

News of the Quaternary Geology & Geomorphology Division

Election results

In the division elections which were completed October 15, 1974, the following were elected officers for 1974-75: *Robert L. Nichols*, Chairman; *Laurence H. Lattman*, First Vice-Chairman; *William C. Bradley*, Second Vice-Chairman; *Don J. Easterbrook*, Secretary.

Elected to two-year terms on the Division Panel (1974-76) were *W. Hilton Johnson*, *Kenneth L. Pierce*, and *John W. Hawley*. Completing the second year of their terms (1973-75) will be *John T. Andrews*, *William B. Bull*, and *Joseph H. Hartshorn*.

Mackin Grant awarded to Louis D. Carter

The Mackin Fund has now grown to the point of making possible an annual grant for research in geomorphology. According to recent changes in procedures approved by the Management Board and the GSA Council and ratified at the annual business meeting, the division is now solely responsible for administering the grants without going through the Committee on Research Grants.

The 1974 winner of the Mackin Grant is Louis D. Carter for a research project in Baja, California. The award was announced at the annual business meeting in Miami and the following read by Chairman D. R. Crandell:

"On behalf of the Quaternary Geology and Geomorphology Division of the Geological Society of America, I am pleased to inform you that you have been awarded the J. Hoover Mackin Research Grant for your studies of the terraces of Sierra Mayor. This grant honors a remarkably versatile and thoughtful geologist whose professional competence and personal warmth were greatly respected and admired by all who knew him. For more than three decades Hoover Mackin stimulated and guided countless students at two major universities. Although renowned as a teacher, he was also an outstanding field geologist, whose scientific contributions have greatly increased our understanding of a variety of geologic subjects. J. Hoover Mackin's memory can be honored in no better way than to provide financial support to a student, like yourself, who is engaged in geological research. Congratulations and good luck!"

Ruhe wins Kirk Bryan Award

Robert V. Ruhe was presented the 1974 Kirk Bryan Award at the annual business meeting of the division in Miami for his paper "Quaternary Landscapes in Iowa." The citation for the award was read by George W. White. The citation and response will be published in the News & Information section of a forthcoming issue of *Geology*.

Division dues assessment proposed

The division has been informed by the GSA Council that if we wish to continue to operate the division as we have in the past, and possibly expand its activities, collection of annual dues will be necessary to defray costs of a newsletter mailing to affiliates, and other expenses. (The Engineering Geology Division has been assessing its members \$2 annual dues for several years.) This change is made necessary by inflationary costs. It requires a change in the bylaws and an affirmative vote by the voting members of the division. The Management Board has approved the following: "To charge \$2 annual dues in order to cover costs of continuing the division newsletter and other division activities."

The bylaws of the division allow for collection of annual dues upon approval of the Management Board and the membership. Therefore, the next ballot will contain a proposal to collect annual dues. The alternative to the collection of dues would be to communicate with members of the division only at the annual business meeting at the national meetings. The News & Information insert in *Geology* that goes to all the membership can be used for division items of interest to the entire Society membership, citations and responses for awards, announcements of officers, and so on, but not for news of restricted interest or announcements of meetings not sponsored by GSA.

Paleoecology Conference

Immediately preceding the joint meeting of the Geological Association of Canada, the Mineralogical Association of Canada, and the North-Central Section of the Geological Society of America to be held at the University of Waterloo, May 15-17, 1975, the Department of Earth Sciences, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario, will host a field trip on the theme of Quaternary Nonmarine Paleoecology May 12-14, 1975.

The purpose of the Paleoecology Conference is to acquaint Pleistocene workers with some of the problems of using different fossil groups in the interpretation of Quaternary nonmarine sequences. The conference will involve key speakers who will outline the advantages and (or) disadvantages of a particular faunal or floral group, and these will be followed by selected papers describing specific studies.

A one-day field trip to the Sangamon (Eemian/Ipswichian) interglacial deposits of the Don Valley Brickyard, and the Scarborough (early Wisconsinan/Weichselian/Devensian) sequences of the Scarborough Bluffs, Toronto, will be held May 14. Accommodation for the field trip will be limited, and participants will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Quaternary sessions will also be held during the main GAC/MAC/NCGSA conference, and a second field trip on Huron ice lobe stratigraphy will be held May 18-19.