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The editor apologizes to the membership of the NCGS for the absence of a Fall Newsletter. My procrastination was compounded by a lack of news to report.

NEWS ITEMS

DUKE UNIVERSITY

During the summer, 1972, fifteen seventh grade teachers, selected by the N.C. Department of Public Instruction, spent ten weeks at Duke University collecting, studying and researching materials on Africa. The purpose of the group was to create teaching units for the use of teachers throughout the state.

The overall goal involved the development of seven complete teaching units: one foundation unit on the continental geography, and six units on individual ethnic groups. These units are now being taught experimentally by the teachers involved and will be revised in January, 1974. It is anticipated that all seven units will be printed for distribution throughout the state after the revisions are completed.

The choice of the six ethnic groups was based upon varying environmental locations and the search for a principal theoretic contribution to the overall concept of African diversity. The groups and respective themes are as follows:

Amhara	Koptic Christianity-farming
Somali	Moslem - herding
Pygmy (Ituri)	Forest hunting and goatherding
Lulu	Military Organization - herding
Bini	Forest "Monarchy" farming
Dan	Secret Societies subsistence

A number of professors contributed to the research as resource personnel under the direction of Professor Gerald Hartwig. It is hoped that continued research on topical units for the eleventh grade level can be financed during the summer of 1974.

UNCC

A new M.A. Program was initiated during 1973-74. A feature of the program is the applied internship in which each graduate student will complete a research project for a company or agency. Wayne Walcott is the internship director, and he has been busy successfully selling geography to local offices. A graduate seminar this Spring by Jerry Ingalls featured visits by Larry Brown, Peter Gould, Melvin Marcus, Jim Wheeler, Julian Wolpert, and Wilbur Zelinsky.

Al Stuart received a

\$12,570 grant from NSF to conduct an Urban Environmental Field Project for 25 high ability 11th grade students next academic year. The course will meet on alternate Saturdays and will involve most of the departmental faculty.

Jim Clay received a \$14,484 grant from NSF to direct an Environmental Education Workshop for 50 local school teachers this summer.

Ed Keller and John Bedford have received a \$3,000 grant from the N.C. State Planning Division to develop a methodology for evaluating North Carolina's scenic resources.

Dennis Lord received a seed grant from the UNCC Institute for Urban Studies and Community Service to develop a research design for studying the effects of school busing on residential mobility.

REPORT FROM STEERING COMMITTEE

The Steering Committee Meeting on March 23, 1974, focused on plans for our 1974 annual meeting on October 4 and 5. The Geography Department at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington will be our host at the Holiday Inn at Wrightsville Beach. The Wilmington Department is working with the Vice-Chairman to plan an exciting program which is briefly described in this Newsletter.

We are planning a special session devoted to student papers and hope that this will become a regular feature of the annual meeting. As an incentive, anonymous donors have offered two \$25.00 awards -- one award for the best paper submitted by a graduate student and one award for the best paper submitted by an undergraduate.

The Committees on Geographic Education and Non-Academic Affairs are working in their respective areas and should have interesting reports to make to the Society in October.

We look forward to seeing a large group of geographers and students at Wrightsville Beach in November.

Dorothy S. Mason
Chairman, NCGS

GUIDELINES FOR STUDENT PAPERS FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA GEO- GRAPHICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEET- INGS

1. The person submitting the paper must be a student and must be sponsored by a geography faculty member of his college or university.
2. Deadline for the submission of all papers is 30 days prior to the date of the meeting. All papers post-marked thereafter shall be returned to the author.
3. Four copies of the paper must be submitted, including maps, figures, and tables.
4. The length of each paper must not exceed six double-spaced, pica typewritten pages, plus maps and figures.
5. A title page should include the title, name of author and school attended.
6. The body of the paper should begin with a title, but not carry the student's name or school.
7. An abstract of no more than one page must accompany the paper.

8. Any equipment required for oral presentation at the meeting must be designated on a separate sheet with the author's name and the title of the paper.
9. Any submissions not adhering to these requirements will not be considered and will be returned by the Committee.

MINUTES - FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING
NORTH CAROLINA GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

Dr. Dorothy Mason opened the fourth annual meeting of the North Carolina Geographical Society at 8:25 p.m., September 28, 1973, at the Downtowner Motor Inn in Charlotte.

The minutes of the spring meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report showing a balance of \$109.65 was also approved. Dr. Mason then appointed a committee to audit the treasurer's books and report on September 29.

Dr. Dave Basile of the membership committee urged a more personal approach to adding members. Dr. Al Stuart suggested a form letter be used by all members of the society when soliciting new members with Dr. Basile to handle this.

Dr. William Imperatore of the Committee on Geographic Education reported that his proposed K through I workshop project had not been funded due to a cutoff of funds and that he was seeking other sources none of which looked very promising. The whole thing might be volunteer. Several suggestions were made concerning the improvement of geographic education in North Carolina which the Committee will study.

After considerable discussion, the membership decided that dues would be collected on a calendar basis after a motion was made by Dr. Al Stuart. 1974 dues are due by January 1, 1974.

Dr. Mason will send a letter to all graduate geography departments in North Carolina seeking a \$10 contribution towards printing of the geographic brochure.

On a motion by Dr. Robert Cramer, the group unānimosly agreed that the school hosting the annual meeting submit a report of the cost of said meeting to the treasurer and if either a deficit occurs or a profit is made, the steering committee will determine what happens in either case. (A deficit would be paid subject to steering committee approval).

Dr. Duncan Randall of UNC-Wilmington offered to host the 1974 meeting. Dr. Al Stuart moved that the Society accept the offer with the time and place in Wilmington to be worked out by Dr. Randall, Dr. Terry Epperson and the Steering Committee. Motion carried.

Dr. Al Stuart moved that the annual meeting be held in the early fall and the body concurred.

Dr. Don Stillwell urged all to attend the SEAG annual meeting to be held in November at ASU.

Meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m. by Dr. Mason.

At a special business meeting called the morning of

September 29, 1973, Ralph Birchard moved that the membership accept the audit report of the treasurer's books. The vote was unanimous.

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