



Quaternary Geologist and Geomorphologist

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MACKIN GRANT

December 1977

The deadline for receipt of applications for the Mackin grant for research in geomorphology or Quaternary geology is February 15. A stipend of not less than \$200 will be given as a cash grant to assist promising graduate student research. Announcement of the winner will be made early in the spring and funds made available prior to the 1978 summer field season.

Application forms may be obtained from the Division Secretary, Don J. Easterbrook, Dept. of Geology, Western Washington University, Bellingham, Washington 98225. Information required with the application includes (1) a résumé of the applicant, (2) statement of proposed research, and (3) a letter of reference from the thesis advisor. In the event of more than one application from a single department, the department will be asked to screen the applications and indicate priorities. Evaluation of the proposals will be made by the Division Management Board during winter quarter.

SEATTLE MEETING

Penrose Medalist Bob Sharp, of Cal Tech, received the 1977 Penrose Medal at the annual dinner. Bob is well known for his work in geomorphology and Quaternary geology of the Sierras and is a former Kirk Bryan award winner (1964) for his study of wind ripples. He is the first member of the Quaternary Geology and Geomorphology Division to become a Penrose winner since the Division was founded in 1955 and the first geomorphologist since Wm. Morris Davis.

Kirk Bryan Award At the annual luncheon and business meeting of the Division, Michael Church was presented the 1977 Bryan award for the best paper in geomorphology. He won the award for his 1972 paper, "Baffin Island sandur" published by the Geological Survey of Canada, Bulletin 216, 208 p. John Andrews, veteran of Baffin Island Quaternary studies, made the citation and presentation.

Mackin Grant Chairman of the Division, William Bradley announced the winner of the 1977 Mackin grant. The award went to Daniel Muhs for his proposed research on soil development on marine terraces of San Clemente Island, California.

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ELECTIONS

Officers and the Division Panel for 1977-78 were elected by the membership this fall.

Chairman: Arthur L. Bloom
First Vice Chairman: William B. Bull
Second Vice Chairman: Stan Schumm

Returning Panel members (1977-78): John Andrews
Victor M. Baker
Marie Morisawa

New Panel members (1977-79): Jim Benedict
Bill Farrand
Sid White

The new method of electing Panel members worked very smoothly. In the past, election was without any kind of nominating process and consequently there were several hundred names put forth. Election to the Panel often required as little as 6 votes out of a membership of 3,000. The new procedure approved by the members of the Division this year is for open nominations with the top six names appearing on the annual spring ballot. The three new Panel members elected this fall received between 180 and 205 votes each.

A nominating ballot for next year's panel is included with this newsletter.

by voting affiliates

Nominations^{*} for Panel Members (deadline February 15, 1978)

Clip out and return this ballot to: Don J. Easterbrook
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by voting affiliates

All voting affiliates of the Division are eligible except officers and present or retiring panel members (see above).

(1) _____ (2) _____ (3) _____

(The six names receiving the highest number of votes will appear on the annual ballot.)