NCAS Awards Grant to Christopher Rodning
Vin Steponaitis and Dave Moore, NCAS Endowment Committee

Last fall and winter, NCAS held its second annual competition for the program of research grants funded by the NCAS Endowment Fund. Three proposals were received and evaluated by the Endowment Committee consisting of Randy Daniel, Rick Langley, David Moore (co-chair), Ken Robinson, Vin Steponaitis (co-chair), and Ann Tippitt. Committee members were impressed with the quality of the proposals and felt that all were worthy of support. However, given the available funds, only one could be selected. After considerable deliberation, the committee awarded the grant to Mr. Christopher Rodning (Research Laboratories of Archaeology, UNC-Chapel Hill) for his proposal entitled, "Domestic Architecture and Town Plan at Coweea Creek." Chris will use the $1,000 award to pay for radiocarbon dates from the Coweea Creek site, which he is studying for his doctoral dissertation. On behalf of the Society, we congratulate Chris and look forward to the results of his research!

We expect that we will receive more excellent proposals for next year's award (see the announcement in this Newsletter). It is clear that this award will have an important role to play in the future of North Carolina archaeology.

Invitation – SEAC 2003

North Carolina Archaeological Society members are invited to the 60th annual meeting of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference (SEAC) to be held November 12-15, 2003, at the University Hilton in Charlotte (organized by Janet Levy, UNC-Charlotte, Alan May and Ann Tippitt, Schiele Museum, Gastonia).

Among the presentation sessions are symposia on the archaeology of the Catawba Valley, current research on the North Carolina coast, and GIS modeling of North Carolina site locations (described in the insert). North Carolina graduate students will be competing for the paper prize, an outstanding collection of books from publishers in our exhibits area. Special events include a Thursday evening reception, sponsored in part by the NCAS, at the Levine Museum of the New South in downtown Charlotte. We will have access to the permanent exhibit, Cotton Fields to Skyscrapers: Charlotte and the Carolina Piedmont in the New South and to visiting exhibits, including A Portion of the People: Three Hundred Years of Southern Jewish Life. There will be a dance Friday night and a barbecue at the Schiele Museum Saturday afternoon where we will be welcomed to the reconstructed 18th century farm and Catawba Indian Village. Registration fees will be $55 by October 10 and $60 thereafter for non-students, $30 by October 10 and $35 thereafter for students with a valid ID, and free to those providing 4–6 hours volunteer service (SEAC membership not required). For advance registration, please mail checks (payable to SEAC 2003) along with your name and notice of NCAS affiliation to Janet Levy – SEAC, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, UNC-Charlotte, 9201 University City Blvd., Charlotte, NC 28223-0001. Complete information including registration forms and hotel reservations can be found at the SEAC web site: http://www.southeasternarchaeology.org. Those interested in volunteering should send email to seac2003@email.uncc.edu, or write to Janet at the address above.
NCAS Grants-in-Aid Program for 2003-2004
Randy Daniel and Dave Moore, NCAS Endowment Committee

This fall, the North Carolina Archaeological Society will continue its Grants-in-Aid Program designed to fund research pertaining to North Carolina archaeology. At least one grant of up to $1000 will be awarded each year. Applicants must meet one or more of the following criteria: (a) a graduate or undergraduate student actively pursuing a degree in archaeology or a related field; (b) an individual enrolled in an internship program with a museum, a state historic site, an archaeological park, or a Native American group (with state or federal recognition); or (c) an avocational archaeologist who is a member of the North Carolina Archaeological Society and has over time demonstrated a concern for the protection or study of archaeological resources within the state. The next deadline for proposals is November 1, 2003. Full details and application instructions appear on a flier enclosed with this newsletter and also can be found on the web at <http://www.rla.unc.edu/ncas/Grants/index.html>.

Grant recipients will be selected by the NCAS Endowment Committee, whose members currently include Randy Daniel (co-chair), Rick Langley, Dave Moore (co-chair), Ken Robinson, Vin Steponaitis, and Ann Tippitt.

The grants are underwritten by the NCAS Endowment Fund, which now totals more than $21,000. This endowment was established in 2001 from the proceeds of the sale of the “Blue Banks” property near Greenville, which took place largely through the efforts of then-president Robert Graham. We owe him our thanks for making these grants possible!

2003 Annual Fall Meeting
North Carolina Archaeological Society, Saturday, October 4, 2003
Town Creek Indian Mound, Mt. Gilead, North Carolina

Schedule:

9:15 AM Registration
9:30 AM NC Archaeological Society Board of Directors Meeting
10:00 AM NC Archaeological Society Business Meeting and Election of Officers
10:45 AM Break
11:00 AM Speaker: Tony Boudreaux, Doctoral Candidate UNC-Chapel Hill
12:00 NOON Lunch: Jordan Caterers featuring BBQ and Fried Chicken w/ the works
12:15 PM NC Archaeological Council Meeting
1:00-2:30 PM Ground Penetrating Radar Applications in Archaeology, Kent Schneider, USFS, Regional Archaeologist for the Southern Region of the USDA-Forest Service (presentation/demonstration)
2:30-3:30 PM Tours on Site
3:30 PM Adjourn
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11 miles North of Rockingham
on US #220
Ellerbe, NC
(800)248-6467

Holiday Inn Express
400 West Broad Avenue
Intersection of US #74 and US 220
Rockingham, NC
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Lunch Form to be returned by September 22nd
North Carolina Archaeological Society's 2003 Fall Meeting
Hosted by Town Creek Indian Mound, Mt. Gilead, North Carolina
Saturday, October 4, 2003

Name(s) as you would like it to appear on name tag: ________________________________

Buffet lunch catered by Jordan Catering consisting of BBQ, fried chicken, two slaws, green beans, baked beans, potato salad, rolls, tea/lemonade, and dessert. $7.50/each adult and $5.00/each child (under 12).

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Mail form with payment to: Dee Nelms, NCAS, 4619 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-4619 or for further information call @ 919/733-7342.
2003 Election of Officers

The 2003 Election of Officers ballot is enclosed. Please return the ballot to Dee Nelms, NC Archaeological Society, 4619 Mail Service Center, Raleigh NC 27699-4619 by September 24th. As in last years, we will take nominations from the floor at the members meeting at Town Creek on October 4th. You will get a chance to cast your vote at the meeting if you do not send it in by mail.

2003 NC State Fair

We are planning for the 2003 NC State Fair exhibit for October 17-26. If you want to sign up to help man our booth located in the Kerr Scott Building, please contact Dee Nelms @ 919/733-7342 for available times. You will get an entrance pass for the day(s) you work. We need your support to make this work. Thank you.

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