

NCGS NEWS LETTER

JULY 1988

SOCIETY TO MEET AT BOONE

The annual meeting of the North Carolina Geographical Society will be held in Boone on September 9-10. Hosted by Appalachian State University and arranged by Bob Reiman, the agenda has something for everyone.

The opening social on Friday evening will be held in the Broyhill Inn and Conference Center. In addition to light hors d'oeuvres, two videos, which will warm the cockles of any geographer's heart, will be served. By the way, only beer, wine and soft drinks will be available so you'll need to bring your own high octane, unleaded stuff.

Saturday, Neal Lineback will present background on the New River and his research efforts. CHECK THE BOX ON THE REGISTRATION FORM IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN A CANOE TRIP ON THE NEW.

The usual business meeting will be followed by lunch on-your-own and a couple of hours of free time for local exploring.

Then its off to Jefferson by bus to visit the Church of the Frescoes. This unusual Italian art form is even more unusual in that a good example of it is found in Ashe County. Local residents were used as the models for the figures. Everyone who visits the church is impressed.

The bus odyssey then continues on to Greenfield, a large farmhouse, family-style, eat-until-you're-comfortably-miserable style resturant. Wayne Clawson, our local imitator of Mark Twain, will entertain us. This editor can personally vouch for Wayne's spellbinding presentation.

PLEASE MAKE YOUR ROOM RESERVATION DIRECTLY WITH THE BROYHILL INN AND CONFERENCE CENTER at 704 262-2204.

Let's head for the mountains!

MINUTES OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING, February 25, 1988

The steering committee met in the Holiday Inn Four Seasons in Greensboro on February 25, 1988.

Present were Frank Ainsley, Brooks Cates, Tom Ross, Dennis Enberg, Kim Love (NGS), Doug Wilms, John Florin and Bill Imperatore.

President Frank Ainsley called the meeting to order at 4:32 PM. He welcomed Dennis Enberg and Tom Ross to the meeting as new members-at-large. He also welcomed Kim Love from the National Geographic Society.

In the absence of the Sec./Treas, there was no report of the minutes of the last meeting except as recalled by the president.

Old Business

It was reported that the Firefly maps of North Carolina which were to be distributed to attendees at the annual North Carolina Council for the Social Studies conference were not ready in time. They will be ready for the conference next year.

Bill Imperatore reported on the activities of the NCGA. This year's activities focused on the eight two-day regional geography conferences and the two-week summer institute to be held at ECU.

REGISTRATION MATERIALS INSIDE

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John Florin reported that the Committee on North Carolina Studies was just formed and will meet for the first time at our next annual meeting. He noted plans to survey journals to prepare a bibliography on NC studies. The goals of the committee are to foster research and encourage knowledge of North Carolina. A question was raised about a NC geography journal.

There were no reports from the other committees.

Brooks Cates now has the forms necessary to apply for tax exempt status. One of the requirements is to identify where the society's funds would go in the event of disbanding. It was moved and seconded that an ammendment to the constitution be prepared in which the Geographic Education Foundation of the National Geographic Society be named as recipient of society funds if disbanded. The motion passed. Brooks suggested pursuing tax exempt status on the basis of state law.

NEW BUSINESS

The fall meeting of the society was scheduled for September 9-10 at the Center for Continuing Education at ASU, Boone. The program wil probably include a reception Friday night, business meeting and speaker Saturday morning, a canoe trip or other field trip Saturday afternoon and a banquet Saturday evening.

Doug Wilms reported on the North Carolina Social Studies Journal. He received compliments from committee members on the last issue which had much geography in it. He is looking for articles from geographers for the next issue. He needs the arcticles by September because the Journal goes to press in November. He's looking for relatively short articles and prefers articles/hands-on material which will be of use to public school teachers.

N. C. Council for the Social Studies

WESTERN DRIVE-IN CONFERENCE
OCTOBER 18, 1988

UNC ASHEVILLE

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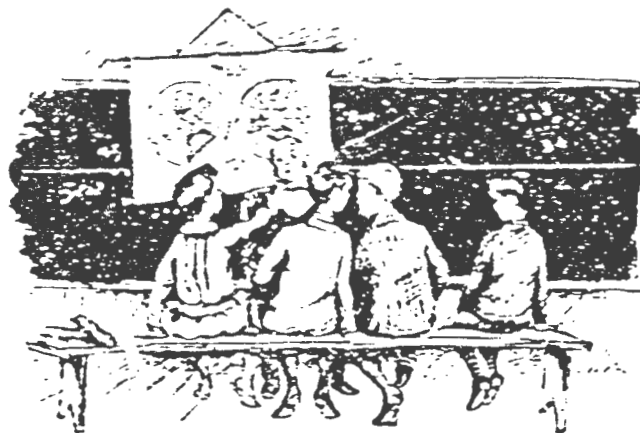


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The North Carolina Geographic Alliance has accomplished it's two major goals for this year.

Six of eight regional two-day conferences have been conducted with the remaining two scheduled for late summer. Bill Imperatore, assisted by Frank Ainsley, Bob Reiman, Roger Winsor and the North Carolina teachers who attended the NGS Summer Institute last year, conducted the conferences. Thus far, 130 fifth grade teachers have participated. Each will be an advocate of geography in their school district. Using the geography content, materials and teaching strategies acquired in the conferences, many will do inservice geography workshops with their teacher colleagues. This multiplier effect has the potential of reaching thousands of social studies teachers with materials and strategies for teaching geography. Thanks are due Richelle Bragg, Allan Conway, Bill Crawford, Sara Miller and Blanche Nichols for their contributions to the conferences. Each presented the five themes in geography and some of the materials and strategies they acquired in the NGS Summer Institute last year. None of the conferences could have happened without the logistical support of the regional social studies coordinators.

A two-week intensive geography institute was held at East Carolina University from June 26 to July 8. Thirty-five middle school and secondary teachers from across the state participated. Doug Wilms, assisted by Richelle Bragg, Allan Conway, William Crawford, and Blanche Nichols. Two of the regional social



studies coordinators, Jackie Heston and Joe Webb, were participants. Patterned after the NGS summer institutes, teacher participants received large doses of geography content, materials for classroom use and teaching strategies. Over the July 4th weekend, they also participated in a field trip to explore geographic elements of the coastal region. From all indications, the institute was highly successful and thirty-five more advocates for geography will be sharing the discipline with their colleagues.

1988 Summer Institute Teachers

Four North Carolina elementary level social studies teachers attended the 1988 edition of the National Geographic Society Summer Geography Institute. They are: Lisa Dorman of Fayetteville; Ted Henson of Henderson; Patricia Melton of Greensboro; and, Anne Pitner of Hickory.

Doug Wilms and Bill Imperatore with Jesse Vuncannon of the Social Studies Division and Pam Riley, the social studies coordinator for region five, helped give the teachers a send-off on June 4th in Burlington. Four of the summer institute teachers from last year were there to furnish encouragement and inside information about what the new contingent would really be up against in Washington. Congratulations to them all and we look forward to working with them in promoting geography in our public schools.

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EASTERN DRIVE-IN CONFERENCE
NOVEMBER 4, 1988

MT. OLIVE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS

Appalachian

The Department of Geography and planning continues to expand its capabilities in the area of computer assisted cartography and image processing. All of the equipment acquired through an NSF grant is now in place including a large format plotter and digitizer. An ERDAS system with associated peripherals is up and running and the department recently acquired an ARC INFO system.

Faculty produced two textbooks, a computer generated atlas, laboratory manual and several articles in international, national and state journals. A total of 35 scholarly presentations were made at professional meetings.

The graduate program has been revitalized having gone from three students last year to nine this fall.

Mike Mayfield will join the department's faculty this fall. Mike will focus part of his attention on image processing.

The department received \$43,731 in external grants this past year and nearly \$30,000 in internal grants.

Undergraduate enrollments continue to grow as does the number of majors.

The department houses the co-coordinator of the North Carolina Geographic Alliance. The alliance administers more than \$100,000 in grant monies from the National Geographic Society and the state of North Carolina.

Pembroke

The department's geography enrollment reached an all-time high this year. During the year, the three full-time faculty members were assisted by three part-time faculty: Gerald Holder, Tom Lloyd and Matt Rooney.

The full-time faculty had more than a dozen publications including books, journal articles, filmstrips, book reviews and study guides.

Cabe and Ross have been instrumental in turning an undeveloped riverside recreation area into an Outdoor Environmental Classroom. Members of the department have presented several talks to civic and service organizations. Their professional expertise has also been utilized by local agencies and schools.

Ross received a \$22,000 grant from the PSU Economic Development Center to conduct a preliminary ground water study. He will be working closely with the Center throughout the coming academic year. The value of applied geography is highly appreciated at the EDC.

Kuo visited China, Taiwan and Hong Kong during the summer of 1987.

East Carolina

The Department of Geography and Planning continued to maintain a high level of student credit hours per full time faculty equivalent and ranks in the top one-quarter of all units in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Research and creative activity continued at a high level with over half the faculty having at least one publication. Two textbooks, one research book and nine journal articles were published. Grants totaling more than \$200,000 were received by two individuals, which is more than the department has ever received in a one year period.

The department's faculty continue to serve a wide range of university, community, and professional organizations. Notable achievements include faculty participation in state-wide and national level programs in 1) geographic education, 2) specialty groups and subsets of national-level organizations such as the AAG, Environmental Design Research Association, Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning and American Planning Association, 3) local planning agencies, and 4) university committees associated with graduate, computing and curriculum activities.

Three M.A. and 28 undergraduate degrees in Geography or Planning were granted.

After more than two decades of distinguished service for the department and the university, Dr. Edward Leahy retired. His replacement is Dr. Jonathan Phillips, a native of North Carolina, who is already a nationally recognized specialist in environmental policy and management, and fluvial and coastal geomorphology. Mr. Neil Gunderson, who received an M.A. from ECU, replaced Dr. Janet Petterson for the spring semester while she was on a one-semester leave of absence.

Wilmington

The Department of Earth Science at UNCW includes four geographers-- W. Frank Ainsley, Rudolf H.Kiefer, Duncan P. Randall, and Michael Spyrou. The geography faculty hosted the annual meeting of the NCGS on September 18 and 19, 1987. W. Frank Ainsley served as program chairman and was elected president of the Society for the 1987-1988 year. Over 50 geographers and guests attended the meeting, which included a morning session with the five teachers who had recently returned from the N.G.S. workshop in Washington D.C. Other events included an afternoon field trip to the State Port Authority, and an evening banquet at which William B. Farris, Wilmington City Manager, addressed the Society.

Geography at UNCW is growing rapidly, with course enrollments increased by about 25% over 1986. The introductory courses in physical, human and economic geography, and weather and climate have all but closed out over the past academic year. In May, five students graduated with the B.A. in Geography. One student has been awarded a graduate teaching assistantship at the University of Kentucky.

A total of 20 different geography courses were taught by the department last year. In addition to this rather heavy teaching load, the faculty was also active in reasearch and publishing. Dr. Ainsley produced two textbooks, two handbooks, one refereed article, one book review, one abstract and two paper presentations; and Dr. Spyrou had one arcticle, one book review, one abstract and two paper presentations.

Greensboro

John Rees of Syracuse University took over as Professor and head of the Department in August 1987. Charlie Hayes announced his retirement (without portfolio) effective May '88 and Mike Mayfield resigned to join the faculty at ASU. Two new Visiting Assistant Professors have been appointed: Kieth Debbage (PhD '88, University of Georgia) urban systems, regional planning; and, Mike Lewis (PhD '88, University of Ohlahoma) physical systems, natural resources.

Jack Hidore received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Northern Iowa.

John Rees is completeing a \$76,000 research contract with the Economic Development Administration on state technology development programs. Rees was also asked by the Congressional Sunbelt Council to examine the flow of federal funds to the Southern states. He was also asked "What Happened to Macroeconomics?" in the journal Environment and Planning, 1987 pp. 139-141, where he serves on the Editorial Advisory Board. Rees also published a paper: "The Diffusion of New Production Technology" in a book by H. Goldstein (ed.), Industrial Policy: State and Local Issues, American Planning Association Press 1987.

Gordon Bennett is working on an introductory World Regional text, and organized the Population Specialty Group meetings for the AAG in Phoenix.

Jeff Patton and Mike Mayfield's project on: North Carolina Geography: A Different View was published by the Center for Social Research at UNCG, to be used in the 4th grade Social Studies curricula around the state.

The Department also organized a symposium: Triad 2000-The Growth Challenge, in November 1987, where presentations from six panelists were heard by an audience of 200 or more.

During the Spring Semester, visitors included two geographers from the National Science Foundation: John Sommer, Director of Research in the Policy Research and Analysis Division; and, Ron Abler, Geography Program Director and past president of the AAG.

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A more sophisticated ERDAS-PC remote sensing system was purchased by the Department and is housed in the Cartography/Remote Sensing Lab.

Members of the Department gave 16 papers in a variety of workshops and conferences; eight publications (including two books) are in various stages of preparation; three grant proposals were submitted for external funding; and, the number of majors is increasing.

Charlotte

Enrollment and research levels remained strong through the year. International involvements included a one semester visit by Adrian Jansen of the University of Amsterdam and a partial exchange between Walter Martin and Ray Towse of Kingston Polytechnic in Great Britain. Owen Furuseth is an invited discussant on a keynote presentation at the International Geographical Union Commission session in Auckland, New Zealand. Gerald Pyle has been named a visiting research scholar at MacQuarie University, Sydney, Australia during July and August, 1988.

Departmental productivity included 22 papers read at professional meetings, 44 professional publications, nine books/manuscript reviews, 16 workshops conducted, 41 presentations to schools and community groups, \$8,250 in UNCC grants and \$158,477 in external grants and contracts. Enrollments declined slightly (3,417 to 3,311) due mainly to decreased enrollments in advanced undergraduate and graduate courses.

Al Stuart has decided to discontinue as chairman. Those duties will be assumed by Wayne Walcott. Dr. John Diemer accepted appointment as Assistant Professor.

The Ronald Taylor award for excellence in geography was established through a gift from David Taylor in honor of his father.

Two of Jeff Simpson's students, James Nelson and Janet O'Callaghan, won high honors in the 1987 American Congress of Surveying and Mapping

Annual Map Design Competition. This was the second successive year in which UNCC students collectively placed higher in the competition among all entering U.S. and Canadian universities.

Western Carolina

The Department of Earth Science and Anthropology shared in mourning the death of Chancellor Emeritus H.F. "Cotton" Robinson who died unexpectedly of a heart attack on Sunday, July 3 while on a family vacation at Ocean Isle, N.C. Dr. Robinson's achievements during his ten year term (1974-1984) are well documented, and his continuing presence on campus after retirement helped keep us energized. He was a strong supporter of the Department.

The Department and the Natural Resources Management Program have received a \$38,000 NSF grant to upgrade the existing GIS to incorporate undergraduate teaching more effectively. More equipment for work stations will be obtained.

The renovation of Stillwell Science Building has things in "flux." The moving of equipment, offices, labs and people, and then subsequent removing, has overshadowed most other activities for the past 7 months. Completion is scheduled for January 1989; the renovated building will house new GIS and Cartography labs, new office and classroom furniture, airconditioning, and--at long last!-- three-prong outlets!

Ralph Triplette recently completed the second of a two-session GIS training program in Raleigh.

Gary White has returned from field work in Mexico and continues his research on regional hydrologic systems.

Jeff Neff has been named permanent head of the Department. Condolences may be sent to him care of the Department.

