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# Editorial

Canaveral Council of Technical Societies

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IN THIS, the first issue of Space Dimensions, we would like to take time to introduce the Canaveral Council of Technical Societies, define our aims, and outline our goals for the future.

The CCTS is a voluntary association which was organized as a service to the scientific community in the Cape Canaveral area. Fifteen technical societies and two colleges are presently represented on the Council.

With Space Dimensions we hope to better communications between engineers and scientists in this area, and provide a vehicle for publication by members of the technical societies here.

The CCTS was begun in 1959 when Jack Wiles, then chairman of the Cape Canaveral section of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, voiced a need for better cooperation among the many technical societies that were forming in the Cape Canaveral area.

With Jack Wiles as its first chairman, and Admiral F. L. Tedder, Lt. Col. P. R. Peabody, and Cliff Mattox as the driving forces, the Canaveral Council of Technical Societies was formed. From this rather small beginning, the Council grew, and is today a leader in our technical community.

The second chairman of the CCTS was Dr. J. Duffet. Under his leadership the Council began laying the groundwork for Space Dimensions, conducted a Fall Conference, sponsored a lecture film series, and vigorously supported the activities of its member societies.

The activities of the CCTS have been increasing each year. This year we have conducted a Space Science Seminar, provided judges for the High School Science Fair, provided speakers to the Brevard High School Science Seminar, and sponsored an Armed Forces Day project at Patrick AFB.

One of our most important projects, presently in the planning stage, is the Canaveral Space Congress, to be held in February 1964.

We hope that the Council has been a service to our member societies, and that we will continue to be a focal point for technical activities in the Cape Canaveral area. And, with the support of our members, we hope that Space Dimensions will be a major voice in the communication of technical information.

*B. B. Nelson*