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THE NORTH CAROLINA GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

SEPTEMBER, 1984

ANNUAL MEETING

East Carolina University
Greenville, N.C.

October 5, 6, 1984

Food - Fellowship - Field Trip

(If you have not received a notice please phone ECU Dept of Geography and Planning 757-6230)

NCGS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE URGES PARTICIPATION AT THE NCCSS

(The following is a letter from Bill Imperatore, President-NCGS. A program application has been provided at the end of the newsletter. There is a September 30 deadline.)

NCGS: THE GEOGRAPHY ADVOCATE FOR NORTH CAROLINA

August 23, 1984

At the May meeting of the NCGS Executive Committee we agreed to support a drive to increase the visibility of geography in North Carolina by increasing the participation of geographers at the annual meeting of the North Carolina Council for the Social Studies which will take place in Pinehurst in February, 1985.

Information about the meeting, a membership form and a program application form are enclosed. Annual dues are only \$10.

Some possible activities and sessions which we suggested at our meeting included:

- 1) Jeff Neff and Bob Reiman would prepare a sound/slide presentation on geography/NCGS for display.
- 2) Ennis Chestang could do a session on free geography teaching materials
- 3) Bill Imperatore could do a session on map skills for the middle grades

Maybe Duncan Randall could do a session on some aspect of coastal geography. How about a session on N.C. population geography from Ole Gade. We need to get as many geographers involved as possible and they need to present material that will be of direct and obvious benefit to the classroom teacher.

As soon as we learn who is on the program and when, we need to prepare a large poster for display at the meeting encouraging teachers to be sure and attend those geography sessions.

Also, lets contact the media and let them know about our efforts to promote geographic literacy. There are many articles floating around bemoaning the deplorable state of geographic knowledge in the U.S. and this state.

We also committed NCGS funds to help in influencing our legislature on behalf of geography. This could take the form of a request for workshop funds administered by the Social Studies Division of the DPI for workshops done by geographers. These efforts could be supported by media evidence which attests the lack of emphasis on geographic knowledge in our schools and could be made in conjunction with the plans of the NC geography chairs to promote geography in the state.

I'm leaving the country September 1 for an off campus scholarly assignment in Canada and will be gone as long as the money lasts. Please let me know if you get on the NCCSS program and keep promoting geography.

Cordially,

William Imperatore
President, NCGS

Minutes from the Fourteenth Annual Meeting - October 22, 1983 - Boone, N.C.

The meeting was called to order at 9:20 A.M. on the campus of Appalachian State University by William Imperatore, Vice President. The minutes of the Thirteenth Annual Meeting held at Greensboro were presented and approved.

The Treasurer's report was given by Harlow Head. The amount in the savings account as of October 21, 1983, was \$452.45. The total expenditure of the organization for the past year was a gift of \$50.00 to the Department of Geography at the University of Georgia in the memory of Merle Prunty. Notes of appreciation for the gift were circulated around the room. The notes were from the Chairman of the Department of Geography, James O. Wheeler, and from the family of Merle C. Prunty. Sixteen people have paid dues for the current year. The total number of people paying dues for 1982 and/or 1983 is thirty-one. The auditing committee approved the books of the organization.

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

President: William Imperatore, Appalachian State University
Vice-President: Ennis Chestang, East Carolina University
Secretary-Treasurer: Harlow Head, Atlantic Christian College
Editor of Newsletter: Phil Shea, East Carolina University
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Brooks Cates, Elon College
Dorothy Mason, North Carolina A & T State University

Committee Chairmen:

Education: Jeff Neff, Western Carolina University
National Council for Geographic Education Representative
Non-Academic Employment: Bob Reiman, Appalachian State University
Membership: Duncan Randall, UNC at Wilmington
Public Relations: Gerald Ingalls, UNC at Charlotte

The report of the Nominations Committee was approved by acclamation.

Jeff Neff extended an invitation from Western Carolina University to host the meeting in 1986. The offer was accepted. It was reported that the meeting will be hosted by the University of North Carolina at Charlotte in 1985.

There was a long discussion about the use of the funds that have accumulated in the treasury. Some of the suggestions: 1) the money should be used to provide something for the meetings. 2) the organization should maintain a balance to cover any future deficit at a future meeting. 3) the group should have a fund to help a student give a paper at the Southeastern Division meetings. 4) dues should be eliminated for the next two years. 5) the chairpersons of the Education Committee and the Public Relations Committee could be used to decide what to do with the funds. It was decided that the committee chairpersons should help make that decision.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Harlow Z. Head
Secretary-Treasurer

News from the Departments

Appalachian State - Boone, N.C.

The retirement of Dr. Terry E. Epperson last year, and the failure to reallocate his position to the department resulted in a 17 percent decrease in faculty positions allocated to the department. One immediate result was a decrease in student enrollment in introductory classes and a considerable difficulty in offering new graduate courses introduced into the Catalog for Fall of 1984. As a result, the department embarked on an ambitious and comprehensive plan to stimulate student interest in its programs as well as to the employment opportunities in geography/planning. Nine departments, the Curriculum Committee of the College of Business,

and the General College Freshman Advisory Group were approached with a series of proposals to include more geography/planning in their recommended or required courses. The results have been very positive. This Fall we experienced a 42 percent increase in enrollment over last year; the highest Fall enrollment in the department since 1976! In addition to the five tenured faculty (Gade, Imperatore, Reiman, Stillwell, and Winsor) and two half time jointly (Rex, Wilson) we were able to add another half time position (Becky Winders; an ABD-Urban-Regional Planning, UNC-Chapel Hill).

The development of the microcomputer lab has enhanced the department's visibility and stimulated a considerable interest in computer applications on the part of our majors and our faculty. Grants have been written to further develop the laboratory; faculty have spent a considerable time upgrading their talents; one faculty paper has been published, and several master's theses have been or are being written utilizing the capability of the laboratory; and five workshops, up to one week in extent, have been presented by faculty and graduate students on campus, or at professional meetings, on the applications of microcomputer graphics in geography and planning.

The department organized and co-sponsored a statewide conference entitled: "Stewardship of the Mountain Environment" that attracted close to 100 people to the new Appalachian Cultural Center for two days in April. Drs. Stillwell, Imperatore and Gade organized and directed the conference, which received over \$2,450.00 in direct financial support, and additional funding in indirect support, from the following: North Carolina Sedimentation Control Commission; North Carolina Department of Natural Resources and Community Development; Northwest North Carolina Community Development Association; the Appalachian Consortium; and the A.S.U. Performing Arts and Lectures Committee. The conference was conceived as the highlight of the department's Geography/Planning Alumni Week.

Highlights of other faculty activity includes Reiman's "Emerging Patterns in the Southern Highlands", a \$40,000+ project involving an analytical atlas of 156 Appalachian counties; jointly funded by the T.V.A., the Appalachian Consortium, A.S.U. and the University of South Carolina. Reiman also does extensive consulting work with regional and state agencies. Imperatore has received support for his off campus scholarly leave to Canada, whence he departed September 2nd. Stillwell received research and travel support for a summer of avalanche research in the Tyrolean Alps and Gade had a successful 3-week Scandinavian Field Tour with 20 participants. Next tour is slated for Summer of 1986. Y'all come!

The department graduated three MA's with thesis and ten BA and BS candidates. Presently we have 13 active in the master's programs and about 40 in the undergraduate programs.

East Carolina - Greenville, N.C.

Strong concerns for better teaching, more effective advising, and a continued push for creative activity marked the emphasis of the department during the past academic year. One new faculty member joined the faculty in August 1983 having been preceded by another who came the previous January. As a consequence of these additions, some shifts in emphasis occurred in several courses. For example, the department was able to offer the Asia course for the first time in several years.

The presence of a large contingent (eight members of the faculty with papers on the program for the national meeting of the Association of American Geographers), strong faculty and student participation in the North Carolina Academy of Science, (three faculty and five students), and the involvement of the planning faculty in state and local planning organizations is an indication that this department is beginning to develop a strong reputation for participation in professional organizations and activities and their programs.

Faculty edited or authored three book articles, nine program abstracts, one newsletter, and one book review. Twenty-three scholarly papers were presented before various professional organizations. Seven faculty members received a total of eight grants which totaled approximately \$24,000.

The department continues to provide leadership for the East Carolina University program in Costa Rica. Pia and Ed Leahy served as co-directors during the Spring. Ed and Pia also traveled to Europe during the Summer and presented papers before the IGU. Other Summer foreign travelers included Fred Day and Phil Shea. Phil performed field work in Great Britain and Scandinavia while Fred received an award to participate in population research in Hawaii and Japan.

North Carolina A & T State University - Greensboro, N.C.

In June 1984, the social science departments -- History, Political Science, Psychology and Sociology and Social Work -- received a \$150,000 grant from the Sloan Foundation through the Sloan Foundation's New Liberal Arts Program. The infusion of the New Liberal Arts concept into the social sciences involves study of the impact of technology on society and an application of new technologies -- especially quantitative skills and computer usage -- in social science courses. Funds will be used for faculty development, establishment of a computer laboratory for student and faculty use, and development and teaching of new courses or new modules in existing courses.

Dr. Bertha H. Miller, Chairperson of the History Department, is the project director and Dr. Dorothy Mason, geographer in the History Department, has served as one of the principal investigators in the planning of the project.

Three geography courses -- World Regional Geography, Economic Geography and Topics in World Geography -- have been selected as courses in which modules focusing on the role of technology and/or quantitative techniques and computer usage will be introduced.

Western Carolina University - Cullowhee, N.C.

Dr. Gary White has returned to our faculty after a 2 1/2 year LOA in Nepal. He will resume full-time teaching duties in January. He will also be traveling to Jamaica at the end of September to teach an intensive 2 week course in World Regional Geography to Jamaican school teachers in Kingston.

Dr. Henri Zintambila has joined the geography staff this year to replace Bryon Middlekauff, who accepted a tenure-track position at Youngstown State University in Ohio. Dr. Zintambila was formerly at George Mason University on temporary assignment and hails from Malawi. He will be handling our Remote Sensing and Cartography courses, as well as offering a course in African History for the History Department. Talk about versatility...!

Dr. Ralph Triplette spent 2 weeks in May teaching in Jamaica in Mandeville. He has also been primarily responsible for organizing and teaching our Geography/Planning curriculum and will be in charge of coordinating our Departmental Self-Study as WCU prepares for the re-accreditation process.

Dr. Jeff Neff spent the Spring and Summer working on a TVA-funded project--preparation of a brochure and recreational map for the Bear Creek Development Authority in northwestern Alabama. Five thousand brochures will be printed initially for distribution at Alabama welcome stations and Chambers-of-Commerce. In January, he will be traveling to Jamaica for a 2-week teaching assignment in Montego Bay. Jeff and his wife Randi are also expecting their 2nd child in March. (The summer was not all work!)

UNC - Greensboro

Total academic year enrollment in the Department of Geography increased from 680 in 1976-1977 to 1172 in 1983-1984. Enrollment in the 100 level courses has increased steadily over the years. With the implementation of the new curriculum in the College of Arts and Sciences, enrollment in the 300 and 400 level courses began to decline. The decline in students in these courses is in terms of non-majors. The additional requirements for students means fewer elective courses.

New equipment and space remodeling has further improved the cartography and graphics laboratory. One room in the laboratory now houses a digitizer, micro-processor, plotter, and full-width printer which are linked together and can be operated independently, through the VAX, or through TUCC. A new Ramtek Monitor will permit high-resolution graphics and cartography.

Another part of the laboratory houses a photoreproduction facility. Equipment now installed permits the production of black and white or full color graphics.

One new appointment was made during the year. Dr. Michael Mayfield was appointed Assistant Professor for a three year period beginning August 1, 1984. This appointment is a replacement for Carl Dinga.

Research Publications and Creative Accomplishments included the following:

John J. Hidore

Climatology. Columbus, Ohio: Merrill Publishing Co. (with John Oliver).
 April, 1984.

Coping with Drought in the Sahel. In Coping with Drought. V. Yerjevich, L. L. daCunha, and E. Vlachos, eds. Littleton, Colo: Water Resources Publications. 1984.

D. Gordon Bennett

World Population Problems. Champaign, Ill.: Park Press, 1984.

Population and Housing Change in North Carolina, 1970-1980: A Comparison of Multi-County Planning Regions. Raleigh: State Data Center, Office of Budget and Management, 1983.

Craig L. Dozier

In Press: Nicaragua's Mosquito Shore: The Years of British and American Presence. (University of Alabama Press).

Jeffrey C. Patton

"Comparing the Sexes on Spatial Abilities: Map Use Skills" - Accepted for publication in The Annals of the Association of American Geographers, with Patricia Gilmartin.

Cartographic Supervisor for Population and Housing Change in North Carolina, 1970-1980: A Comparison of Multi-County Planning Regions by D. Gordon Bennett, 1983.

Awards and Honors

Michael W. Mayfield - Summer Excellence Award - 1984

Jeffrey C. Patton - Summer Excellence Award - 1984

UNC-Charlotte

UNC-Charlotte had a significant episode of international activities this year. It began when Don Steila attended a 10-day international climatological conference in Sicily. In November Professor Sung Ho Cho of the Women's University of Korea joined us as an Adjunct Assistant Professor for five months. Finally, in the Spring semester Gerald Ingalls exchanged positions with Dr. Lennart Tonell, of the University of Stockholm. These international exchanges added a new and stimulating dimension to the department's work.

The papers published, presentations made and grants obtained that are itemized below are strong evidence of the productivity of this department. These include 24 papers presented at meetings and 31 professional publications. Faculty attended 42 meetings and completed 21 book or manuscript reviews. Six funded research grants totalled \$114,485 UNCC Curriculum Improvement & Development grants came to \$13,142 and two UNCC faculty research grants totalled \$5,000. Another highlight was Dennis Lord's selection as editor of the Southeastern Geographer, the twice a year journal of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

Telephone _____

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.)

PROGRAM APPLICATION
for the
Sixteenth Annual State Social Studies Conference
co-sponsored by
The North Carolina Council for the Social Studies
and
The Division of Social Studies
of the
North Carolina Department of Public Instruction

The Conference will be held at the Pinehurst Hotel in Pinehurst, North Carolina on Monday, February 25, and Tuesday, February 26, 1985.

This Program Application must be returned to the Program Committee no later than September 30, 1984. Mail the completed application to:

Dr. Virginia S. Wilson
4009 Nottaway Road
Durham, NC 27707

You will be notified of the action taken by the Program Committee no later than December 15, 1984.

We appreciate your interest in participating in the Sixteenth Annual North Carolina State Social Studies Conference and hope to see you in Pinehurst.

NAME OF PRESENTER: _____

Home Address: _____
(Street)

(City) (State)

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(Phone)

School Address: _____
(School Name)

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TITLE OF SESSION/WORKSHOP: _____
(As it will appear in the program)

Please list all other participants who will appear in the Session/Workshop:

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| Phone: _____ | Phone: _____ | Phone: _____ |
| School System: _____ | School System: _____ | School System: _____ |

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SESSION/WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION: Please provide a brief description of the objective(s), the proposed content, and the methodology of your proposed Session/Workshop.

Has this Session/Workshop been previously presented? Yes No If yes, indicate the date and location of prior presentation(s).

(Date) (Location)

ABSTRACT: Please state in twenty-five (25) words or less a description of your proposed Session/Workshop for inclusion in the State Conference Program.

The Program Committee insofar as possible or feasible will attempt to honor requests made by Conference Presenters.

AUDIO-VISUAL NEEDS: The following audio-visual equipment will be provided by the Conference Staff. Please check the equipment you will need.

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STATEMENT OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CONFERENCE

In order to avoid any misunderstanding, please sign the following statement of intent:

I certify that the above named participants and I have agreed to take part in this program and that I will notify them of the date, time and location of the presentation, if it is accepted. I will also serve as the Chairperson and organizer of the Session/Workshop.

Presenter's Signature: _____

NOTE: All Session/Workshop Presenters must register for the Conference. Program Presenters are further requested not to present sessions which promote the sale of materials that are to their profit.

JOIN NCCSS

Complete the following form and return to:

Mrs. Elizabeth Roberson
106 West Church Street
Williamston, NC 27892

Beginning with the 1984 State Social Studies Conference, annual membership will run from Conference to Conference.

Please Check:

- \$4.00 undergraduate student membership (payable to NCCSS)
- \$10.00 regular membership (payable to NCCSS)
- \$5.00 retired membership (payable to NCCSS)
- Free state membership for initial National Council for the Social Studies membership (NCCSS dues: \$33.00 regular, \$43.00 comprehensive-- payable to NCCSS, sent to Elizabeth Roberson)
- Currently a member of the National Council for the Social Studies

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