

NEWSLETTER
NORTH CAROLINA
GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

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Greetings! Spring has sprung in the Piedmont and a quick trip to the coast at Morehead City in mid-March gave assurance that buds were budding there. The recent word from the frozen west indicates that the thaw has started. It has been a long, cold winter all over the state, but it served to make spring more welcome.

As this NEWSLETTER is being constructed, plans have been completed for a meeting of your Executive Committee to meet at Elon College to discuss the fall meeting to be held in Charlotte. Exact date has not been set but keep it in mind and plan to attend. Helpfully, we have been invited to Greenville in 1978.

The official minutes of the Seventh Annual Meeting at Asheville was received from Bill Rogers, Isothermal Community College. We express appreciation and commend him for his services as Secretary. His contributions of the past are much appreciated.

NCGS 1976: THE ASHEVILLE MEETING. The N.C.G.S. held its seventh annual meeting at the Grove Park Inn, Asheville, N.C. on October 22,23. In the steering committee meeting considerable discussion centered around the viability of the organization and the purpose, if any, that it served. Although no definitive statements were formulated or proposed, it was generally agreed that proof of the organization's viability and the fact that it was fulfilling some need was attested to by the response to the meeting. Fifty-four geographers from all areas of the state, spouses and family members, four Buncombe County public school teachers and speaking guests participated in the various functions of the meeting.

On Saturday morning, three concurrent sessions were held. One was a general interest session on the climate of the Mt. Mitchell area conducted by William Hodge, a meteorologist on the Science Advisory Staff of the National Climatic Center. The other two sessions were conducted by Mike Renn of Smith High School, Greensboro, and Bill Imperatore of ASU on the use of HSCP materials and teaching geography at the elementary level.

Approximately twenty persons went on the afternoon field trip, arranged by Don Josif of WCU, to the Cradle of Forestry and Campus Trail.

After feasting on a banquet of roast duckling, attendees heard comments from Robert Bruce, Chief of Interpretive Services of the Blue Ridge Parkway on the projects of his office.

Major concerns of the organization center around increasing the awareness of appropriate firms in the non-academic sector of the special competencies of geography graduates. The NCGS is continuing its efforts to publish a brochure for dissemination to private and public firms which might employ geographers.

Some concern was expressed about the apparent inability to involve public school teachers in the organization. It was felt that this situation might be approached through increased cooperation between those members of NCGS who are education oriented and the North Carolina Council for the Social Studies.

Officers and Committee Chairmen for 1976-77

The slate of officers recommended by a committee composed of Gordon Bennett, Dennis Beskow and Dot Mason was elected by acclamation.

Chairman: William Imperatore, Appalachian State Univ.

V. Chairman: Gerald Ingalls, Univ of N.C.-Charlotte

Past Chairman: Samuel Griffin, Elon College

Sec-Treas: Edward Leahy, East Carolina Univ.

Newsletter Editor: Richard L. Tuthill, Duke Univ.

At-Large Members of Steering Committee: Carl Dinga, UNC-G;

Dennis Beskow, Elon; Don Josef, Western Carolina.

Standing Committees
(* Chairmen)

Committee on Geographic Education

*Michael T. Renn, Smith High School, Greensboro
Jerry Rhees, College of the Albemarle
Burma Wilkins, Bennett College
Kathy Kutsche, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

Committee on Non-Academic Employment

*Ole Gade, Appalachian State University
John Florin, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
Douglas McKelvey, North Carolina A and T State University
Woody Nichols, North Carolina Central University

Committee on Public Relations

*Richard Tuthill, Duke University
Harlow Head, Atlantic Christian College
William Long, Coastal Carolina Community College
Robert Cramer, East Carolina University

Membership Committee

*Dorothy Mason, North Carolina A and T State University
Frank Ainsley, University of North Carolina-Wilmington
Dan Stillwell, Appalachian State University
William Rogers, Isothermal Community College

Invitations to Annual Meetings

The next two annual meetings of the N.C.G.S. were proposed as follows:

1977 Meeting: Wayne Walcott extended an invitation to meet with UNC-C as host. The Society accepted.

1978 Meeting: Ennis Chestang invited the Society to ECU. The invitation was accepted.

The Society expresses its appreciation to Bill Imperatore as Vice Chairman, to the arrangements committee, and to all who participated in the program. It was a grand success. To Sam Griffin we extend thanks for all of his leadership efforts on behalf of the Society. A good job well done!

NOTES FROM HERE AND THERE

Congratulations to the ever expanding, rapidly developing Department of Geography and Earth Sciences at UNC-C. They now have 14 full-time faculty positions, over 100 undergraduate majors and 25 graduate students. They have issued a brochure on their Master of Arts program.

Three members of the NCGS presented sessions at the 8th Annual Conference of the N.C. Council for the Social Studies held in Fayetteville, February 17,18. Bill Imperatore conducted a session, Maps and Globes: Activities and Materials for the Primary Level, which involved the examination and construction of map and globe skill materials. Mike Renn was a co-presenter of a session of the Center for Global Perspectives which presented activities to help students develop an understanding of concepts such as conflict and interdependence. Doug Tilms Conducted a session, Geography and Map Reading Skills, in which the fundamentals of map reading were examined with a concluding "hands on" demonstration using the official N.C. Highway Map.

Numerous members attended the SED of the AAB in Fredericksburg, Va. at which there was a "a good session" of N.C. members.

Winston Kinsey of Appalachian State University was the State Representative for N.C. at a Conference of N.C. Africanists in the Southern Association of Africanists held at Chapel Hill in February..

Your editor has been granted a sabbatical leave from Duke University for the spring semester of 1978. He will be engaged in Canadian research.

Until next time...

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