



NORTH CAROLINA SHELL CLUB



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Welcome to North Carolina Shell Club 2000 (42nd Year)

Our meeting dates are March 17-18th - LOCATION: Wilmington, NC

We will meet at Room 102 of Dobo Hall, University of NC at Wilmington (directions & map enclosed)

Friday, March 17th Registration begins at 7:00pm.

8:00 Mostly for beginners: The Fissurellidae: HOLY! HOLY! HOLY! FISSURES! AMEN!
By Dean and Dorothy Weber.

8:15 Program: Fossil Mollusks of the Wilmington Area, By Dr. David Campbell, UNC Dept. of Geology.
Dr. Campbell recently obtained his PhD at UNC. His research interest is in the evolutionary relationships of bivalves in the fossil record. He is also planning to accompany the club on the Rocky Point field trip.

Saturday, March 18th Registration begins at 7:00pm.

7:45 Business meeting

8:00 We will have a split program tonight.

1. Report on Shelling in India, Sri Lanka and Kuwait; by David Kirsh, NCSC member from Durham
2. Okinawa Shells; by Everett Long, NCSC member from Swansboro

PLEASE NOTE: A trip is planned for Friday.

Greetings, Fellow Shellers:

Exciting news for the North Carolina Shell Club. We have been asked to participate in the Grand Opening Ceremonies for the dedication of the new Museum of Natural Sciences building here in Raleigh.

The Grand Opening Celebration is scheduled to take place on Friday, April 7th from 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm, and on Saturday, April 8th from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. The Museum is hoping to have displays about all types of natural hobbies represented in our state. They have two activities in mind for shells for which they need our help.

First of all, they would like a display of shells commonly found on North Carolina beaches, with identification. Our traveling shell display, currently on loan to a school in the Wilmington area I believe, sounds just perfect for this project. But the Museum would also like several volunteers from the Shell Club to be on hand to answer questions about the display and generally talk with visitors about shell collecting in North Carolina. And, of course, we need someone to set up the display on Friday and take it down on Saturday.

Secondly, the Museum has decided they would like to have a table where young visitors can join in a hands-on shell activity. They suggested making shell necklaces. The Museum will provide the colorful string necessary to make the necklaces. They will even drill a hole in the shells to facilitate their being put on a string. But they need about 3,000 North Carolina shells for the activity, and volunteers from the club to man the table and assist the children in making the necklaces.

This is a wonderful opportunity for the Shell Club to get some exposure to the general public. It is also a great way to gain an "in" with the new museum. We are hoping to have our annual auction here in Raleigh this year at the museum. I'm sure we will get much more cooperation for our meeting if we help the museum out during their opening celebration.

Please bring any North Carolina shells you can donate to this project to the March meeting in Wilmington. Remember that the shells can't be too large. They have to hang on a thin string around a child's neck. Scallop shells would be just perfect as they are also so colorful -- just right to appeal to a child. Betsy Roberts is in charge of collecting the donated shells and getting them to the museum.

If you would be able to participate in the opening ceremonies activities, please contact me directly as soon as you can. I will be getting a list together of those who would like to volunteer and giving it to the museum. You can also call Tullie Johnson (919)733-7450 extension 605 at the museum to volunteer if you cannot reach me. My work schedule is horrendous just now (Busy Season and all), so just call my answer machine at (919)782-8903 and leave a message. I'll call you back as soon as I can.

HAPPY SHELLING (remember those scallop shells!).

That's all for now.

Ann Buddenhagen
President



Friday: Fossil Trip

Fossil Collecting at Martin Marietta Quarry at Rocky Point.

March 17, 2000. Time 11:30 AM to 5:00 PM

Contact: John Timmerman if you plan to attend. (call, write or e-mail)

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The terrain in the quarry can be a gentle slope to steep rocky hills. Wear shoes good for rough terrain.

The quarry requires all visitors to wear a hard hat. They must bring their own. Hard hats are available at hardware stores or home improvement stores such as Lowes or Home Depot. They cost about \$5.00. They make great decorations on your garage wall when not wearing them.

The trip goes rain or shine. Those members who accompanied me to Castle Hayne a couple years ago can attest to the rain or shine nature of the trip.

Wear appropriate gear for the weather. If it is hot, bring plenty of drinking water. There is no cover from the elements in the quarry.

We will be able to drive our cars to the site from which we will collect.

Participants may leave when they wish. Everyone must be out by 5 PM. Bring bags or other gear to carry fossils in. A hammer and chisel might come in handy if you have such.

Directions to the quarry.

Take I-40 on to Exit 408 (Rocky Point, Rt. 210)

Take the Martin Marietta Access Road, on the Southeast side of I-40, (there is sign for the Quarry at the turn off Rt. 210) to the mine entrance, on the left, just before the end of the road: and meet the group at the parking lot just beyond the office building.

If you are coming from Raleigh (I-40 east) at Exit 408. Turn left at the top of the exit ramp and cross the highway on the over pass. The access road is just at the foot of the ramp from the bridge on the right.

If you are coming from the Wilmington area (I-40 west) at Exit 408, turn > right at the end of the exit ramp and take the next right onto the access road.

If you re coming from The Morehead City/Jacksonville area via Rt. 17, turn onto Rt. 210 at Hampstead. The access road is on your left just before the on ramp(s) to I-40.

John Timmerman

Cross Country Travelers



At the north Carolina Shell Club Auction November 5, 1999, Doug Wolfe had a moment of "Deja Vu"... he recognized 2 shells that he had once found in the Beaufort, NC area.

The journey of the shells began in Beaufort, several years ago. First they traveled with Doug to Colorado, and then he took them on his trip to California, where he traded them with a friend. Lo and behold along came Vicky Wall who bought those two shells from the same person. Then Vicki donated them to the current auction.

That was when auctioneer Doug Wolfe had the eerie feeling of having seen them before. Yes, they were the original shells that had started out in Beaufort. Finally, they were auctioned off to the Coastal Carolina Museum to be included in the North Carolina shell collection.

The Houston Conchology Society invites you to attend the Conchologists of America's annual convention "COA 2000, A JOURNEY TO THE STARS" June 22-26, 2000, at the Wyndham Greenspoint Hotel in Houston, Texas.

The annual auction, held during the convention, is the major fund-raising event for the Conchologists of America. The proceeds from the auction support grants for research and study in fields of conchology and malacology, the publication of the *American Conchologist*, and the general operation of COA. Your participation, by way of donations, will ensure that COA has the funds necessary to support these projects in 2000-2001.

As chairman of this year's auction, I am requesting your support. Donations of rare shells, high quality specimen shells, fossil specimens, coral specimens, shell books, shell art, shell photography, and other shell related items would be greatly appreciated.

YOUR DONATIONS ARE NOW TAX DEDUCTIBLE. COA has finally received its 501 C3 tax status. Now is a great time to make your donation. Benefit COA and receive a tax deduction for your donation.

All donations should be mailed to: COA 2000
Dave Green, Auction Chairman
PO Box 1317
Tomball, Texas 77333-1317



A list of contributors will be published in the Convention Program. All contributors will receive a copy of the "COA 2000" Convention Program. In order to assure proper recognition, donations must be received prior to Friday, May 26, 2000.

I sincerely hope you will send a donation and support the COA 2000 Auction. In addition to your generous donation, I hope you will mark your calendar and join us in Houston, Texas, June 22-26 for "A JOURNEY TO THE STARS, COA 2000".

Thank you for your donation. Your support is greatly appreciated. See you in Houston!!!! If you have any further questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Dave Green COA 2000 Auction Chairmen - Phone 281-376-5630 -Email <dgreen@comwerx.net>

Club news: We are pleased that member Ruth Hood is on the road to recovery from a stroke and we hope to have her join us soon.

Remember to bring shells suitable for shell necklaces to the march meeting. Some members have volunteered to drill them.

From our Treasurer:

2000 Dues are due in April. Please send checks to Janet Durand, our Treasurer.

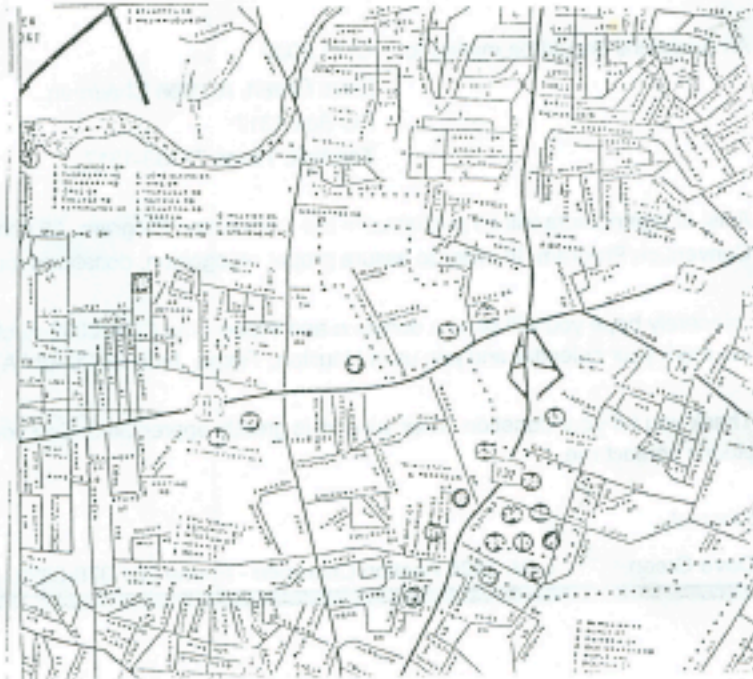
Dues per year: Individual \$10.00 or Family \$12.00

The following items are for sale:

At meeting By mail

\$3.50	\$4.50	NCSC Club Pins
\$12.00	\$15.00	Seashells of North Carolina by Hugh Porter (soft cover - 25 copies)
\$15.95	\$18.95	Florida's Fabulous Seashells - pictures by Carmichael (soft cover - 16 copies)
\$25.00	\$28.75	Encyclopedia of Seashells - Gary Rosenberg (hard cover - 3 copies left)
\$32.95	\$37.10	The World's Most Beautiful Seashells - Hill - pictures by Carmichael (hard cover - one copy)

Currently we have a Horse Conch (donated by Mark Johnson) to be raffled off.



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- Administration
- Athletics Fields
- Housing
- Roads
- Sidewalks
- Sports Facilities & Meeting Areas

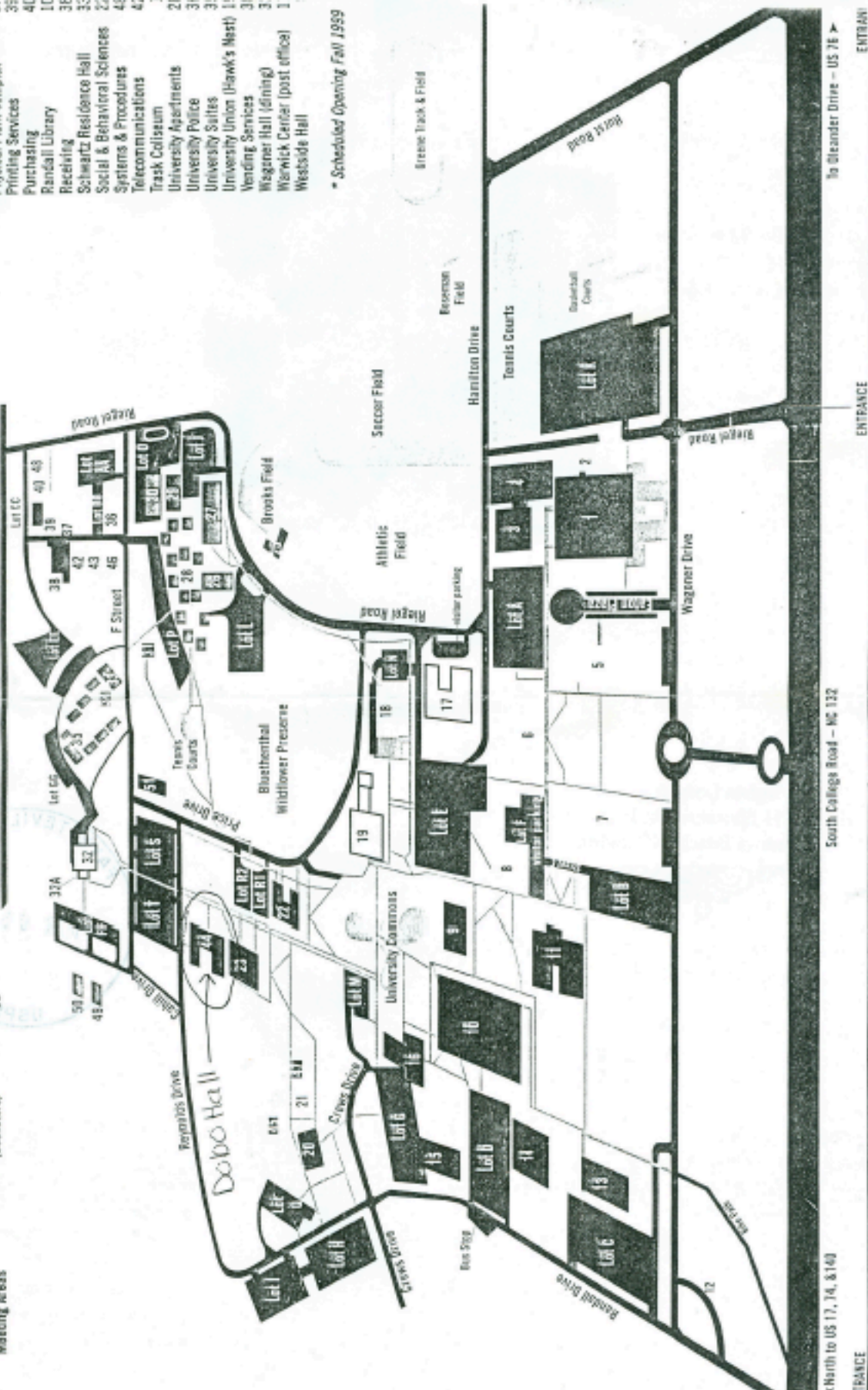
- Academic Support Center 43
- Alderman Hall (Administration) 7
- Bear Hall 15
- Berk Residence Hall 26
- Biology Lab 47
- Breks Field & Stadium 25
- Burney Student Support Center (bookstore) 18

- Carmichael Hall 25
- Campus Directory 12
- Campus Recreation Center* 51
- Central Stores (Warehouse) 38
- DeLoach Hall 34
- Fine Arts Center 46
- Friday Hall 20

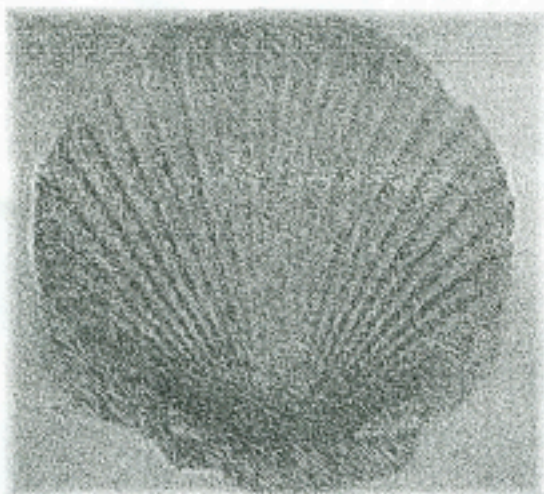
- Gallows Residence Hall 41
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- Graham Residence Hall 29
- Greenhouse Trailer (GL100) 45
- Harover Hall Gymnasium 3
- Howlett Residence Hall 30
- Hogyard Hall 6

- Indoor Housing 41
- Housing & Residence Life 31
- Office & Activity Center 34
- International House 49
- James Hall (Admissions) 5
- Kenan Auditorium 13
- Kenan Hall 11

- Kesko Greenhouse 21
- Madeline Suite (Wagner Hall) 32A
- Norton Hall 16
- Naturium (Swimming Pool) 4
- New Science Building 44
- New Science Coliseum 2
- Physical Plant complex 37
- Printing Services 39
- Purchasing 40
- Randall Library 10
- Reclining 36
- Schwartz Residence Hall 35
- Social & Behavioral Sciences 22
- Systems & Procedures 48
- Telecommunications 42
- Trask Coliseum 3
- University Apartments 21
- University Police 31
- University Suites 31
- University Union (Hawk's Nest) 11
- Vending Services 31
- Wagner Hall (dining) 31
- Warwick Center (post office) 1
- Westside Hall 1



* Scheduled Opening Fall 1999



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