1982-83 put the squeeze on CRSO. By flexing our collective shoulders, we were able to keep from collapsing. But the effort wasn't easy, and hasn't yet taken us out of danger. At the same time that the State of Michigan has cut back general support of the university, the federal government has radically reduced its financing of the kinds of research we do. Our research grants are no longer abundant enough to pay for the basic services we have been supplying in recent years: maintenance of machines, secretarial time, and so on. We have enough reserves to keep services at something like the current level for another year. But then we would have to shut them down. We have a pressing need to do some combination of a) reducing the dollar costs of our services, b) finding new sources of revenue.

In order to respond to the pressure, we have reorganized and activated our committees, held general discussions on the Center's future, explored possible sources of funding, and experimented with self-help. The Administration, Activities, Amenities, Facilities, and Funding committees have all pitched in. Unfortunately, we have had very uneven participation in the planning, discussion, and legwork, especially among faculty. The only concrete change so far has been the installation of a cooperative telephone-answering pool for four hours per workday. There, too, participation has been quite uneven. At best, we can call it a qualified success. We have been considering more difficult steps: more work-sharing, fees for services, tithing for graduate students and faculty, soliciting contributions from alumni, and others. So far, we aren't close to putting any of them into operation. For the time being, all the Center's money-eating activities are at risk.

Despite hovering anxiety, the work goes on. We have not yet seen an important decline in research effort, commitment, or membership. The Center's committees have worked hard, and have started to formulate plans that will make a difference. The conferences on Karl Marx and on Qualitative Research, organized mainly by CRSO personnel, both went well. CRSO people continue to turn out interesting and valuable papers on their work, as later sections of this report testify.

The regular staff of the Center now includes Mary Jo Catterall, secretary; Sheila Wilder, administrative secretary; Chuck Tilly, director. Nancy Horn and Dave Jordan, leading research assistants in our studies of conflict in Great Britain, also take a good deal of Center responsibility ex officio.

In 1983-84, during Chuck Tilly's sabbatical leave, Mark Chesler will serve as the Center's Acting Director -- a natural continuation of his 1982-83 effort as co-chair of the Administrative Committee.

The year's brownbags provide a good inventory of the research interests of center members:

- **September 30** Renato Boschi (Instituto Universitario de Pesquisas do Rio de Janeiro), "Re-Democratization and Urban Collective Action in Brazil"
- **October 14** Margo Conk (University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee) "Labor in Twentieth Century America"
- **October 21** Val Suransky "The Erosion of Childhood: The Political Economy of Day Care"
- **October 28** Peter McDonough, "A Comparative View of Political Transitions in Brazil and Spain"
- **November 4** Andrew Charlesworth (University of Liverpool), "Peasant Revolts and the Transition from Feudalism to Capitalism in England"
- **November 11** Jeffery Paige, "Resistance and Revolution in Central America"
- **November 19** Edelberto Torres Rivas (Visiting Scholar, Wilson Center, Washington D.C.), "Revolution and State-Making in Central America"
- **December 16** Lars Bjorn (University of Michigan, Dearborn), "Women Auto Workers"
- **January 13** Lee Hamilton, "Justice By Analogy"
- **January 20** Ron Kessler, "The Impact of TV Violence"
- **January 27** Max Heirich, Mayer Zald, Chuck Tilly, Gayle Ness and Jeff Paige, "The Social Organization Sequence -- 624, 625, 626: A Discussion to Evaluate the Current Program and Consider Proposals for Change"
February 3 Chuck Tilly, "Revolutionary Mobilization in Eighteenth Century France"

February 10 Mick Taussig, "Magical Realism and Terror"

February 18 Marc Steinberg, "Class Consciousness in Nineteenth Century England"

March 3 Brian Brown, "Economic Struggle and Political Crisis: The Logic of Lancashire Chartism"

March 10 Ron Gillis (University of Toronto), "Delinquent Samaritans"

March 24 Tom Weisskopf, "Social Models of U.S. Productivity Growth"

March 31 David Jordan, " Strikes in France, 1936"

April 7 Jemardari Kemara, "Considerations on Political Struggles within the Workplace and the Community"

April 14 Dan Steinmetz, " Political Thinking about the Welfare State: The Use of Unemployed Auto Workers in Michigan"

May 19 Chuck Tilly, " Speaking Your Mind Without Elections, Surveys, or Social Movements"

May 26 Stuart Stevenson (University of Zimbabwe), "The Transition From Capitalist Rhodesia to Socialist Zimbabwe: A Planners Perspective"

In addition to the brownbag series, the Center also co-sponsors special events and mini-conferences. This year for example, the Center co-sponsored a lecture by Central American Sociologist Edelberto Torres Rivas entitled "The Crisis of the Oligarchy and the Crisis of the Bourgeoisie in Central America," and a two day conference commemorating the one hundredth anniversary of the death of Karl Marx featuring keynote addresses by Charles Tilly and Goran Therborn.

Another indication of local activity comes from the Working Papers issued by the Center during the year:


279 "Gender and Class Formation: Female Clerical Workers," by Heidi Gottfried and David Fasenfest, November 1982, 43 pages.


The self-evaluative feelings of committee activists range from frank pride in the accomplishments to sheer impatience with our inability to reach even more ambitious goals. We could and should do a better job in attracting more beginning graduate students and faculty members to the brownbags. More inputs of work and contributed articles will be critical to the survival of the newsletter -- which was produced by Dan and David all of this year. The committee is now faced with the task of electing new chairpersons for the next year and still aims to produce some brownbags during the summer.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

This year's Administrative Committee consisted of Mark Chesler (co-chair), Roxanne Friedenfels (co-chair), Brian Brown, Celeste Burke, Jane Rafferty, Marcene Root, Marc Steinberg, Chuck Tilly, Sheila Wilder, and Meg Yoak. The Committee has been very active this year, both in examining the present structure and process of CRSO and in formulating and introducing ways of making CRSO more equitable and participatory. Our first undertaking was a review of the tasks of CRSO's committees and the creation of a Funding Committee (to examine ways of increasing our revenues). We revamped the typing policies of CRSO, prioritizing typing services and making equipment available to graduate students and faculty on a more equal basis. We proposed a member-staffed telephone answering system, since funds were and are insufficient to hire more secretarial help, and CRSO members accepted this new telephone system at a general membership meeting. We then spent several weeks examining the financial workings and conditions of the Center and met with members of the Funding Committee to discuss its tasks. Most recently we distributed to CRSO members a survey examining a variety of aspects of CRSO life, and people's feelings about working here. We hope the survey will provide a better overall view of CRSO and improve Center policies, social interactions and the general ambiance of the Center.

AMENITIES COMMITTEE

The Amenities Committee's active members this year were Lee Hamilton and Misagh Parsa. They were primarily responsible for Friday Perry Sherries and succeeded in attracting most of the Perry members but failed to involve the LS&A members in regular Perry Sherries.

FACILITIES COMMITTEE

This year's Facilities committee consisted of Luis Betancourt, Robert Bigger, Vic Burke, Dennis Fair, Nancy Horn, David Jordan (chair), Irene Padavic, Jeff Paige, Bob
Thomas, Mark Vaitkus, and Marty Whyte.

The Committee's major responsibilities this year have included implementing the telephone answering system devised by the Administrative Committee, revising the Center's space allocation policies, and re-organizing the CRSO library. Participation in the phone answering system has been very uneven, with some Center members doing far more than their share, while others contributed little or nothing. The re-organized library looks great - if we do say so ourselves.

We have spent considerable time and effort trying to make word processing facilities more useable by Center members, with mixed results. It's hard enough for a researcher/scholar to learn to use one reliable word processing system; we unfortunately have two different systems, and we have not yet worked all the bugs out of one of them. This situation should improve in the next two years as the UM Computing Center develops its microcomputer support group.

In addition, the Committee produced three proposals this year. The first was a proposal to the Center's Director on CRSO's budget for the next two years, including a proposal that the Center levy a modest equipment usage fee on all members to defray equipment repair costs. The second was a memo to the LSA deans proposing relocating all of CRSO on the 4th floor of LSA (this proposal was rejected, so for the time being, some of us will remain at the old Perry School). The third was a report to the LSA deans outlining the Center's space and equipment needs for the next three years.

FUNDING COMMITTEE

The Funding Committee has suffered from a lack of dedication and expertise, unclear goals, and insufficient support from the Center at large. Only half of the Committee members (four people) bother to attend meetings. The Committee has only one faculty member and, until recently, had only one advanced graduate student. In March, the Administrative Committee called a special meeting at which all CRSO faculty members were to brainstorm about ways of raising money. Only one faculty person not already on the Funding Committee showed up for that meeting.

Over time the purpose of the Committee has shifted from "finding money" to gathering information about different possible methods of raising money. We have considered several short run possibilities: editing books, soliciting alumni contributions, putting on conferences, selling coursepacks, international exchanges, etc. The problem with most of these projects is the time and energy they would require. Members, have, however, expressed some interest in projects such as editing a US Social Almanac or hosting a conference on research skills for community organizations and international exchange programs with European institutions are already being developed. Two of the ideas considered, soliciting alumni contributions and selling coursepacks for a profit, would not require large amounts of time and energy.

Fewer long range solutions to the funding crisis have been discussed. The best solution would be an endowment, but the Funding Committee has no idea about how to even begin looking for endowment money. Another long range possibility is attracting more grant-getting faculty members by turning CRSO into an inter-disciplinary center. Such a change would require many hours of evaluation and planning.

INDIVIDUAL REPORTS

Benjamin M. Ben-Baruch was on detached study during the 1982-83 academic year. He spent five months doing archival research in England on his Ph.D. dissertation dealing with the connections between organizational structure, alliance networks of organizations, and working class consciousness among workers in Lancashire and the West Riding of Yorkshire, 1829-1834. In addition, he did research on the biography of Chaim Weizmann during the years 1904-1917, using materials in archives in Manchester, as a research assistant for Professor Jehuda Reinharz. He also has been working as a research assistant for Professors Reinharz and Itaamar Rabinovich (of the Shiloah Institute of Tel-Aviv University), in helping to prepare their forthcoming collection of documents pertaining to the history of Israel 1948-the present, Israel in the Middle East. Mr. Ben-Baruch will be returning to CRSO in the Spring of 1983.

Robert Biggert presented a paper entitled "Economic and cultural reproduction in education: A critical review of neo-Marxist theories of schooling" at the Midwest Sociological Society meetings, April 13-16 in Kansas City, Missouri. He worked on organizing the campus-wide Qualitative Research Conference held May 28-21 in Ann Arbor. Robert is also continuing a 6-month participant observation study in a suburban Detroit high school examining the reproduction of class relations.

Brian Brown has been writing his dissertation "The Political Economy of Lancashire Chartism, 1838-42." In addition to moving into the final stages of the dissertation, he replied
Crowfoot and others he has continued writing in the area of Journal of Community Health ("Relations with the Medical Care Medical Staffs and Parents of Children with Cancer") and Parents of Children with Cancer"). In addition, with James Oscar Barbarin) and "The Organization of Self-Help Groups for school and community movements for social justice in America of 'Irrelevant'

project. He also served on the organizing committee for the University of Michigan Marx Centennial Conference and facilitated a session on "Issues of Radical Praxis". She continues her work as liaison with various community agencies for the School of Social Work and is beginning research on "Resource Dependence and Drug Abuse Treatment Organizations" with Robert Kahn and Rick Price. In addition, she plans to complete a prelim on "the Transformation of the Labor Process in Advanced Capitalism".

Victor Burke has continued to work with Bill Gamson and Andy Modigliani on the "Political Culture and Cognition" research. He participated in the organization of the Marx Centennial Conference and facilitated a session on "Issues of Radical Praxis". She continues her work as liaison with various community agencies for the School of Social Work and is beginning research on "Resource Dependence and Drug Abuse Treatment Organizations" with Robert Kahn and Rick Price. In addition, she plans to complete a prelim on "the Transformation of the Labor Process in Advanced Capitalism".

Mark A. Chesler continued his work with Debra Kalman and Joseph Sanders on "Social Scientific Experts in School Desegregation Litigation". Papers co-authored by this team appeared in Social Problems ("Political Conflicts in Applied Social Science") and Law and Society Review ("The Relevance of 'Irrelevant' Testimony"), and are scheduled for publication in Sociological Methods and Research ("Methods of Presenting Social Scientific Evidence in Court") and an edited volume - The Social Scientist as Expert Witness ("Strategies for Cross-examining Expert Witnesses"). The results of research on "Psychosocial Aspects of Childhood Cancer" have been produced in two recent CRSO Working Papers: School Experiences of Children with Cancer" ($283, with Oscar Barbarin) and "The Organization of Self-Help Groups for Families of Children with Cancer" ($283, with Meg Yoak). Other articles with Oscar Barbarin are scheduled for publication in Health and Social Work ("Problems Between Medical Staffs and Parents of Children with Cancer") and Journal of Community Health ("Relations with the Medical Care Staff and Aspects of Satisfaction with Care Expressed by Parents of Children with Cancer"). In addition, with James Crowfoot and others he has continued writing in the area of school and community movements for social justice in America

Robert Cole continued his research funded by NSF on the diffusion process or quality control circles in Japan and the United States. In his capacity as Project Director of the Joint U.S.-Japan Automotive Study, he also continued work on the internationalization of the auto industry and market access problems. He presented a number of papers to both academic and non-academic audiences on "borrowing from the Japanese" with regard to industry practices.

David Pasenfein has spent the 1982-83 academic year preparing his dissertation proposal on the economic and social impacts of federal policies on urban redevelopment, with specific focus on proposed creation of Economic Enterprise Zones in Chicago and New York. In addition, he is completing a study of the process by which the City of Detroit decided to clear a site for the construction of a General Motors assembly plant with the city limit. Particular attention is paid to the relationship between capital and labor markets on the one hand and the effect of gender domination on the other, and their impact on class capacities of women workers. Some of their initial theoretical findings were presented in CRSO Working Paper $279 entitled "Gender and class Formation: Female Clerical Workers" which appeared last fall. This was further developed in a talk they gave on "The Production and Reproduction of Gender Relations" at a conference on Marxism and Social Science at Harvard University of April 8-9, 1983. David will spend the next year of a University of Michigan Rackham Fellowship researching and writing his dissertation.

Mauricio A. Font worked mainly on completing his dissertation, "Planter and the State: The Pursuit of Hegemony in Sao Paulo, Brazil, 1889-1938." He defended the dissertation in May 1983. Last summer was spent training and supervising research assistants in the use of GBS-like methods for the collection and processing of collective action data of Brazilian coffee planters during the 1920s. In March he presented a paper "The Colono Labor System, Collective Action, and Political Participation in Brazil's Coffee Export Economy" at the Seventh Annual Political Economy of the World System Conference held at Duke University. This paper will appear in a Sage volume co-edited by Charles Berquist. This past year also brought him offers of a Fulbright Lecture Award in Brazil (to start in late July, 1983) and of a teaching appointment at Rutgers University. Both were accepted. He also enjoyed working together with several colleagues at CRSO putting together the

("Action for Equity in Schools", "Organizing for Social Justice").
Mary Frank Fox joined CRSO this year as an Assistant Research Scientist. During the 1982-83 academic year, she continued her research on stratification in academia, and sex stratification in occupations and organizations.

Her book American Women at Work (with Sharlene Hesse-Biber) went to press this year, and will appear in August 1983. She has submitted the proposal for her study of "Research Productivity Among Scientists" to the National Science Foundation.


Finally, as part of her work on publication/productivity, Mary Frank Fox has edited a collection on Scholarly Writing and Publishing: Problems, Issues, and Solutions, now under consideration by several university presses.

Ron Gillis spent the 1982-83 academic year at the Center as a Visiting Associate Research Scientist. He continued his work on juvenile delinquency and presented a paper, Delinquent Samaritans, in March at a brown bag at Perry. Another paper, Social Distance and Deadly Quarrels, was presented at the annual meeting of the sunbelt Social Networks Association in San Diego. A follow-up, Domesticity, Divorce and Deadly Quarrels was presented at a Festschrift for Gwynn Neitler in Alberta in May. "Density, Delinquency, and Design: Formal and Informal Control and the Built Environment" (with John Hagan) was published in Criminology in 1982; "Strangers Next Door: An Analysis of Density, Diversity, and Scale in Public Housing Projects" appeared in the Canadian Journal of Sociology in January 1983. "Urbanization and Urbanism" came out in Sociology (2nd Ed.; B. Hagedorn, editor) in March, and "Bystander Apathy and the Territorial Imperative" (with John Hagan will appear in Sociological Inquiry, later this year.

He continues his work with Charles Tilly on the relationship between war, repression and crime in France during the 19th and 20th centuries.

Kirsten Holm spent the year completing her course and preliminary examination requirements. Her research practicum, which was completed in the fall, examined parents' control and authority in the workplace and their valuations of conformity children. During the year Ms. Holm also had the opportunity to learn more about her major sociological passion -- business and its social organization -- by preparing for and taking her prelims in the organizations subfield. Ms. Holm's current research activities include a study with Jeff Paige and John Boles on the political activity of top U.S. corporations. This summer Ms. Holm will be developing plans for her doctoral research.

Nancy Hora continued her work supervising Charles Tilly's study of collective action in Great Britain. She also began work on a dissertation in the History Department. Entitled "Gender, Class, and Politics: The Women's Cooperative Guild, 1883-1939" the study examines the effects of class and gender on political mobilization. She leaves in September 1983 for a 9-month research trip to England.

David Jordan is studying the causes and consequences of collective action during the Popular Front period in France, 1936-38 and is a systems analyst for Charles Tilly's studies of social change and collective action in France and Britain.

Linda Kaboolian continued to supervise the research operations of Bill Gamson's and Andy Modiglian'i's project, "Political Culture and Cognition". She also presented a paper at the dedication of the Women's National Historical Park in Seneca Falls, New York on women in community politics. A revised version of this paper will appear, co-authored with Libby Douvan, in the 10th Anniversary Edition of the Occasional Papers in Women's Studies. In addition, Ms. Kaboolian has continued her research on reindustrialization as a part of her dissertation, "Labor and Capital in the Automobile Industry, 1970-1982," and in the field research course she taught at the Residential College.

Ron Kessler continued his research on the mental health effects of stressful life experiences. His paper "Special Issues in Minority Mental Health", written with Harold Neighbors, was used as a background paper by the NIMH in their agenda-setting for the future, and will be published in a forthcoming collection of papers sponsored by NIMH. His paper "Methodological Issues in Stress Research" will be in Theory and Method (Academic, 1984; Howard B. Kaplan, ed.). He also presented a paper at the first National Conference on
Stress Research, in October, on "Social Class Differences in Response to Life Events". That paper, as well as several others from his ongoing research, are currently under review or pending publication in a variety of journals. During the year his previously completed work appeared in the American Sociological Review ("A Disaggregation of the Relationship Between SES and Psychological Distress"), Social Forces ("Marital Status and Depression: The Part Played by Coping Resources", with Marilyn Essex), the Journal of Health and Social Behavior ("Sex Differences in Attempted Suicide", with James McCrae), and in edited books. His co-authored book, Television and Aggression, also appeared during the year (with J. Ronald Milavsky, Horst Stipp and William Rubens, Academic, 1982).

Karl Monnma spent the year at the Center as a first-year graduate student in Sociology. He therefore spent most his time on required coursework. He has also been working on a County Report on Lancashire for the Great Britain Study, an Information packet on the Wilkes disturbances for the London Study, and a research practicum on peasant rebellions during the French Second Republic.


Jeffrey M. Paige continued research on revolution and resistance in Central America and spent a month in Costa Rica, Nicaragua and Guatemala collecting data for a statistical analysis of the ecology of the contemporary Guatemalan revolution. He outlined the project's theory at the International Sociological Association meetings in Mexico City and reported some preliminary findings at a conference on "Peasant and Indian Revolts" at the Latin American Studies Center at the University of Florida, Gainesville. His paper "Social Theory and Peasant Revolution in Vietnam and Guatemala," a revised version of CRSO Working Paper 275, will appear in Theory and Society in September 1983. He has also been working with Kirsten Holm and John Boies on a continuing study of corporate power and inequity.

Misagh Parsa completed and defended his dissertation, Social Origins of the Iranian Revolution, in May 1982. During the winter term, he taught two courses in the Sociology Department. His book review of Eric Hooglund's Land and Revolution in Iran appeared in MERIP Reports, No. 113, 1983. He has submitted an article, "State, Economic Development and Social Conflicts in the Iranian Revolution", for publication and is currently conducting a research project on peasant land seizure in Iran and has collected the data for the 1979-81 period.

Marcene Root has been involved in three major applied research projects over the past year: Women's Drug Research, an analysis of women's experiences in drug treatment programs; the Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Project, an assessment of a training program for counselors and clients in a pregnant alcoholics program; and the Childhood Cancer Study, a study of the experiences of parents of children with cancer. For the Women's Drug Research project she is preparing an article on "The Use of Event History Analysis in the Study of Drug Treatment Programs" for a book to be published by Lexington Books.

More in line with her dissertation work, Ms. Root is continuing a year long field research project on the micro-processes of social change organizations. She has been participating and observing at the Student Advocacy Center, a local group which advocates for the rights and needs of public school students, with an emphasis on improving educational equity. In her capacity as a volunteer, Ms. Root is helping to prepare a book on with statistical information and photographs called The State of Michigan's Children.

Ms. Root's teaching efforts in the last year have included assisting in an introductory sociology course and preparing an article entitled "Sociological Facilitation in a Field Learning Course."

Her political activities continue to include work for the Graduate Women's Network and the Graduate Employee's Organization.

Ms. Root was also a co-organizer of the Qualitative Research Conference at the University of Michigan, May 20-21, 1983. There she presented a paper called "Local Advocacy as Social Change.

Ruth Sears, on sabbatical from the University of Toledo, has been studying a) structural and social psychological factors in changing role performance, and b) comparative social structure, emphasizing the People's Republic of China.

Marc Steinberg is presently engaged in dissertation research on the class consciousness of working-class trade groups in England 1828-1832.
Dan Steinmetz specializes in political sociology, the study of the welfare state, qualitative methodology, and the Arab-Israeli conflict. He is engaged in a study of political thinking about the welfare state among unemployed auto workers. He gave papers on that topic at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association and the National Conference of Social Welfare. He will give a paper on this topic at the upcoming meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems. He also gave a paper on the applied uses of qualitative methods at the recent Michigan Conference on Qualitative Methods of Social Research.

Robert Thomas continued his work on labor relations and work organization in the automobile industry and is preparing to expand that investigation into a multi-national comparison. He plans to focus much of his attention on the interaction of participative-management schemes and the accelerated use of new technology. During the year he participated in the following conferences: III U.S.-U.S.S.R. Colloquium on World Labor and Social Change (SUNY-Binghamton); the Futures of the Welfare State Conference (University of Indiana); and the Marx Centennial (University of Michigan, CRSO). He was also an organizer of a Conference on the Qualitative Methods of Social Research held at the University of Michigan. His manuscript, Citizenship, Gender and Work: A Study in the Social Organization of Industrial Agriculture is currently under review for publication. His publications this year include "Quality and Quantity?: Worker Participation in the U.S. and Japanese Automobile Industries" (in World Labor and Social Change, edited by Immanuel Wallerstein and Melvyn Dubofsky), "Theories of the Labor Process" (review essay in the Insurgent Sociologist), and "Citizenship, Gender and Earnings" (in The Political Economy of Food and Agriculture in the Advanced Societies, edited by William Friedland, Philip Ehrensaft and Robert J. Thomas). He is also organizing a special panel on the automobile industry for the upcoming meetings of the American Sociological Association, co-organizing a summer conference on the Political Economy of Agriculture, and presenting papers on his research at the ASA and Society for the Study of Social Problems meetings in August.

Chuck Tilly continued to direct CRSO in 1982-83. His main research projects concerned a) the geography of contention in London, 1758-1834; b) conflict in Great Britain as a whole, 1828-1834; c) capitalism, statemaking, and collective action in five French regions, 1600-1980; and d) demographic origins of the European proletariat. During the year, he was working on a book entitled: The Contentious French, Le France Conteste (the French version of TCF), and Big Structures, Large Processes, and Huge Comparisons.

Mark Vaitkus is completing a dissertation entitled "A Comparative Study of Norm Legitimation in the Public and Parochial Elementary Schools". Coding and interpreting observational data collected in the schools occupied much of the year along with the production of the theory and methods chapters. Analysis of children's and teacher's interviews, as well as parent's survey questionnaires, continues with a projected completion date for the entire dissertation of September 1983. Mr. Vaitkus also is maintaining a position as a research associate on a project with U-M Hospital Planning, Research and Development, "Patient and visitor Participation in Hospital Design".

Marty Whyte spent most of the year polishing up loose ends from his collaborative research on urban social structure in the People's Republic of China, which will be published later in 1983 (Urban Life in Contemporary China, University of Chicago Press, co-authored with William Parish). Spinoff articles from this research that were produced during the year include "Urban Life in the People's Republic of China", forthcoming in The Cambridge History of China, Vol. 15; and "Urbanism as a Chinese Way of Life," forthcoming in a special issue of International Journal of Comparative Sociology. He is currently gearing up to be the principal investigator for next year's DAS with a project on the process of mate choice and assortative mating in Detroit.

Meg Yoak has spent the last year completing the doctoral program's requirements for admission to candidacy, and working with Mark Chesler on a national study of self-help groups of families of children with cancer. She and Chesler have co-authored a CRSO Working Paper (S285: The Organization of Self-Help Groups for Families of Children with Cancer) and a book chapter ("Self-Help Groups for Families of Children with Cancer" in W. Roback (ed.) Group Interventions for Medical-Surgical Patients and their Families) based on preliminary results of their study. Meg has shared interviewing responsibilities in the self-help group study, as well as training and coordinating the coding team. Her proposed dissertation topic is an application of the organizations and environments approach to self-help groups, analyzing variations in group structures and activities in terms of the medical-system and community environments in which they operate. Her work on this in the coming year will be supported by a Rackham Pre-Doctoral Fellowship.
Other researchers active at the Center this year include:

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