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News from the Departments

Appalachian State - Boone, N.C.

Department of Community Planning and Geography

Departmental Accomplishments

A. Enrollment -

29.6 percent increase over previous year; highest overall enrollment in eight years

17 percent increase in majors, who now total 61 in the three main Departmental programs

B. Programs -

new option in computer cartography approved by faculty

new revision of graduate program approved by faculty

new internship options being developed with public and private agencies in three states

C. Services -

a formal structure for Departmental services available to local and regional communities is now in place

D. Research -

this small faculty of five full time and two part time people delivered fourteen professional papers, wrote two books, and edited or contributed four additional works, one of which was the Department's initial volume in its new Occasional Paper series.

Research and Creative Activities

Gade, Ole

1) North Carolina: A Geography (with H.D. Stillwell, cartography by Art Rex). Geo App Press, Boone, NC, 1985.

2) Developed and conducted Scandinavia '84, a joint venture of the ASU Alumni Office and the Department of Community Planning and Geography. The venture was implemented in Scandinavia with 18 participants, June 20 to July 12, 1984. Information is now available on the Scandinavia '85 tour.

3) Developed and led the presentation (with H.D. Stillwell, A. Rex, Z. Wilson) of a workshop on "The Geography of North Carolina" for the annual meeting of the North Carolina Council for Social Studies, Pinehurst, February 25, 1985.

Imperatore, William, research related to scholarly leave (Fall, 1984); with travel costs partially defrayed by a CID grant of \$450.00.

- 1) Conducted an on site investigation of computer cartography capabilities of Canadian government agencies and geography departments.
- 2) Developed and presented a session on "Map and Globe Skills for the Middle Grades", annual meeting, North Carolina Council for the Social Studies, Pinehurst, North Carolina, February, 1985.

Reifman, Robert

- 1) Published Emerging Patterns in the Southern Highlands (with Paul Lovingood, U. of South Carolina), under contract with the Tennessee Valley Authority.
- 2) Developed and presented a session on "Developing Geographic Thinking" at the annual meeting, North Carolina Council for the Social Studies, Pinehurst, NC, February, 1985.
- 3) Panel Member, "Teaching Social Studies", Open/Net, Raleigh, North Carolina, March 14, 1985.
- 4) Recipient of North Carolina Chapter American Planning Association Distinguished Service Award.

Stillwell, H. Daniel

- 1) Continued field research in the Alps (July 11-August 16, 1984) on the people/environmental hazard theme; travel expenses partially funded (\$500.00) by ASU's Graduate School, Academic Affairs and Department of Community Planning and Geography.

East Carolina University - Greenville, N.C.

Department of Geography and Planning

A number of important events occurred during the 1984-85 academic year. The Department acquired an IBM microcomputer for on-line registration and use in our classes. Through the efforts of Dr. Ziehr we were also able to obtain appropriate software for the Computer Cartography class from the University of South Carolina. In a related development, the Department submitted a proposal to permit expansion of the Kim Lab to provide space for the acquisition of a large number of mainframe computer terminals. The acquisition of the microcomputer, coupled with the anticipated expansion of the Kim Lab, will permit the Department to provide students with an increasing number of opportunities for computer-based instruction.

During the year the Department celebrated the tenth anniversary of the B.S. in Urban and Regional Planning. Five alumni panels were held over the year on varying topics and a planning conference/alumni reunion capped the celebration during the last week of the Spring Semester.

After ten years of service as departmental chairperson, Dr. Ennis Chestang resigned in early January to assume the position of Assistant Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. Wes Hankins was named Acting Chairperson until a permanent chairperson could be secured.

Palmyra M. Leahy was promoted to Associate Professor.

Publications Other Than Abstracts Included

- Simon Baker. "Landsat: An Aid to Exploration". THE EXPLORERS JOURNAL, September 1984, Vol. 62, No. 3, pp. 106-111.
- Wes Hankins and Richard Stephenson. "A Process of Learning: Planning Education at East Carolina University", CAROLINA PLANNING, 10(1), Summer, 1984. pp. 31-33, 38.
- Richard Stephenson. "Treacherous Oregon Inlet, A Brief Summary", THE GULL, Vol 6, pp. 5-6, 1985.
- Douglas C. Wilms. RETIREMENT GUIDE TO GREENVILLE-PITT COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA (Greenville: Pitt-Greenville Chamber of Commerce, November 5, 1984).
- Douglas C. Wilms. A 'NEW' INDUSTRY FOR NORTH CAROLINA. (Greenville, N.C.: ECU Regional Development Institute, December, 1984.)
- Mulatu Wubneh, AN ECONOMIC BASE ANALYSIS OF SMALL COMMUNITIES: A GUIDE FOR PRACTITIONERS, AND PUBLIC OFFICIALS. Greenville: Regional Development Institute, East Carolina University, 1984.

North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University - Greensboro, N.C.

Department of History

The Sloan Project:

In June 1984 the Sloan Foundation awarded a \$150,000 grant to the Social Science Departments at A & T for introduction of the New Liberal Arts concept into the social sciences.

This has involved setting up a computer lab housing twenty Apple IIe Professional Systems and two printers and the acquisition of six MacIntosh computers and four additional printers for the department offices. A series of faculty development workshops was held during 1984-85 for A & T faculty and in April, faculty members from other universities were invited to a conference on Computers, Technology and the Social Sciences.

During 1985-86 the New Liberal Arts will be introduced into a number of social science courses through modules and teaching materials developed with Sloan funds. Dorothy Mason has developed new materials for World Regional Geography and Economic Geography.

MISIP Project:

Geography was included in a federally funded program for faculty training in computer literacy. In a three-week workshop in June 1985 Dorothy Mason developed CAI materials for the Principles of Geography course.

Teacher Competency in Earth Science:

Geography under the name of Earth Science may sound like something else, but we are there in a limited but growing fashion. During summer 1984 Dorothy Mason was given one day of teaching time in an institute for improving subject matter competency of eighth-grade earth science teachers. Summer 1985 she gets two days!

UNC - Chapel Hill

Department of Geography

The University of North at Chapel Hill Department of Geography had a productive year. Undergraduate enrollments were up and several course changes were made to strengthen the departments offerings in computer cartography and spatial analysis techniques and medical geography. Perhaps the most prominent of the faculty writings was the completion of a medical geography textbook by Professors Meade, Gesler, and Florin. Among the personal activities of the faculty were: the AAG council positions of Melinda Meade and Steve Birdsall; the presidency of the Southern Regional Science Association held by Barry Moriarty. Steve Birdsall continues to serve as Associate Dean in the College of Arts and Sciences (he was acting Dean during the search for a new Dean and one of the finalists for the position). The department hosted a reception for Dave Basile on his retirement after 35 years of service. Dr. Grady Meeham was added as a temporary faculty person to strengthen the department's computer cartography offerings. The department is looking forward to hosting the Southeast AAG meeting this November.

UNC - Greensboro

Department of Geography

The Department of Geography at UNC-G offered a field course focusing on physical geography during the 1985 Summer Session. The course began with a series of classroom lectures and concluded with a 22-day field trip to the Four Corners states of Colorado, Utah, Arizona, and New Mexico. The course was taught by Dr. Jeffrey Patton and Dr. Michael Mayfield. Twenty-one students completed the trip.

One new faculty appointment has been made for the coming year. Joseph Bencloski, has been appointed as Visiting Associate Professor. He will replace Craig Dozier who retires June 30, 1985.

Research Publications by Faculty

John J. Hidore

Books:

Hidore, J. & Oliver, J. (1984). Climatology. Columbus, Ohio: Charles E. Merrill.

Hidore, J. & Roberst, M. (1985). Physical Geography - A Laboratory Manual. Minneapolis, Minn.: Burgess International.

Hidore, J. (1985). Weather & Climate. Champaign, Illinois: Park Press.

Chapters in Books:

Hidore, J. (1984). "Coping with Drought in the Sahel." In Yevjerich, V., daCunha, L., and Vlachos, E. (eds.), Coping with Droughts. Littleton, Colo: Water Resources Publications.

Craig L. Dozier

Dozier, C. (1985). Nicaragua's Mosquito Shore: The Years of British and American Presence. University, Alabama: University of Alabama Press.

Jeffrey C. Patton

Patton, J. and Gilmartin, P. (1984, December). "Comparing the Sexes on Spatial Abilities: Map Use Skills" Annals of the Association of American Geographers, pp. 605-619.

Western Carolina University - Cullowhee, N.C.

Department of Earth Sciences

Dr. Gary White, Associate Professor, is returning for full-time teaching duties this coming fall semester after a 2 1/2 year stint in Nepal on an USAID-sponsored project. Dr. Henry Zintambila of Malawi, who has been filling in for Dr. White, will be leaving for a teaching position at Illinois State.

Dr. Ralph Triplette had the task this year of coordinating the Earth Sciences portion of the University-wide Self-Study, a formidable endeavor. He has also been the primary faculty member in charge of the planning curriculum, a program which has grown in popularity over the past several years.

Dr. Jeff Neff completed a recreational resources brochure for the Bear Creek Development Authority in Alabama. The \$10,000 project was funded by TVA and resulted in the printing and distribution of 5000 brochures. Dr. Neff also enjoyed a 2-week teaching assignment in Jamaica in January and is currently conducting research in international tourism in the Southern Highlands.

The Earth Sciences department is enjoying the recent acquisition and use of an Apple MacIntosh micro-computer, which brings our micro-computer total to two! The department is also participating in WCU's Summer Ventures program, in which promising high schoolers (10th-12th) reside on campus for several weeks, receive course-work in a variety of university-level disciplines, and develop individual research projects and investigations. The department's Field Studies Course spent 2 1/2 weeks in May traveling to the Colorado Plateau and was coordinated by Dr. Tom Wilcox and Dr. Zintambila.

Minutes of
The Fifteenth Annual Meeting
 Greenville, N.C.
 October 6, 1984

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 A.M. on the campus of East Carolina University by Ennis Chestang, Vice President.

The Treasurer's report was given by Harlow Head. The amount in the savings account as of October 5, 1984, was \$457.18. Treasury expenditures for the 1984 meeting (\$84.00) should be reimbursed by meeting fees paid by the attending members. The total number of people who have paid dues for the past three years is forty six. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was passed.

There was a discussion of what the organization should be doing with the balance in the treasury. There is a committee to decide what to do with the balance. There was a suggestion that the organization pay for the cost of a student to attend the next meeting. Palmyra Leahy moved that the organization study the feasibility of financing the cost for a student to attend the next meeting. The motion passed. The executive committee will make the decision at the next spring meeting.

There was a motion to ask Jeff Neff of Western Carolina to see if he would be willing to hold the meeting in 1985. Western Carolina University had already agreed to host the 1986 meeting--this motion would simply move up the year. The motion passed.

The membership approved the following slate of officers for the next year:

President: Ennis Chestang, East Carolina University
 Vice-President: Jeff Neff, Western Carolina University
 Secretary-Treasurer: Harlow Head, Atlantic Christian College
 Editor of Newsletter: Phil Shea, East Carolina University
 Members at Large: John J. Hidore, University of North Carolina at Greensboro
 John W. Florin, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
 William Rogers, Isothermal Community College

The Vice-President urged attendance at the annual meeting of the North Carolina Council of Social Studies. That would be a good opportunity to expose geography to about 700 to 800 school teachers.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by

Harlow Z. Head, Secretary-Treasurer
