STUDENT-MEMBERSHIP RECEPTION: The first formal reception for students, members, and guests was very well attended. On Tuesday evening at 5:30 PM, over 60 people gathered in room 110 of the Convention Center and shared ideas, good food, and great conversation. Léo Laporte and Bob Ginsburg arranged for several items of historical interest to be "Door Prizes"; including a book signed by John Wesley Powell which was taken home by a student. Many thanks to Léo and Bob, and to those who donated the items. We wish all of our members could have been there to share in this fine evening. Also the Division wants to thank the anonymous donors who covered the cost of the refreshments. We certainly hope this will become a tradition for the History of Geology Division at future GSA meetings.

Pardee Symposium: For the second consecutive year, the History of Geology Division gained Pardee support for one of our programs.

Ophiolite Symposia: The History of Geology Division convened a Pardee symposium, two topical sessions, and a poster session, all with the title of *Ophiolites as Problem and Solution in the History of Geological Thinking*, at the Boston meeting of the Geological Society of America. We were assisted in these sessions by the Structural Geology and Tectonics, and International Divisions of GSA, and by the *History of Earth Sciences Society* and the *Society of Economic Geologists*. Co-conveners were Sally Newcomb and Yildirim Dilek. There were a total of 39 oral papers and 7 poster papers, with presenters representing 15 countries.

Eldridge Moores began the Pardee session with a paper titled "From Brongniart to Boston: A history of the ophiolite concept from 1813 to the present." Davis Young followed with history of one of the conundrums of ophiolite emplacement in "N. L. Bowen and the origin of ultramafic rocks." Emplacement of ophiolite complexes was frequently addressed in other papers as well, with evidence from both tensional and compressional regimes. Most of the recognized ophiolite complexes throughout the world were discussed at some point in the proceedings. In keeping with the title of the sessions, the change of ideas through time in conjectures about the origin of this interesting and anomalous rock suite was addressed, as well as the relation of those ideas to larger theories in geology, including those of the ultramafic magma vs. crystal-mush question and the action of plate tectonics. Change over time as new discoveries were made could be seen. Virtually all the tools of modern geology, geochemistry, geophysics, tectonics, mapping, and computer simulation are being applied to questions about ophiolites.

Topical Session: "Geobiography: Life Histories of Geologists as a Way to Understand How Science Operates" (Co-Chaired by Alan Leviton) was a technical session cosponsored by the Division and the History of Earth Sciences Society. Twenty one papers were offered and eighteen given, with some scheduled in the general History of Geology Division session to accommodate the popularity of the topic. Among the issues considered were collective biography (Patrick Wyse Jackson on 19th century Irish geologists, Robert Silliman on the Agassiz circle, Aurel Cross on palynologists, and John Fournell on Aleutian geologists), archives and other sources for filling gaps in biography (Ken Bork on William Tight and Diane Baclawski on Leverett and Taylor), family influences (Julie Newell and Michele Aldrich on the Hitchcocks), the interplay between education and personality in early careers (Gerry Middleton on Hamilton geologists and Philip Wilson on Guyot), social ecology (Léo
Laporte on G. G. Simpson), émigré scientists (Silvia Figueroa and Bill Brice on G. Schuch and C. F. Hartt, and Volker Gobel on Roemer), and scientific method as a basis for prediction (Tom Dutro on G. Cooper and Gerry Friedman on John Rich). We heard about pioneer stratigraphers (Amos Eaton by David Spanagel and H. V. Howe by Paul Krutak). The Division may organize a workshop or short course on geobiography at the Seattle meeting in 2003.

**GENERAL HISTORY OF GEOLOGY SESSION**: In addition to the Pardee Symposium and other technical sessions on ophiolites and Geobiography mentioned above, the Division had its usual General Session. A few of the Geobiography papers were added to this session, as reported above by Michele. But we still had several very interesting papers on some very diverse topics, *e.g.*, Gary Rosenberg’s contribution on Chinese art and why modern geologic thought did not arise in China. As always, Gary provided us with many fine illustrations to support his ideas. David Kile shared his work on the evolution of the petrographic microscope and its impact on geological advances; an instrument that certainly added a revolution in the understanding of rocks. The granitization controversy was the topic of Wolfgang Elston’s paper, and Mark Van Baalen shared with us some of the history of the New England Intercollegiate Geological Conference (NEIGC) and its connection with William Morris Davis.

**FILED TRIP**: The field trip "Urban Geology of Back Bay and Beacon Hill, Boston, Massachusetts" (James Skehan, Leader-Organizer) was one of twenty-six offered at the 2001 Annual Meeting of the Geological Society of America in Boston, and described in "Guidebook for Geological Field Trips in New England." 2001 Annual Meeting of the Geological Society of America, Boston, Massachusetts, p. K1-K-11.

This trip, organized in Memory of James V. O'Connor, was sponsored initially by The History of Geology Division of GSA, and co-sponsored by The Engineering Geology Division (EGD), and the National Association of Geoscience Teachers (NAGT) because of Jim's long energetic involvement in these organizations. He was Professor of Geology at the University of the District of Columbia and City Geologist of the District. He was an extraordinarily generous and engaging field trip leader and resource in the urban environment for inner-city teachers and students. The leaders were Jim Skehan, Professor of Geology at Boston College and mentor to Jim O'Connor during his studies for the B.S. and M.S.T. degree, Wilfred E. Holton and William A. Newman of Northeastern University.

**ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**: The annual business meeting was held at the Boston GSA meeting on Wednesday November 7, 2001; Sally Newcomb, presiding. [Editor's note - These minutes include the Board Meeting minutes from Tuesday November 6, 2001.]

As the minutes of the last meeting were published in the newsletter and there were no objections forthcoming since their publication, they were assumed to be approved.

A. Sally acknowledged the contributions for the people responsible for various sessions and especially Léo Laporta and Bob Ginsburg for organizing the very special student-member reception held the evening before.

B. The *History of Earth Sciences Society* members who were at the luncheon were officially welcomed for the first time. *HESS* has recently become an Associated Society of GSA, and will be participating in up-coming GSA meetings. Sally thanked the *HESS* group for being one of the co-sponsors of several sessions at the Boston meeting.

C. Father Jim Skehan was asked to introduce some special guests, members of the family of
James O’Connor. We were honored to have members of Jim O’Connor’s family with us as many at the luncheon remember Jim well and certainly miss him greatly.

D. The Chair then recognized Hugh Rance who has volunteered to be the Web Master for the Division web page. His appointment was approved by the membership at the meeting.

**Financial Statement** - presented by William R. Brice, Secretary Treasurer.

Based on the statements from GSA for September 30, 2001

**HISTORY OF GEOLOGY AWARD FUND:**

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Comment: The GSA foundation requires, at least as of the Boston meeting, a minimum balance of $25,000 to be maintained. As of September, due to the negative results in the investments, our fund is just at this minimum threshold. These figures do not reflect the 2001 award expenses. So contributions are needed to maintain our fund.

**HISTORY OF GEOLOGY GENERAL OPERATING FUND**

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COMMENTS: These figures do not reflect any donations made after August. [NOTE: contributions for $1,275.00 have been received by GSA since the Boston meeting. These have been credited to the General Operating Fund. Our thanks to all who have assisted in our operations.]

The Secretary-Treasurer’s financial report was accepted with the knowledge than a new financial statement will be forthcoming after the first of the year. [Editor’s Note: As of January 25, 2002, the year-end summaries from GSA had not arrived.]

**HESS ACTIVITY:** Kennard Bork, Past-President of HESS, was recognized for a special presentation. Two of our colleagues, Ellis Yochelson and Gerry Friedman were honored for their long service and many contributions to the History of Earth Sciences Society with Honorary Life Membership in HESS. [This was mentioned in the last newsletter.] Both were very instrumental in creating both the History of Earth Sciences Society and the History of Geology Division of GSA.
The main event of the luncheon was the annual History of Geology Award; this year going to Walter O. Kupsch. As neither Professor Kupsch nor his citationist, Glen Caldwell, were able to attend the meeting, Gerry Middleton read the citation and Ken Bork read Dr. Kupsch’s acceptance. These will be published in GSA Today early in 2002.

The election was held, and the slate of officers recommended by the nominating committee was elected by acclamation. Charles W. Byers, Dept. Geology & Geophysics, University of Wisconsin, was elected Second Vice-Chair (to be Chair and organize the 2004 meeting) and Bill Brice was re-elected to another two-year term as Secretary-Treasurer-Editor. Sally became Past-Chair, and all other officers moved up one position. [Please see the list of officers in the newsletter for addresses, etc.]

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 PM.

**ROCK STARS:** There were four "Rocks Star" profiles (Bob Ginsburg, Co-ordinator) published in GSA Today during 2001:


**MEETING PARTICIPATION BY THE DIVISION - 2001**

**History of the Oil Industry** - Symposium, Oil City, PA, June 20-23, 2001
Sponsored by THE DRAKE WELL FOUNDATION. Additional Sponsors I. C. White Memorial Foundation; Pittsburgh Association of Petroleum Geologists; Helmer Rabild Charitable Trust; Drake Well Museum; History of Geology Division/Geological Society of America; History Committee/American Association of Petroleum Geologists; and History of Earth Sciences Society.

**2001 INHIGEO** meeting, Portugal, 24th June - 1st July, GEOLOGICAL RESOURCES AND HISTORY, Lisbon and Aveiro

**American Association of Petroleum Geologists:** At the annual meeting in 2001 Gerald Friedman (Past-Chair) organized its forum titled Petroleum-Geology in Selected States. Four states seen through the eyes of the state geological surveys were selected as examples of the history of petroleum geology: two mid-continent states (Oklahoma and Kansas) and two coastal states (California and New York).

**History of Science Society, Denver, Colorado, November 9, 2001**

**Climate and Culture: Contexts, Concepts, and Choices**
Co-sponsors: History of Earth Sciences Society; Commission on History of Meteorology (IUHPS); and History of Geology Division/GSA

**HISTORY OF GEOLOGY AWARD**

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