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ANOTHER MATTER OF PRIDE

Professor Glenn wrote from the Philippines and was quite happy to note how the NARST members were responsible for such a vast account of the science education research now in print. He suggested that a check should be made of the authors of various science textbooks to see which ones were NARST products. Well, a rapid check was made and here are the results:

Elementary Science:

Of the seven elementary science series now in print, all but one has at least one author who is a member of the NARST. In the case of three, a senior author belongs to the NARST.

General Science:

Counting both single textbooks and the "three-year series" over 80% had at least one author who is or was a member of the NARST. In more than 50% of the cases the senior author is or was a member of the NARST.

Biology:

Slightly over 50% of the textbooks have at least one of the authors in the NARST. (Harder to check because of the vast number of books).

Physics:

In the case of about 40% of these books at least one author is a member of the NARST.

Chemistry:

About 60 % of these are written (at least in part) by members of the NARST.

So -- another first can be chalked up by the NARST!

ANOTHER FIRST!

The first thing you do when you finish this letter is to send me the names of some more graduate students to invite to the program on Monday, March 29, in Chicago. There has been a moderately good response, but it should be excellent. So send me names now!

FROM BARNARD

Darrell Barnard has already set up the program of papers for Tuesday, March 31. Plenty of time is being allowed for a thorough presentation and discussion of each paper.

FROM VAN DEVENTER

A two-page letter from Bill is enclosed. It's about the luncheon on Wednesday noon, March 31. It will be a fine windup for our meeting, it will be lunch time anyway, it is more reasonable than the usual banquet, and it helps pay off the obligation to the hotel for the free use of meeting rooms and for the other free services. I hope every member will attend.

FROM ANDERSON

Sunday night, March 28, at 7:30 p.m. Ken would like to have the chairman of the various research committees (Haupt, Smith, Washton, and Barnard) plan to meet with the Executive Committee to plan for the future research reviews. Will the respective gentlemen, let Ken Anderson know if they'll be attending.

The Review of Science Education Research will be presented Wednesday a.m. along with some other major items of business.

FROM PRUITT

1. If you haven't paid your dues, Clarence will be most grateful to receive them.

2. Please let Clarence know immediately what your requirements for room will be.

3. Make your room reservations directly with the Hotel Sherman. The rates are listed in the last issue of the Newsletter.

Another big reminder. The Executive Committee is trying to submit a proposal for affiliation with the AAAS. Think it over and be in Chicago.

It seems that the NARST has taken on some fine projects this year, is more active than it has ever been, and has an excellent program coming up. Let's make it a fine gathering by being there from start to finish.

Sincerely,

George G. Mallinson
President