



# NEMO Newsletter

Quarterly Newsletter of the North East Map Organization

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## From Below Deck

### *What's News?*

**B**y now you are probably wondering what has happened to your *NEMO Newsletter*. My apologies and I am getting back to an almost normal schedule. A number of things have happened since last we met and not all of them made it easier to get important things done like working on the news.

In 2003, NEMO member **Ernie Woodson**, Map Librarian at UB, retired leaving a large gap in not only map and geography reference, but also in the Science & Engineering Library reference hours. In the interim, NEMO member **David Bertuca** (me), took the position of acting Map Librarian, in addition to, but not replacing his full-time position as Web Administrator for the Arts & Sciences Libraries, and a few other tasks that needed working on in his spare time. The last 10 months or more have been busy to say the least. At the present time, I am renovating the Map Room, adding shelving for our 500+ atlases to be displayed all at once, reorganizing topo and other maps, as well as handling several preservation projects to save our maps and photographs collections, all while assisting faculty and students in their map and cartographic needs.

But, it is almost spring and I am surfacing to get back on top of things. I apologize for the delays in publication and also thank all of you for patiently waiting for publication to resume.

This issue has some news and other items, plus a preview of the June 3-4, 2004 NEMO Meeting. The complete meeting info will appear very soon in the following issue. Our program planners, led by First Mate/Captain elect Joanne Perry, and assisted by Paige Gibbs, and Pat McGlamery, Lisa Brainard, and a few others, are lining up some great presentations for this and all will be issued shortly for your planning.



*I look forward to seeing you all in the spring!*



**David Bertuca, Editor** at least he has been feeding me!

## The Biggest Little State In The Union!!!! NEMO Meeting 2004

In the continuing quest to hold a NEMO meeting in every state of the NEMO region the 2004 NEMO conference will take place at Rhode Island College (a.k.a. "RIC") in Providence Rhode Island June 3-4. The campus is convenient to Amtrak, interstate highways and public bus transit. Take a look: <http://www.ric.edu/home01.html>

Another reason to attend NEMO in Providence! There will be a *Waterfire* (beautiful, FREE and not overwhelmingly crowded) <http://www.waterfire.com/schedule/index.html> on the Friday evening June 4.

Paige Gibbs- UMass Dartmouth  
**SEE ADDITIONAL INFO INSIDE!**

## NEMO Online is Now Easier to Find

We now have a domain name for the NEMO Website: <http://www.NorthEastMap.org> the original link that you have is still the absolute URL (the one that won't change). Either URL will get you there, but the new one will let you tell the world how to find us fast!

<http://ublib.buffalo.edu/libraries/asl/maps/nemo.html>

*"Some days a map reference librarian's job is a bit like hunting gazelles on the African plains with a toothpick."*—David J. Bertuca

## Meetings

WAML (Western Association of Map Libraries)  
 Spring Meeting 2004  
 California State University, Chico  
 April 28-May 1, 2004

Contact: Rich Soares [RSoares@csuchico.edu](mailto:RSoares@csuchico.edu)



3rd Annual URISA/PPGIS Conference  
 University of Wisconsin-Madison (Madison, WI)  
 July 18-20, 2004

The Urban and Regional Information Systems Association (URISA) will be holding its 3rd annual conference from July 18-20, 2004 at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, Wisconsin on the subject of public participation GIS. Public Participation GIS (PPGIS) refers to a range of topics raised by the intersection of community interests and GIS technology. The PPGIS Congress will bring together participants with a rich diversity of experience. <http://www.urisa.org/ppgis.html>

### Twenty-Fourth Annual ESRI International User Conference

August 9-13, 2004

San Diego Convention Center, San Diego, California

#### Who Should Attend

All ESRI software users are encouraged to attend. New and experienced GIS users will discover a community of peers eager to share ideas, experiences, and practical ways their organizations have benefited through GIS. Attendees from around the world include

- \*Technical staff who support GIS implementation
- \*Analysts who use or benefit from GIS analysis
- \*Managers who run GIS departments
- \*Decision makers who support GIS in their organization
- \*Any user of ESRI software

<http://www.esri.com/events/uc/>

## Map News

*There's a Map on My Lap!* Written by Tish Rabe, illustrated by Aristides Ruiz. Written in the rhyming pattern of Dr. Seuss. Published by Random House as part of their The Cat in the Hat's Learning Library, it was published in Sept 2002 in hardback, 48 pages, for US\$8.99, ISBN: 0-375-81099-4. It discusses, among other topics, latitude/longitude, scale, cardinal directions, and map grids.--Joanne Perry.



### NYPL Digital Exhibits

<http://www.nypl.org/research/midatlantic/>

Check out the Map Division's digital collection of **Middle Atlantic** maps, and maps of North America, USA and the World, also Western Hemisphere, that show the Middle Atlantic region in NYPL's Digital Collections.

The "**American Shores: Maps of the Middle Atlantic Region to 1850**" site was funded by NEH. Once on the site, you will see highlighted a sampling of maps from the 1000+ which were conserved, cataloged and scanned during 2000-2002. The entire collection you can get to by clicking on the "Browse this collection" button at upper right. On the American Shores site, among the sampling of maps there, you can pan and zoom for greater detail. So far this does not seem to apply to the larger collection, but I am investigating that...

It is all still under construction to some extent, but I would like you all to know it is there, and would appreciate any input you have.

Much of the site is designed and under the control of NYPL's web design folk, and the scanning was handled in our digital lab. Map division staff selected the maps and cataloged them, and composed descriptive text. Over the next few months we will continue to polish this thing, but I want you all to know it is there and use it at will.

#### Current Officers (2003-2004)

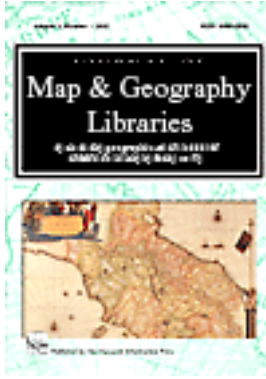
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## Members in Focus

### Looking for Article Submissions!

**Paige Andrew**, Co-Editor with (Mary Lynette

Larsgaard) of the brand new (Premiere issue will be published in early 2004) *Journal of Map and Geography Libraries: Advances in Geospatial Information, Collections & Archives* is seeking articles for the journal. As the title of the journal indicates, the scope is rather broad and we are looking for articles pertaining to both the digital geospatial realm as well as the hardcopy realm. If you would like to share your knowledge, research, and expertise with your colleagues internationally, this refereed journal is the place to do so!



Please contact Paige: <mailto:pga2@psulias.psu.edu> or by phone: 814-865-1755 with questions and/or submissions. Web link (our bridge link to the journal page): <http://ublib.buffalo.edu/libraries/asl/maps/nemo.html#jo>

### NEMO Meeting Preliminary Information

[note: meeting info will be sent *very soon*]

The NEMO 2004 Conference will be held on June 3-4, 2004 at Rhode Island College (RIC) in Providence, RI.

**Access:** Clear directions to RIC are found on their Web site (<http://www.ric.edu/about/directions.html>). Campus parking is reputed to be good.

**Meeting rooms:** The Conference Center dining room has been reserved for all of our activities.

**Housing:** RIC can provide 10 (dorm) rooms but people must bring their own linens. Otherwise accommodations will need to be made at motels.

**Speakers:** Dr. John Stackelhaus of RIGIS will be our opening speaker on Thursday.

Dr. Mark Motte, RIC Geography, will be our dinner speaker on Thursday night.

### Session topics under consideration:

- \*The Map as an object: artistic renditions
- \*The Cartography Collaborative: the how and why of map design
- \*Cartography, Genealogy, and Family History
- \*Poster Session: presenter's choice

Submission of other cartographic topics are warmly urged; don't be shy or feel left out.

The traditional Map Swap and Tours will also be organized.

*Joanne Perry, Captain-Elect*

(program planner with the help & support of Paige Gibbs, Pat McGlamery, Lisa Brainard, and David Bertuca)

### NEMO Member Heading for Sabbatical

Paige Andrew, NEMO member, is headed "out" for sabbatical from July 1-Dec. 31, 2004. Paige will be researching and compiling citations for a cartobibliography of 19th century maps of Pennsylvania at institutions such as the Geography and Map Division of the Library of Congress, the Pennsylvania State Archives, and the State Library of Pennsylvania, as well as his home institution of the Pennsylvania State University. Trips to Washington, D.C., Harrisburg, and possibly Philadelphia and the Free Library there are in the offing. Paige hopes to create a searchable online database open to all users of Pennsylvania historical maps, likely linked from the Penn State University Libraries' website, but might also publish his findings in a hardcopy atlas form. Although he will be away from his office and normal map cataloging and other duties, he will be checking email regularly so please feel free to stay in touch, ask cataloging questions, or just ask "how's it going?" during this six-month period.

### NEMO Members Run Map Cataloging Workshops

Members **Paige Andrew** and **David J. Bertuca** each gave full-day workshops on map cataloging. David made his presentation on October 14, 2003 to the Northern New York Library Network (North Country 3R's Council). Attendees came from Northern New York State, Vermont, and Maine. Paige's workshop was at Paige's at Rutgers on Oct 27, 2003 and was also well attended.

David has been invited to make another presentation in September to the New England Technical Services Librarians at the New England Library Association conference in September 2004 in Manchester, NH.

## Where's Ernie?

In addition to retiring, Ernie Woodson has moved. Send Ernie a Card or Letter:

Ernie Woodson  
4015 S. Crysler Avenue Apt. #6  
Independence, MO 64055-4474

I spoke with Ernie recently, just before he was going on a trip to visit his daughter. He is doing well and sends everyone a hello.

*"Maps are one of the few things that most people use at least once in their lifetime."—  
Integrated Geospatial Technologies: a guide to  
GPS, GIS, and data logging. Jeff Thurston, Thomas  
K. Poiker, and J Patrick Moore. J. Wiley and Sons,  
2003, p. 50.*

## North East Map Organization Annual Business Meeting, June 13, 2003

The NEMO annual business meeting, held at the Science Center at Simmons College, Boston, MA, was called to order by Captain David Bertuca at 9:00 a.m. on June 13, 2003. Minutes of the 2002 annual meeting have been published in the *NEMO Newsletter*.

Heather Hoffman, Treasurer, reported the balance as of May 31, 2003 was \$1128.97, with a number of checks for membership, map sales and meeting registrations not included in this total.

David Bertuca reported that sales of Ground Zero maps recouped costs and resulted in a small profit. Although the paperwork involved created some problems, the information about NEMO included in the mailings to purchasers raises the organization's profile. We might wish to consider publishing and selling another map in the future.

The Newsletter web version gets a lot of hits. NEMO may wish to pay an annual fee to register a separate domain providing that a unique, descriptive name and a reliable registry can be identified.

Haworth is publishing a new journal on map librarianship to be edited by Paige Andrew and Mary Laarsgard. They are looking for articles. In addition, they have asked to purchase the NEMO mailing list for a one-time mailing. The consensus was that for a nominal fee we would be willing to print a set of labels and send out material provided to us by the publisher.

To date, there have been about 45 NEMO membership renewals. In light of concerns about membership levels, all attendees were encouraged to try to bring one additional person to next year's meeting. Other methods to increase membership that were suggested include: offering a new member discount, creating a brochure about NEMO to be distributed with membership applications at other professional meetings, and increasing our ties with other professional groups. Paige Gibbs will assist with membership brochure. David Bertuca will compile a list of potential organizations. The organizations identified so far include Boston Library Consortium, ACRL-New England, New England Research Libraries, state and New England GIS groups, and Government Documents Librarians of New England.

There was extensive discussion of the relationship between membership and meetings and exploration of options for both meeting locations and meeting times. Attendance might be increased by holding a meeting jointly or sequentially with another larger organization, such as ACRL-NE. This would require flexibility in the scheduling of our meeting time, but might allow us to consider offering training to a wider group via workshops or presentations and would provide other venues for distributing organization information.

For meetings not coordinated with other groups, there was consensus that finding a "home base", probably in the Boston area, would be desirable to reduce the logistics of meeting planning. Meeting locales could rotate, returning to the home base on a two or three year cycle. Meetings can be held in other parts of the Northeast that offer inexpensive meeting and residence options (such as college facilities) and interesting sites for related field trips. Rhode Island is the tentative choice for next year's meeting. Worcester, MA is another future locale. A group consisting of Patrick McGlamery, Jim Walsh, Lisa

Brainard, Paige Gibbs, and several others have volunteered to meet and plan the Rhode Island meeting. Additional assistance is welcome.

David Bertuca asked for members to contribute articles for the newsletter, including summaries of this year's talks, and information for the NEMO web site (information about members' web sites would be especially welcome).

After a discussion of the duties of Captain NEMO and Captain-Elect (AKA First Mate), Joanne Perry agreed to be nominated as Captain-Elect. The incumbent Treasurer and Secretary agreed to continue in their offices. All were elected. David Bertuca retired as Captain, with the thanks of the group, and Patrick McGlamery assumed the role of Captain.

Respectfully submitted,  
Thelma Thompson, Secretary

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### NEMO 2003 Meeting Attendees

David Allen	Nancy Kandoian
Peter Baisley	Donna Koepp
David Bertuca	Eliza McClennen
Lynn Bjorkland	Patrick McGlamery
Lisa C. Brainard	Bill Miller
Richard Gelpke	Joanne Perry
Paige Gibbs	Meredith Ricker
Herb Heidt	Thelma Thompson
Heather Hoffman	Jim Walsh
Mark Jaquith	

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### Harvard Map Cataloging Project

Dear Colleagues -

After several years of discussing the possibilities, we are pleased to announce that the Harvard Map Collection has begun to catalog its antiquarian map collection. This weekend (April 2-3) we will be remodeling the interior of the Map Collection to create a more efficient processing area so that we can have more room to review and catalog the maps. We will, of course, concentrate our cataloging efforts initially on the Boston and New England regions. Our plans are to quickly move into the America's, North America, and colonial America collections as well. Initial sampling for some of these maps reveals that we will be able to take advantage of the excellent cataloging already completed at the Library of Congress and other research library institutions.

As with any such project, it is inevitable that duplicates will be identified. We are also finding many duplicates between our atlas collection and those of the flat map collection. Since so many of the atlases are difficult to use and our patrons always want the area usually found in the "gutter" it had been decided that these maps would be far more valuable to our users if they were flat. Since we have no intention of selling the atlases, thereby

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## Carto Clips

Coming Soon!

New Map and Geography  
Round Table e-Journal

*Cartographic Contributions*



Editor: Dr. David Y. Allen,  
Stony Brook University (emeritus)

The Map and Geography Round Table (MAGERT) of the American Library Association is planning an online serial publication.

The new serial was authorized in January, and we plan to begin publication this summer. Tentatively called "Cartographic Contributions," it will focus on map librarianship, GIS, history of cartography, maps on the Internet, cartobibliography, and other subjects relating to maps. It is intended to be international and interdisciplinary in scope.

It will be an irregular "open access" publication. There will be no charge to authors, and articles will be available without subscription to anyone on the Internet. Contributions will be peer-reviewed. Articles that take advantage of such capabilities of the Internet as color images and hyperlinks are particularly encouraged.

Because we are still establishing our policies and recruiting our board of editors, the web page describing the new publication is not yet being made public. Anyone interested in publishing an article in the new journal or serving on the editorial board should contact me directly.

David Allen [dyallen2@aol.com](mailto:dyallen2@aol.com)

**Journal of maps**  **New Map Journal  
Calling For Papers**

*Journal of Maps*: a new multi-disciplinary, international journal Website: <http://www.journalofmaps.com> Launch: 4th May 2004 Mike J Smith, Editor-in-Chief

We are pleased to announce a "call for papers" for the newly created Journal of Maps (JoM). The establishment of JoM has come out of the realization that academic map publication is in gradual decline. JoM will provide a channel for researchers to publish map based material not normally accepted by traditional journals that can then be referred to and viewed by others. JoM has been established as a UK charity, aiming to publish original, bespoke, maps from any discipline. The editorial panel has been specifically put together to provide a broad range of knowledge, expertise and experience. As a journal, we suspect that initial emphasis will be upon traditional geo-subjects, however other subject areas will be strongly encouraged to submit original work.

JoM is an entirely electronic, online journal. All published material will be given away freely and therefore JoM has opted to follow a reverse publishing model. The author will pay a nominal fee to cover the review and distribution process. The journal's website (<http://www.journalofmaps.com>) will provide a fully searchable front-end to JoM's published materials. We

accept that not everyone will want to view maps electronically and therefore all materials will be of press publishable quality.

In order to use the online facilities of JoM, a user needs to register. Basic registration allows access to published materials; personal details need to be provided in order to submit a map for publication. The principal author will need to supply a press-quality map and a short article ready for review. The article should describe the data presented in the map and any pertinent techniques used during the collection/mapping process. We will not accept long articles incorporating data analysis and interpretation, as these would be better published in traditional subject-based journals. The principal author should also supply the details of two people who may act as external referees; these persons should not have recently published with the author(s) or work at the same institution. When submitted, an article will be reviewed by two members of the editorial panel, in addition to the two external referees.

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### 'Practical' Application of GPS...

Barb Seekins heard about this and sent a note on it...

Recently, Coca-Cola in Australia had a GPS promotion. Coke in Australia has 20 specially made bottles containing a GPS and ID transmitter inside, designed so that when you purchase the winning bottle, you activate it and within minutes it transmits your position to Coca Cola who sends a representative to you to give you your prize. Visit the promotion site: <http://www.coke.com.au/thrillseeker/> to see what they did. The contest is over but the concept is only beginning!



### ...From High-Tech to Low

Recently the editor found a website that featured grade school students' geography projects. Along with photos of the usual 'salt,' 'sand,' and 'soap' maps there was the item above: a cookie map! I enhanced the image a little by outlining Italy, Sicily, and Sardinia.

## Harvard Cataloging Maps Continued from page 4

the atlas value is inconsequential, it will be far easier to rid ourselves of the limits of those volumes. Therefore, it will be easier to “debind” and catalog them as flat maps and they are far easier to copy that way as well.

Since we have begun our cataloging this seems an apropos time to complete two projects at the same time and make our collection more accessible and much easier for us to file. We look forward to keeping everyone aware of our progress.--*David Cobb* [from Maps-L]

## Position available GIS/Map Librarian (Indiana)

Ball State University is a comprehensive regional university with approximately 18,000 students and 800 faculty, located 50 miles NE of Indianapolis in Muncie, (population 70,000). The University Libraries consist of a main collection and 2 branch libraries with holdings of 1.5 million vols, and employs 38 librarians and 77 support staff.

Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Map Librarian Professional position available immediately. Responsibilities: Provide subject-specific reference, consultation, instruction assistance with digital geospatial and traditional cartographic resources in Geospatial Center and Map Collection (GCMC) and general research assistance at the Bracken Library reference desk via in-person and online contact; provide outreach and user education to faculty and students on subject-specific services and resources with an emphasis on geospatial data and mapping; promote use of the GCMC, GIS resources, and geographic information processing through exhibits, lectures, orientation tours, and print/electronic publications (subject bibliographies, guides); recommend service objectives, output measures, and operational procedures for the GCMC; build and develop GIS and cartographic resources to support the teaching, research, and service missions of the University, including acquisition of data sets and digitization of appropriate print resources in the collection; supervise, train and collaborate with support staff and students in GCMC operations and services.

Minimum qual: MLS/MLIS/MIS degree from ALA accredited program; knowledge of or experience with GIS software (such as Arc View, ArcGIS, or GeoMedia) and support; knowledge of or experience with a library map collection; effective oral and written communication skills.

Preferred qual: BS in discipline with an emphasis on spatial data, such as in field of architecture, earth sciences, land use planning, or geography; experience with promoting GIS and geographical applications for use in education and research; supervisory experience; teaching and/or training experience; advanced degree in architecture, cartography, geography, or similar field that makes extensive use of GIS.

Salary negotiable from a minimum of \$39,000.

Ball State University is an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer and is strongly and actively committed to diversity within its community.

Send letter of application, resume, transcripts of graduate degree(s) (unofficial copies acceptable) and the names,

addresses, telephone/fax numbers of three references (at least one of which is a current or former supervisor) to: Ms. Dixie D. DeWitt, Business Services Supervisor, University Libraries, Ball State University, Muncie, IN 47306. Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. ([www.bsu.edu/library](http://www.bsu.edu/library))

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## GeoInteractive

### The website for

### Teaching Resources in Geography

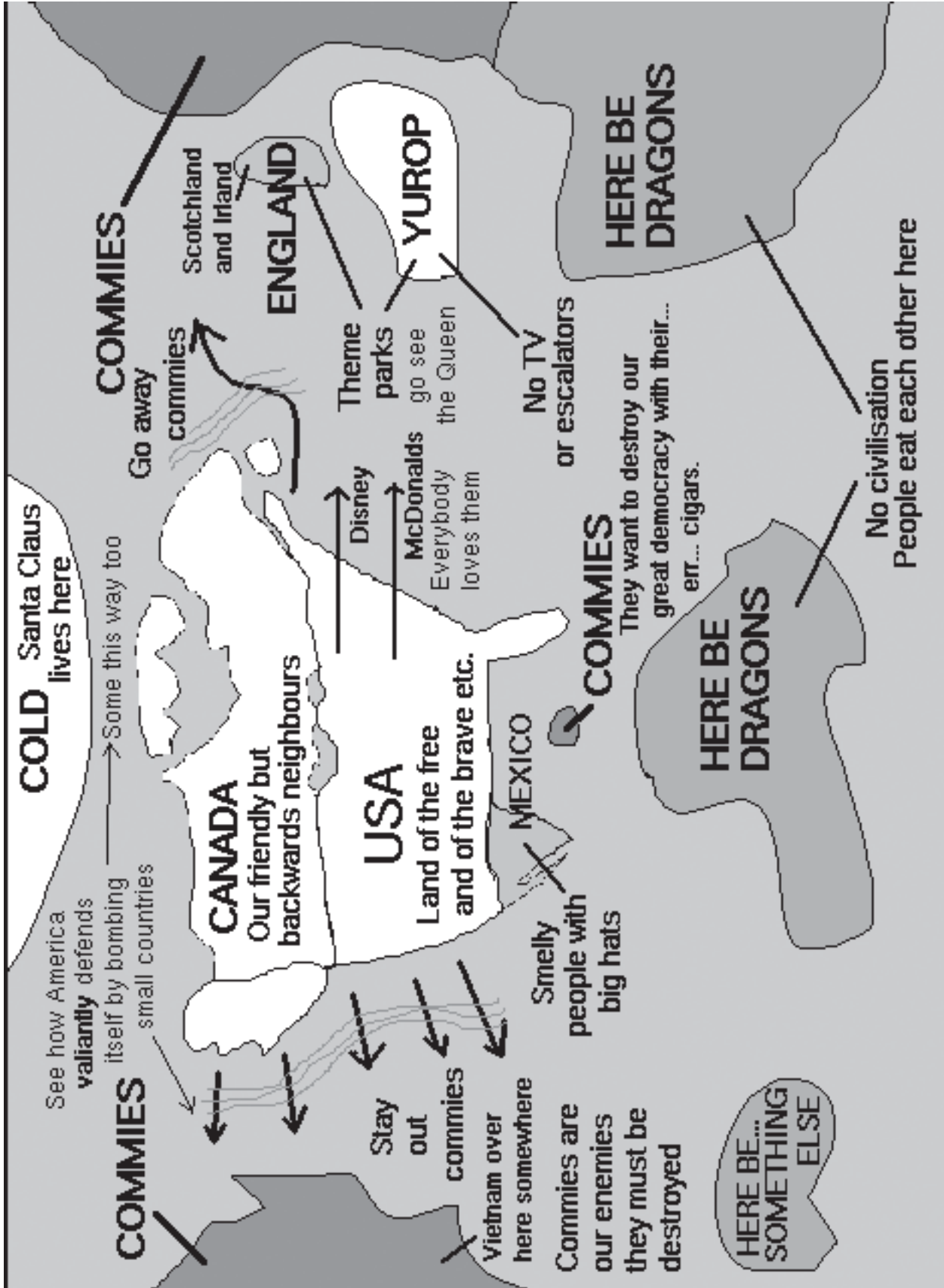
(launched Jan. 2004) “The website has two separate sections [contribution and subscription] and you are welcome to join one or both of them.”

In February the website received 30,000 page hits. Around 75 teachers have contributed resources to date. The site aims to have 500 resources in the first year and are on a good start to meeting that.

GeoInteractive is a site for sharing teaching resources. It includes: drag and drop exercises, tutorials, PowerPoint lectures, puzzles, a photo/image source, and more resources for geography teachers. See samples: <http://www.geointeractive.co.uk/consample.htm>.

The main website is: <http://www.geointeractive.co.uk/>

Sample page from the site



There are a lot of unique maps being produced by a wide variety of people, with a diverse set of ideas and concepts. This was located on a website recently and is printed for your amusement.



*At least it's spring in the Northeast!*

NEMO 2004

June 3-4, 2004

We will meet at Rhode Island College, Providence Rhode Island June 3-4. All details in the upcoming *NEMO Newsletter*.

July 17-22, 2005

**21st International Conference  
on the History of Cartography**

<http://lazarus.elte.hu/ichc2005.htm>

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**NEMO** (North East Map Organization) is dedicated to serving as a unifying body for all who use, produce, collect, and market maps and cartographic information in the Northeast; increasing communication between all interested in maps; and working with state, regional, and national organizations and government agencies in dissemination of maps and cartographic information. NEMO's principal region is CT, DE, ME, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT.

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