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# NCGS

# NEWS LETTER

SEPTEMBER 1989 SOCIETY TO MEET IN CHAPEL HILL

The North Carolina Geographical Society will meet in Chapel Hill September 22 and 23. John Florin and the geography department are hosts. Make your reservations at the Carolina Inn which is right on campus and provides walking access to just about everything including the bustle of Franklin Street. John has put together a great program including some down-home southern cooking on Friday evening.

Saturday events include an open-house in the department, business meeting, a presentation by the UNC-CH Research Laboratories of Anthropology (in their lab facility). From there we head for Hillsborough for lunch at the Colonial Inn, the oldest continuously operating inn in the U.S. The food is great! Then we'll get a guided tour of the Occoneechee archaeological site.

Plan to attend and participate. We'll see you there!

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### NCGA - ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR

The North Carolina Geographic Alliance continues to expand and be strengthened by the addition of more than 200 public school teachers who have attended alliance functions.

Forty grade four to eight social studies teachers from across the state met in Boone on the campus of Appalachian State for the 1989 edition of the Summer Geography Institute. The teacher participants were pre-screened and represented some of the



best teachers in the state. Their school system had to commit \$300 in support and agreed to give these new teacher consultants an opportunity to do at least two workshops for their colleagues back home.

In addition to having to leave home and family for twelve days, they endured two weeks of almost daily rains but it was GREAT! The interaction was intense, the pace lively and the outcomes rewarding.

The success of the institute was attributed to a competent and professional staff which included: Richelle Bragg and Doug Wilms, Assistant directors; Lisa Dorman, Ted Henson and Sara Miller, NGS trained teacher consultants; Jackie Heston and Steve Harvel, State social studies consultants; Dian Warden and Rita Black, graduates of last year's institute at East Carolina; and Doug Wilms, Ole Gade, Roger Winsor, Bob Reiman, Neal Lineback, Jeff Neff, and Bill Imperatore, the professional geographers who served as area specialists. The institute was directed by Bill Imperatore.

It was also year two of a series of eight two-day geography workshops, one in each of the eight educational regions. Approximately 200 sixth grade teachers are being introduced to the five themes in geography and other strategies and content for enhancing geography instruction. This and other NCGA efforts has involved various geographers as content specialists including Frank Ainsley, Leo Zonn, Fred Day, Gerald Holder, and Tom Ross.

These folks along with the NGS trained teacher consultants are having a direct and positive impact on the quality of geography instruction in North Carolina.

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\* NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS \*  
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Western Carolina

The official "ribbon-cutting" ceremony for WCU's GIS lab facility was held on Friday, March 31. Administrators received a special demonstration at 2 P.M.. then the lab was opened to interested faculty and students at 3. The six-station lab was already going through its paces Spring Term as Geosciences and Natural Resources Management jointly offered the University's first formal GIS course with 14 students enrolled. A more advanced course--Introduction to GIS--is currently in progress with 14 students.

Gary White has been bolstering his Caribbean region expertise lately. During May 1988, he participated in a 3 week field course in the Yucatan. In January 1989 he spent 2 weeks in Jamaica teaching World Regional Geography at Bel-Air School in Mandeville. Then during February, he participated in a Chautauqua short course in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico. His geography of the Caribbean course has become very popular as a result of his expanding knowledge of the region.

Dr. White also presented a paper at the Mobile SEDAAG meeting. "Exfoliation Landforms of Western North Carolina," and received the Vice-Chancellors Instructional Improvement Grant for the purchase of SPOT satellite imagery.

Pembroke

The department has set new enrollment records for both semesters of the 88-89 academic year. Bob Reiman, who recently retired from Appalachian State, has been hired on a part-time basis to pick up some of the increased instructional load.

The departments request for an Earth Science Concentration in the B.S. in Science Education major was approved. The concentration will consist of 32 hours in Earth Science.

\* Elizabeth Kuo spent part of the summer in China. She is preparing a video on China for use in Geography classes. She just missed getting caught in the student riots at Beijing.

\* Tom Ross received two awards: Woodmen of the World "Conservation Award 1988" and PSU "Distinguished Professor Award 1989."

UNC-Charlotte

\* Dr. David T. Hartgen was appointed Professor of Geography and Earth Sciences and Coordinator of Transportation Studies at UNC-Charlotte in January, 1989. Among his many other duties, he will be offering advanced undergraduate and graduate classes in transportation analysis and transportation policy issues.

\* Dr. Randall D. Forsythe has joined the department this semester. He will be teaching environmental geology and geohydrology. Dr Forsythe becomes the fourth member of the department's geology staff.

\* Drs. Alfred Stuart, James Clay, Doug Orr and Paul Escott have released a new book, Land of the South, published by Oxmoor House Publishers. The book focuses on how land-people relationships vary across 11 regions of the South. It contains a great variety of color photographs, maps, graphs and charts which were produced by the department's cartographic laboratory. The book is available in most bookstores.

\* The department has completed an extensive self-study and hopes soon to begin implementing suggestions from the study relating to Geographic Informations Systems and our graduate programs.

\* For the third straight year, students from Jeff Simpson's advanced cartography class have won the Rand McNally award for map design. This is a national competition involving entries from 80 students in the U.S. and Canada.

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East Carolina University

The department continues to maintain exceptionally high levels of per faculty credit hours generated. It is one of the top three or four units in the university. A new B.S. degree program is being developed.

Faculty productivity increased moderately while the quality of the outlets has improved significantly. Half of the faculty had at least one journal article and ten of the fourteen had at least one publication. Half of the faculty obtained grant money totaling more than \$124,000. Doug Wilms continues to be the most successful in attracting funding. The department's service activities continues at a high level also.

Three M.A. degrees and 24 undergraduate degrees were awarded this past academic year. Ms. Randi Horner won the Merle Prunty Scholarship Award from SEDAGG.

Dr. Janet Petterson retired. Mr. Johnathan Bascom replaces her. His specialty is Third World economic development. Dr. Jonathan Phillips also joined the faculty with expertise in environmental policy and hydrology.

UNC-Chapel Hill

The department now has a full-time faculty of 13 geographers, approximately 30 junior/senior undergraduate majors and about 40 graduate students in residence. Enrollments reached a record-breaking 3400.

Faculty research activities resulted in the publication of one book, 24 journal articles or book chapters, 18 encyclopedia entries, seven book reviews, eight technical publications and 34 presentations. Wil Gesler, Peter Robinson and Steve Walsh all received substantial external grants or contracts. Steve Birdsall was elected national councillor and treasurer of the AAG. Doug Eyre is president of the Friends of the Library.

Dr. Karl Zimmerer joined the department. His research interests are in Latin America, cultural and biogeography.

The University has continued its substantial commitment to the spatial analysis labs. Rick Smith joined the department as cartographer and GIS technician.

Dr. Voit Gilmore, a recent PhD graduate and president of the American Association of Travel Agents, donated \$200,000 to fund the John D. Eyre Travel Fund in geography. This fund supports faculty and graduate student travel for updating their skills or doing research. He also initiated funding for the Voit Gilmore Research Professorship in Geography.

Appalachian State

Faculty productivity continues at a high level. The 7.5 FTE faculty produced 17 publications and presented 33 papers last year.

The graduate program has seen substantial growth and now has 16 students in it including two from the Peoples Republic of China. The quality of the students has also increased. The program's students have the highest admission scores of the several MA programs on campus.

The recently acquired ARC/INFO GIS is up and running. It is the newest addition to an expanding computer cartography, image processing, GIS lab and the department now provides a concentration in this area. Utilization of the lab's resources by various regional planning agencies has been increasing.

An exchange of geography faculty with interests in underdeveloped areas was arranged between Appalachian and the government of Sweden. Appalachian was one of three U.S. universities involved and two ASU faculty, Ole Gade and Bob Reiman, presented papers in Sweden this summer.

Dr. Gary Cooper joined the department as the Coordinator of the Planning program.

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## THE NORTH CAROLINA GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

Nineteenth Annual Meeting -- 10 September 1988

The meeting was called to order in the Broyhill Center on the campus of Appalachian State University in Boone at 9:30AM. Frank Ainsley, President, presided. The minutes of the 1987 annual meeting and the financial reports were accepted by the membership.

The Non-Academic Employment report was given by Bob Reiman who indicated that geography graduates in North Carolina have not had difficulty acquiring jobs. Dr. Reiman thought that it would be possible for the committee to write up a handout for distribution among the various employers.

The Public Relations report was given by Bill Imperatore. He feels that there should be a telephone-style directory of all of the geographers in the state. Frank Ainsley suggested that all of the departments send names of geographers to Bill Imperatore so that a directory can be compiled. It was suggested that area specialties should be listed for the individual geographers. There was a consensus that the directory should list just the members of the NCGS and that it should not include all of the teacher members of the Alliance.

The Geographic Education report was given by Doug Wilms. Bill Imperatore has conducted eight two-day workshops for teachers in the North Carolina Geographic Alliance. A summer institute was held in 1988 at East Carolina University. The National Geographic Society rated the 1988 summer institute as one of the most successful in the country. The North Carolina General Assembly has appropriated another \$50,000 and the National Geographic Society will be matching that amount. Citicorp has granted \$12,000 to the Alliance for the purchase of desktop publishing equipment and the Alliance will start publishing a newsletter. The Alliance people will be meeting at the Holiday Inn in Burlington on October 29th from 10:30 to 3:30.

The Membership report indicated that Jack Hidore will be helping with the directory.

The North Carolina Studies report was given by John Florin. He indicated that a bibliographic listing of works on North Carolina by geographers will be published early in 1989.

Tax exempt status for the organization was discussed. It was reported that a new statement is needed in the constitution to meet legal requirements for tax-exempt status. Proposed changes to the NCGS constitution were submitted to the membership by the Steering Committee. The changes were approved.

### Proposed Article XII to NCGS Constitution

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In the event that the North Carolina Geographical Society be disbanded, the National Geographic Society Education Foundation is named as recipient of all remaining NCGS funds.

### Proposed change to Article II - Objectives

The NCGS is a non-profit organization to aid in North Carolina research and to promote the field of geography in North Carolina.

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The organization needs a "permanent" address. Currently that address will be Department of History and Social Sciences, Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, NC 27893.

It was announced that the "Firefly" maps will be ready for the meeting of the North Carolina Council for the Social Studies at the Adam Mark Hotel in Charlotte on March 9th and 10th, 1989. The deadline for submitting topics for the meeting is October 15th. It was pointed out that geographic sessions have always proved popular at that event. If one is planning to make a presentation, one should bring at least sixty copies of the paper to be presented.

Geographic Awareness Week will be the 13th to the 18th of November. Last year there was a proclamation by the governor for the week. It is most effective to have members of the NCCS to go out into the local schools to make presentations. Jeff Neff appeared last year on a Greensboro television station during the meetings of the NCCS.

The report of the Nominating Committee was given by Leo Zonn. The proposed slate of officers for the coming year is:

President: Robert E. Reiman, Appalachian State University

Vice President: John W. Florin, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Secretary-Treasurer: Harlow Z. Head, Atlantic Christian College

At-large Members of the Steering Committee:

Jeffrey C. Patten, University of North Carolina at Greensboro

Tyrel G. Moore, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

William Buckler, East Carolina University

The report was accepted by acclamation. The following committees and members were announced:

Geographic Education: Doug Wilms, chair, and Bill Imperatore

Non-Academic Employment: Bob Reiman, chair, Doug Carroll, and Michael Spyrou

Public Relations: Bill Imperatore

Membership: Jack Hidore, chair, Neal Lineback, and Phil Shea

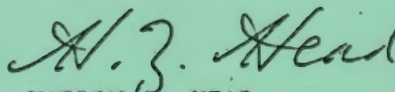
North Carolina Studies: John Florin, chair, Brooks Cates, Ole Gade, Dick Stephenson, Blanche Nichols, and Jeff Neff

Neal Lineback commented that undergraduate and graduate students should be taking part in the meetings of the NCCS. It was suggested that there could be a session about graduate schools and employment opportunities at a future meeting. Another suggestion was that the host institution for future meetings could arrange to house visiting students in private homes. John Florin said that these suggestions will be considered when the plans for the 1989 meeting in Chapel Hill are made.

Neal Lineback described the two afternoon field trips: the canoe trip and the trip to the frescos. The members of the NCCS were invited to visit the department at Appalachian State University before leaving town.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:16AM.

Respectfully submitted by,

  
HARLOW Z. HEAD  
Secretary-Treasurer

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REGISTRATION MATERIALS

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heads for the Piedmont in  
Chapel Hill, NC

ANNUAL MEETING  
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HOST INSTITUTION: University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

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Registration Form  
North Carolina Geographical Society  
Chapel Hill, North Carolina  
September 22-23, 1989

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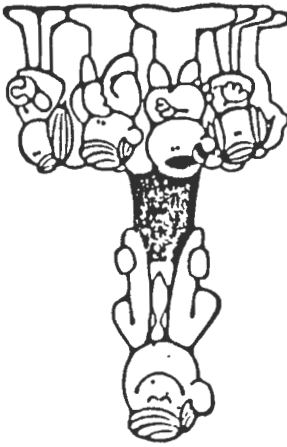
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