLINOIS MASTERS PROJECT WORKSHOP

Final negotiations are being completed for a project to revise the comprehensive plan for Salem, Illinois. This project will be supervised by Professor Hopkins as a masters project workshop under the new guidelines. He will be looking for four to five students who will register for UP497 in the Fall and UP499 in the spring to carry out this project as a Masters Project. One assistantship will be available. The project will include economic development, transportation and traffic, utilities, land use, recreation and natural resources, community facilities and social services, housing, and fiscal planning elements. Students will be expected to take individual responsibility for one or more elements and to work as a team. Travel expenses will be covered. If you are interested, contact Lew Hopkins as soon as you return, or even sooner.

MUP ORIENTATION PICNIC

Following the orientation for new Graduate students on August 25th, there will be the annual orientation picnic. This is a great opportunity to mix with the professors, staff, and other students. Food and drink are provided compliments of the department. This is probably one of the best parts of the orientation. We look forward to seeing you there.

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DO NOT FORGET TO SEND CHECK TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS FOR THE CANOEING TRIP