CANCAS News Notes – February/March 2007
February flew by for me so I have combined the February and March News Notes. Can you believe that the annual meeting is already this month?! I hope you have submitted your presentations and are busy working on your posters and slide presentations.

UPCOMING EVENTS
* CANCAS/NCAS Annual Meeting will be held at East Carolina University in Greenville from March 30-April 1, 2007

More information went out through the List Serve. If you have not received this information, contact Dr. Gerhard Kalmus at kalmusg@mail.ecu.edu.

CURRENT EVENTS
*Website continues to be a point of confusion*

Many obstacles have delayed the creation of a new unified website for the Academy and all of its parts, including CANCAS. Please bear with us as the new site is being created. The NCAS president has put in many hours to push the new site forward and hopes to have it up and running soon. In the meantime, the best source of CANCAS information can be found at: http://www.ncacadsci.org/cancas-web.htm

I apologize that the front page at this URL is still static and has some outdated material but I have been updating the adjoining links so that you should be able to access up-to-date info. If you find any errors are updates that are needed at these links, please let me know.

*Faculty Judges Needed for the Annual Meeting*

We are in need of judges for undergraduate research presentations that are being considered for Derieux Awards for Research Excellence. If you are willing to judge, please contact Dr. John Stiller (stillerj@ecu.edu) who will be the arranging judges for this year’s meeting.

*CANCAS Officers*

Advisors: please nominate one of your good students to be a CANCAS officer. It is a great opportunity to develop leadership skills and to get involved in a worthwhile organization. If you are a student considering running for office, ask your advisor to submit your name. Nominations should be received prior to the annual meeting in March. Contact Dr. Karen Guzman for more information about responsibilities or go to: http://www.campbell.edu/faculty/guzman/WalkerBiol_page/Activities/CANCAS/Information/CANCASOfficersDuties.pdf
*CANCAS Handbook Revisions*
Some minor revisions of the Handbook are necessary. I will send the proposed revisions to you shortly and the CANCAS membership will vote on the changes at our business meeting in March.

**PAST EVENTS**

* Abstracts for the CANCAS/NCAS Annual Meeting were due Feb 23, 2007
The abstract deadline was extended from January 31st to Feb 23rd but all abstracts should now be in. If you have any questions about abstract submission, contact Dr. Gerhard Kalmus: kalmusg@mail.ecu.edu

* The Undergraduate Research Workshop CD was mailed out in January
I mailed the CD to the advisors since I had their addresses. If you attended the fall workshop, please see your advisor for a copy or contact me if you need another copy.

I would like to correct one omission. I meant to add to the program the names of the undergraduate and graduate students that were part of the panel discussions. Here they are:

Undergraduate students:
Sara Wozny, James Smith, Mary Windham, Michael Hankewycz, Brett Hartis

Graduate students:
Julie Marik, Jackie Long and Jennifer Weber

**MEMBERSHIP**
Membership forms are available online. Membership for AY 2006-2007 was due on November 15, 2006. Please send your forms in as soon as possible since they are past due. I need up-to-date contact information so that I can keep you, the membership, informed. If I have missed your institution below, please let me know so I can correct my list. Thanks!

Each month in the News Notes, I will send you an update on membership. Here is the latest:

Members for 2006-2007 Academic Year as of 2/26/07

Welcome Group Members:
East Carolina University
Gardner Webb University
Lenoir Rhyne College

Welcome Individual Members:
Catawba College
East Carolina University
NC A&T State University
NC State University

Alphabetical List of Current Group Members:
Campbell University
East Carolina University
Gardner Webb University
Lenoir Rhyne College
Meredith College
Peace College
UNC-Greensboro
UNC-Pembroke
Wake Forest University
Warren Wilson College

Individual Members from:
Davidson College
Catawba College
NC A&T State University
NC State University
East Carolina University

FUTURE EVENTS
* CANCAS Fall Undergraduate Workshop for Fall 2007
  We are still looking for a site to hold the 2007 workshop. If you are interested, please let me know as soon as possible.

*REMEMBER
  If you are an advisor receiving announcements and news through the CANCAS email list, please pass this information on to your students and to other faculty in your department. Also, let others in your group know about the email list. I can send emails directly to anyone that requests this.

FINAL NOTES
* Suggestions & Comments can be directed to Dr. Karen Guzman at: <guzman@campbell.edu>. Let me know if you have any news that you would like included in the monthly News Notes or suggestions to improve the series. Thanks!

* If you notice errors in any of the news, please let me know so that I can send out a correction or fix it for the next month.

An archive of previous News Notes can be found at: http://www.campbell.edu/faculty/guzman/WalkerBiol_page/Activities/CANCAS/Information/NewsNotesPg.html