

NORTH CAROLINA GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

R.L. Tuthill, Editor P.O. Box 6537 College Station, Durham, N.C. 27708 May, 1976

The appeal for news sent out in February was not very productive and the editor was not inspired (as he should have been) to press the bits and pieces into the communication channel. So place the fault where it belongs-- on the editor.

The recent meeting of the Steering Committee at Elon College, called by our chairman, Sam Griffin, gave impetus to a renewed attempt.

It is hoped that this will be received before you leave for the summer and that it will inspire you to send in news and notes to the editor during the summer so that another newsletter can go out in early September.

Your attention is called particularly to the annual meeting scheduled for October 22, 23, 1976, in Asheville, N.C. which will be jointly sponsored by Appalachian State and Western Carolina universities.

Just for the Record

The sixth annual meeting held in Burlington and hosted by Elon College was a real success. There were 30 paid registrations and an equal number of visitors. Our thanks to Sam Griffin and his staff for a fine meeting. We have 101 geographers paying NCGS dues for one or more years since we organized. One wishes that more could attend the annual meeting. Perhaps the new later date in October and the fine mountain location at a top hotel in Asheville will inspire a larger turn out of paid-up members.

Our officers for 1975-76 are: Chairman: Sam Griffin
Vice Chairman: William Imperatore
Editor: Richard L. Tuthill
Secretary-Treasurer: William S. Todd
Steering Committee Members at Large:
Gerald Ingalls
Richard Bennett
G. Douglas Carroll

Standing Committees for 1975-76:

Committee on Geographic Education
Douglas C. Wilms - Chairman
Katherine L. Kutsche
Marsha Greene
Committee on Non-Academic Employment
Wayne Walcott - Chairman
William S. Todd
Carl F. Dinga
Committee on Public Relations
Richard L. Tuthill - Chairman
Harlow Head
Duncan P. Randall
Committee on Nominations and Memberships
Gordon Bennett - Chairman
David G. Basile
Terry E. Epperson

Annual dues to the Society are:

Contributing member: \$5.00 or more
Regular member: \$2.00
Student member: \$1.00

Anyone wishing to pay 1976 dues, please send to the Secretary-Treasurer, Bill Todd, 2717 Huntington Road, Fayetteville, N.C. 28303.

SOCIETY ITEMS OF NEED AND INTEREST!!!

To date only three institutions have contributed \$10.00 each to the fund for a brochure on "Career Opportunities for Geographers", which Barry Moriarty has been

working on for some time. The need for such information is greater than ever before. BUT one can not produce much of a brochure these days for \$30.00. How about your institution helping out with an extra \$10.00 in Asheville designated for this purpose??

A letter to departmental chairmen has gone out from Griffin on the planned "Student Papers Session" at the annual meeting. The Steering Committee approved in May some guideline modifications in an attempt to encourage greater participation. It is hoped that all members will be on the lookout for possible undergraduate and graduate participants. The later deadline for submission of papers to the committee (October 12, 1976) should make it possible for more students to enter. Only you can make this part of the program a success.

Special student rates for overnight at the Grove Park Hotel in Asheville should make it possible for undergraduate majors to attend. Look for a letter on arrangements and call the attention of your students to it. It could be a professional beginning for them!

As for most organizations, the NCGS works on a very small budget. For the most part your officers and committees pay their own expenses, but there are minor expenses for communicating with you. Your dues either as a Regular or Contributing member will be gratefully received by Bill Todd. See previous page with his address.

Early data on the annual meeting site by Don Josif (WSU) and Bill Imperatore (ASU) is as follows:

They scouted the Asheville area and have settled on the Grove Park Inn as the site for the 1976 NCGS meeting. The view of the Asheville basin and city from the porch is as Al Stuart described it, "inspiring". So are the room rates- actually they are the same as for the Asheville Hilton, but the Hilton has nothing comparable to the Grove Park's setting. Room rates are \$15 - \$19 per person, double occupancy; \$24 - \$29 single, Inn accommodations only (main building), plus 4% tax and 15% gratuity. Rollovers are \$5 per day extra, plus tax and tip. A block of rooms and meeting facilities has been reserved for October 22, 23.

NOTES FROM CORRESPONDENTS

Dr Theodore R. Speigner retired as chairman of the Department of Geography at North Carolina Central University. Dr. Woodrow W. Nichols, Jr. replaced Dr. Speigner as chairman. Dr. Nichols is a graduate of NCCU, AB, Michigan State University, AM, and UCLA, PhD. Before joining the faculty at NCCU, he was for four years an assistant professor in the Department of Geography at the University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida. Dr. Nichols is a member of the NCGS.

The Department of Geography at NCCU has initiated The Triangle Geographers Association, aimed at furthering professional investigations in geography in the Chapel Hill, Durham and Raleigh areas and to encourage the application of geographic findings in education, government and business. Membership is open to all who are interested in the objectives of the Association.

Dr. Edward Leahy at ECU did field work last summer in the Amazon Basin. He has given two papers on his work - one at Chapel Hill, the other in New York City. In addition he has written a chapter for a new book and submitted an article to The Geographical Magazine (London).

Douglas McKelvey at NCA&T has been heavily engaged in transportation activities. He has given papers in Orlando, Washington D.C., and Raleigh. He also chaired a special session at the AAG in New York.

Several members of the ECU Geography Department are busily engaged with the Institute for Coastal and Marine Resources. Information on the institute can be obtained by writing to the Institute, c/o The College of Arts and Sciences, ECU, Greenville, N.C. 27834

A goodly number of NC Geographers attended and participated in the meetings of the SEAAG held at Calloway Gardens, Georgia last November.

The Earth Science Department at WCU has increased the number of majors from 18 to 33. Two staff members, Jeffrey Neff and Gary White presented papers at the SEAAG meetings. Gary White also presented a paper at the Geological Society of America meetings in Washington, D.C.

more to come...

From UNC-C Al Stewart sent the following news items:

Thought you might be interested in the reviews that the Atlas has received. As of January 31, over 30% of the printing has been sold and the UNC Press is just beginning to advertise it.

*

Jerry Ingalls has received a \$12,500 grant from NSF to continue the Urban Environmental Study Program for high-ability eleventh grade students.

*

Nelson Nunnally directed a remote sensing workshop for planners at UNC-C, March 23-26. The focus was on analysis of land use from remote imagery.

*

John Bedford and Nelson Nunnally will both teach intensive field courses this month. Both will be based at Sunset Beach for about 10 days in mid-May. Bedford's group will study coastal geomorphic and oceanographic processes while Nunnally's will study various environmental problems along the same coast.

*

A new major in Earth Science was begun in Fall, 1975. It combines courses in physical geography with those in geology and adds several dealing with environmental management and environmental impact analysis. There are already 25 majors in the 35-semester hour major.

*

Mary Watson had a study titled The Measurement of Resistance to Innovation: The Adoption of Herring Bone Cowsheds in the Waikato, New Zealand published in the series on Diffusion of Innovation edited by Larry Brown at Ohio State.

*

Dennis Lord's paper, "School Busing and White Abandonment of Public Schools," was published in the November, 1975 issue of the Southeastern Geographer. His research on the effects of school busing on residential mobility is supported by a grant that he and John Catau received from HEW.

From ASU we received the following:

Appalachian State University is now offering a BS in Community and Regional Planning. The program is strongly interdisciplinary, but is concentrated in and administered from the Department of Geography. The program was recognized by the UNC Board of Governors in January, 1975. During the present academic year more than 200 students were enrolled in various planning courses.

The primary objective of the program is to place planning professionals into the job market in four categories: rural and small urban communities and/or counties; regional development agencies including Councils of Government; entry level positions in larger regional and urban planning agencies; public and private outdoor recreation development agencies. In addition, the program will provide a well-rounded liberal arts education, prepare students for graduate school in urban and regional planning, and enlarge the community and regional service role of ASU by assembling a professional staff of planners devoted to community service. By providing introductory and general interest courses, the program also satisfies a campus-wide interest in planning.

All planning majors are required to serve a summer internship in the planning field. In the past, ASU students have worked for municipalities, counties, COG's as well as the state planning office.

Robert Keber has been added to the Geography staff to coordinate the program. He has an AB and AM in Geography from UNC-CH and is a PhD candidate at the London School of Economics. Mr. Keber has planning experience in California, North Carolina and England.

Out final note from the Geography "department" at Duke:

The Canadian Area Studies has made excellent progress during the year with a sizable increase in undergraduate interest. The "department" has participated in an International Relations symposium at NCCU and in the state sponsored evaluation of the National Teachers Examination. (Have any of you ever looked at the 8 or 9 questions covering Geography in that examination?) The "department" plans to teach at the summer session of the University of Maine in Augusta and spend 10 to 20 days researching in British Columbia in August.

Notice has been received of a new volume entitled: "North Carolina: A Reader" edited by Vernon M. Smith, Donald Steila and Richard A. Stephenson; published by Paladin House, P.O. Box 387, Geneva, Ill. 60134. Many friends contributed papers.

Anticipate additional information on our Seventh Annual Meeting. See you in Asheville October 22, 23!!

R.L. Tuthill, Editor