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NEWSLETTER

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THE NORTH CAROLINA GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

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News from the Departments

Appalachian State - Boone, N.C.

The Community Planning and Geography Faculty at Appalachian State University hosted the American Planning Association Regional Conference held at the Center for Continuing Education, September 8-10. Conference topic was "Planning And The Future of Appalachia". Robert Reiman and Bill Imperatore were the local organizers. Reiman presided as moderator for session on "Alternate Roles for Planning and Planners in Appalachia"; and served as chair for a case study session by Land-of-Sky Regional Council, entitled "A Management Handbook for Wastewater and Water Services in a Mountain Area". Conference field trips included a canoe trip down the New River, led by Bill Imperatore and Nancy Alderman; and mountain development field trip led by Dan Stillwell. Workshops included "Microcomputer Graphics in Planning" by Ole Gade. Gade also led a nominal group session on "Sensitive Environmental Areas", and Imperatore was the leader for a session on "Transportation".

A small windfall came our way with A.S.U.'s recent emphasis on enhancing its computer resources. The department now has three complete Apple graphics systems in its microcomputer laboratory. These include digitizers, double disk drives, color monitors, game paddles, dot matrix and thermal printers, rotary drum and flat bed plotters. Gade and Alderman held a series of faculty and professional development workshops this past summer, and with our rotational, three dimensional mapping and color graphics capabilities we have seen a considerable enhancement of our visibility on campus and through the region. The microcomputer systems will be discussed and demonstrated at the upcoming NCGS meeting in Boone, October 21 and 22. A hands on workshop involving five Apple IIe graphics systems will be held at the SEDAB meeting in Orlando, and will be led by Alderman, Gade, Imperatore and Art Rex.

This year saw the retirement of Terry Epperson, a valued member and former chairperson of the department. We wish him the best in his new capacity as the owner of T & J Hardware in Johnson City, Tennessee. Bill Imperatore relinquished the reins of leadership to return to full time teaching and an expectant scholarly leave next year to Canada. The chair is now occupied by Gade.

Next Summer's Community and Regional Planning Tour of Scandinavia is a joint venture of the A.S.U. Alumni Office and the department. A colorful brochure of the three-week professional development tour is available, call or write Ole Gade, Department of Community Planning and Geography, Appalachian State University, Boone, NC 28608, (704) 262-3001.

East Carolina - Greenville, N.C.

During 1983 the Department welcomed two new additions to the faculty. Dr. Fred Day, a population geographer, and specialist on Asia joined the staff in January. Fred is a 1982 graduate of Ohio State U. In August Dr. William Buckler, a graduate of Michigan State U. began his teaching activities in physical geography. His speciality is soils. Bill was recently on the staff of Bowling Green State U.

Bob Cramer retired in January after almost thirty years of service to the Department. Bob and his wife immediately set off on a six week travel adventure to Australia and the South Pacific.

Substantial contributions to research and other creative activity continued to be emphasized by faculty and students. Five students presented papers at the annual meeting of the North Carolina Academy of Science, held at Chapel Hill. Faculty members presented 18 papers at professional meetings, contributed 3 articles or book chapters, published 4 books, and 11 abstracts. In addition Si Baker and Ed Leahy served as co-directors of the ECU program in Costa Rica which enrolled sixteen students during the 1982 Spring Semester. Pia and Ed Leahy will serve as co-directors for the Spring, 1983 version. Phil Shea and Ennis Chestang travelled in Europe this summer.

Old Dominion University - Norfolk, Va.

The Geography Program at Old Dominion University was initiated in 1980 with a general major and two specialized sequences, urban geography and international resource management. Since that time the number of majors has increased to about 40. Four faculty members staff the program: Dr. Donald Zeigler, Director, in urban and social geography, Dr. Christine Drake, in Third World Studies and political geography, Dr. Justin Friberg in research methods and natural hazards; and Dr. Ramala Basu in medical and cultural geography. Within the Department of Political Science and Geography, there is an M.A. program in International Studies. Geography graduates are invited to apply for admission to this interdisciplinary program and can use graduate courses in geography to fulfill requirements for the degree, in part. Both a thesis and non-thesis option are available.

Pembroke State - Pembroke, N.C.

The Department of Geography sponsored three workshops during the 1982-83 academic year. In January, Robert Keber conducted a Statistics and Planners workshop in High Point for persons taking the AICP exam. In February, the Department hosted an Introduction to Census Data workshop and in June a Grants Writing workshop was held. Each of the on-campus workshops attracted a large audience from throughout the state.

An Intermediate Level Census Data workshop sponsored by the Department was held on the PSU campus on Oct. 12.

Robert Keber was elected Chairman of the Lumber River Basin Committee. Lumber River Basin Committee has been designated a Stream Watch organization and received funding from the Department of Natural Resources and Community Development to pursue activities related to water quality.

Dr. Elizabeth Kuo should be congratulated for preparing both of her children for acceptance to the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics. Son Henry graduated June 1983 and daughter Suzanne enrolled August 1983.

Faculty publications:

Thomas E. Ross and Elizabeth Kuo, One Land, Three Peoples: An Atlas of Robeson County, North Carolina, 1982, 104 pages.

Thomas E. Ross, "Robeson County Places in 1980", map in Maude Thomas' Away Down Home: A History of Robeson County, 1983.

"Development of a Land Cover Contrast in Northern Virginia," Virginia Geographer, 15 (Spring-Summer 1983), pp. 1-14.

Robert Keber's paper entitled "Quality of Life in a Recently Annexed Minority Area will appear in the Proceedings of the UNC Urban Affairs Conference. He also received a PSU Faculty Development Grant to write an Introduction to Planning Workbook.

UNC - Chapel Hill - Chapel Hill, N.C.

Several faculty members were awarded research and equipment grants during the past year: Doug Eyre, \$10,000 from the National Geographic Society (NGS); Rich Kopec and Herb Bodman (history), \$12,400 from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH); Melinda Meade and Wil Gesler, \$30,000 from the National Science Foundation (NSF); Barry Moriarty, \$6,200 from the Institute for Economic Development; and Peter Robinson, \$33,000 from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

John Florin continues as assistant dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and Steve Birdsall was recently appointed associate dean of the college. Moriarty concluded his appointment as chairman of the NSF advisory panel for geography and regional science in June. Birdsall also succeeded Moriarty this year as director of the Basic Economic Development Course (BEDC). Over the past 12 years 530 professional economic development practitioners and planners, nearly half from North Carolina, have graduated from the program. The department also graduated 21 major 8 masters and 6 Ph.D. students during the year.

Publications appearing during the year included a textbook by Birdsall published by Follett, a bibliography by Browning in the department's monograph series, a chapter in Geographical Aspects of Health by Meade, articles in the Professional Geographer and Papers of the Regional Science Association by Moriarty and an article in Applied Meteorology by Robinson. In addition to presenting papers at numerous seminars Birdsall and Meade presented papers at the SEAAG meeting in Memphis and Gesler, Meade and Moriarty presented papers at the AAG meeting in Denver. Gesler also presented a paper at the African Studies Association meeting in Washington, D.C. and Meade presented a paper before the Southeast Association of Asian Studies in Boone. Moriarty also presented papers at meetings of the Regional Science Association in Pittsburgh and the Southern Regional Science Association in Charleston. Robinson delivered a paper at the Conference on Climate and Energy in New Orleans.

During the summer Eyre conducted research in Micronesia and Moriarty was a visiting professor at Michigan State. Basile traveled in Mexico, Birdsall in Italy, Gesler in England and Meade in the United Kingdom.

Professor Takashi Todokoro of the Department of Geography, Ritsumeikan University, Kyoto, Japan has been visiting in the department for the past year while conducting research on North Carolina urban growth patterns.

UNC - Charlotte - Charlotte, N.C.

Significant adjustments occurred during the year, especially in the Earth Science phase of the program. Most notable among these adjustments was the addition of new faculty. Don Steila (Associate Professor), John Bender (Assistant Professor) and Gail Gibson (Assistant Professor) were employed in tenure track positions. Tyrel Moore joined us as a lecturer to replace Nelson Nunnally while the latter was on leave. This group fit in readily and gave us, along with continuing individuals, what is probably our strongest earth science faculty in the history of the department.

The offering of a revised curriculum, including adding B.S. options in both Geography and Earth Sciences, went smoothly. By April, 1983, the B.S. options had attracted 9 majors in Geography and 19 in Earth Sciences. The B.A. options involved 25 and 42 students in Geography and Earth Sciences, respectively. The graduate program remained viable with 18 resident students in Spring 1983, plus about 10 non-residents in some stage of finishing a terminal research project.

The field program accelerated in activity with the availability of the 15-passenger van. The Colorado Plateau field camp rented a second van to accommodate the 24-student group that is going out this summer, compared to 12 last year. In addition field trips were taken to the Outer Banks, North Carolina; Mammoth Cave, Kentucky; Washington, D.C.; Memphis, Tennessee and numerous shorter distance trips. These trips have added a valuable element to both the Earth Science and Geography program.

In 1982-83 four graduate students completed internship research projects, eight more were initiated and five remained in progress from the previous year. These internships were funded by a variety of public agencies and private industries directly or indirectly through contracts with the Urban Institute. The sponsored internships represented a \$2500-\$3500 stipend to each of the students.

One graduate student presented a paper at the Southeast Division meeting of the Association of American Geographers in Memphis, Tennessee. Another graduate student presented a paper at the Carolina Environmental Affairs Conference in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Two graduate students and two undergraduates presented papers at the North Carolina Academy of Science meeting.

William Kiser received the annual L. Rex Boone Scholarship (\$325) as the outstanding Earth Science major from the Charlotte Gem and Mineral Society.

The faculty had a highly productive year. Especially relevant was a series of urban atlases published in 1983 by the Department and the Urban Institute at UNC. The Co-editor was Al Stuart. These include: The Gold Leaf Urban Area; the Highland Plains Urban Center; the Land of Sky Urban Center; The Metrolina Urban Region; North Carolina's Urban Regions; The Piedmont Triad Urban Region; The Research Triangle Urban Region; The Unifour Urban Area; and the Wilmington-Cape Fear Urban Center.

In summary the UNCC Faculty produced 16 referred journal articles, published 11 books, compiled 22 book or manuscript reviews, received 11 grants or contracts, and made 21 professional presentations. Four faculty served as editors of journals or professional newsletters.

Western Carolina University - Cullowhee, N.C.

Bryon Middlekauff has been reappointed for another year and he will be offering a new regional course on Australia during Spring Semester '84, as he and his wife spent a month there this summer.

Jeff Neff has been appointed Director of WCU's University Forum for Contemporary Issues, which brings in outside speakers to discuss current issues, events, controversies, etc., on any and all topics. (For example, Henry J. Heimlich of "Heimlich Maneuver" fame is coming to discuss "Computers for Peace.") He and his wife just had a baby--Samuel Lee Neff, born August 22.

Minutes of

THE NORTH CAROLINA GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

Thirteenth Annual Meeting

October 9, 1982

The meeting was called to order at 10:55 A.M. in the Graham Building on the campus of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Duncan Randall, President, presided. The minutes of the Twelfth Annual Meeting held at Wilmington were presented and approved.

The treasurer's report was given by Harlow Head. The amount in the savings account as of October 8, 1982, was \$417.12. Expenses for the past year totalled \$14.67. The auditing committee approved the books of the organization. Fifteen members have paid dues for the current year. The total number of people paying dues for 1981 and/or 1982 is forty four.

The President presented the recommendation of the Steering Committee that the North Carolina Geographical Society affiliate with the National Council for Geographic Education. Dr. Randall listed several of the advantages accruing to our organization by the affiliation. Such an affiliation would not cost the North Carolina Geographical Society anything except that such an affiliation must be listed as a part of the organization's letterhead. The motion to affiliate was passed unanimously.

Dr. Jack Hidore, Vice-President and Program Chairman, listed the program for the afternoon and evening.

The Nominating Committee reported on the slate of officers for the coming year:

President: Jack Hidore, U.N.C. at Greensboro
 Vice-President: William Imperatore, Appalachian State University
 Secretary-Treasurer: Harlow Head, Atlantic Christian College
 Editor of Newsletter: Phil Shea, East Carolina University
 Members at Large: Don Steila, U.N.C. at Charlotte
 Frank Ainsley, U.N.C. at Wilmington
 Palmyra Leahy, East Carolina University

It was announced that Appalachian State University has extended the invitation to host the Fourteenth Annual Meeting in 1983. The membership present then elected the officers by a voice vote.

Jeff Neff has volunteered to be the representative of the North Carolina Geographical Society to the National Council for Geographic Education. The Steering Committee will come up with the future procedure for selecting the representative to the N.C.G.S.

Robert Cramer asked what the organization could do to attract more geographers to the annual meeting. Fifteen people attended the 1982 meetings. In the past there were events for wives to attend--no such planning was done for the current year. Over fifty geographers attended the first meeting at Pinehurst. Jack Hidore indicated that over ninety letters were sent out with about six returned with address unknown. John Eyre pointed out that many people have many other meetings to attend--both at regional and at national level. Our organization, which is a very informal grouping, tends to be rather low on the list of priorities.

John Eyre announced that Dr. Merle C. Prunty, Jr., of the University of Georgia died very recently. Barry Moriarty moved that the Secretary-Treasurer send a check for \$50.00 to the Geography Department of the University of Georgia. The money is to be applied to an appropriate memorial honoring Dr. Merle Prunty and is to have an accompanying letter of condolence. The motion was seconded and approved.

Several members present described the current status of geography on their respective campuses.

The meeting adjourned at 11:53 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

HARLOW Z. HEAD
Secretary-Treasurer

Your attention is drawn to the Report of the AAG Survey of Geography Departments, Spring 1982. In a table (researched from Schwendeman, 1983) listing seventy-four institutions enrolling over 2000 students in Geography during the 1982 calendar year three North Carolina Universities were ranked: U.N.C.C. (29th); U.N.C.-Chape Hill (32nd); and E.C.U. (40th).

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL

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Send with \$2.00 membership fee to Dr. Harlow Head, Department of Social Sciences, Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, NC 27893. (Make check payable to North Carolina Geographical Society.)

The 1983 Annual Meeting
Appalachian State University, Boone, N.C., October 21-22, 1983. Support your
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