



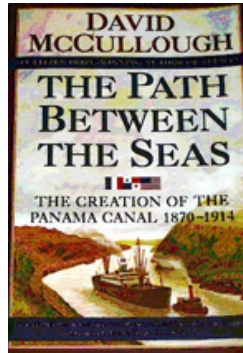
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**Activities
Edition**
FEB 25, 2004

Why an Activities Edition? Summer is getting close and SGHP's emphasis is shifting from this school year's events and recruiting new members to our primary goals of professional development and transitioning to the new curriculum. On the back 2 pages of this newsletter, you'll find a summer activities schedule and our projected 3 year activities plan. You'll notice that we've tried to divide activities by RESA cohort; please take a moment to look at both carefully, print out and retain. What you will see are the activities we've promised you but there may be something we've missed. Remember that we're somewhat making this up as we go along and any suggestions will be welcomed and taken seriously.



New Members

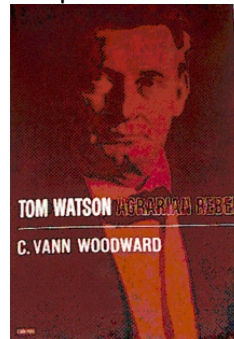
We're now up to 38 members of the projected 45 for the project. Please welcome: Brantley County - Karla Carter, Carole Strickland and Pamela Hammond. Lanier County - John White. Ware County - Ed Flowers. Our final recruiting push is now on the western side of the state but if you have a good candidate - a HS history teacher who needs professional development in content area, please let us know.

Governor's Honors

If you have an interest in teaching in the Governor's Honors program at VSU July 10-25, 2004, ask Sharon Coleman, Lynn McCoy or myself (AL) for details. Information is also on the DOE website.

Curriculum

Many of you have asked over the past few weeks what the status of the new curriculum is - right now we're still in the public comment period that will go until about the middle of April. DOE is out on the road explaining everything during that period. Your curriculum director will have information on the meeting that your school's teacher team will be attending; however, I have copies of the Powerpoint shows that will be presented and will forward them to you on request. But I can assure you that unless there is a complete meltdown of the polar ice cap



between now and June, this new curriculum is going to be adopted in some form similar to what's being aired. We have our own folks following this process closely and as soon as we hear any news, you'll be the first to know.

Testing

We've also been fielding questions about testing; right now, EOCTs will be given this school year and of course the GHSGT is still



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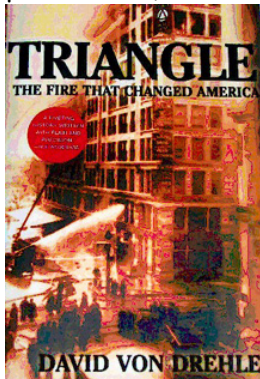
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in effect. The original plan was for the GHS GT to go away when EOCTs were implemented but that decision has NOT yet been made and put into concrete. When asked that same question, Dr Lloyd Komatsu, the person that designed the tests stated: "I have no idea. Right now that's the plan, but call me tomorrow before you make any decisions." The good news is that after listening to Lloyd, I truly believe that the new tests will accurately measure the GPSs and that should be our primary concern. I have the DOE Powerpoint shows on both EOCTs and CRCTs that I will Email you on request.

Books

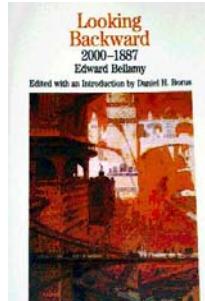
Your library for those taking the upcoming Fall seminars on the Gilded Age has been ordered; many of the books are already in and will be delivered to you in the next month so that you can begin preparation and reading. Since this is a very large purchase (40 books per teacher), it will take some time to get



everything organized and delivered. However, our goal is for you to be ready to go when Dr Johnson starts his very informative lectures. I have the complete booklist on an Excel spreadsheet available to you on request.

Editorial (Short, mis amigos!)

During my travels around South Georgia, I make it a point to ask the administrators and teachers I speak to what their take on the new curriculum is. So far, the results have been less than encouraging - I've found that about 90% of those folks haven't even read the portion of the new curriculum that will most affect them. That seems to be true from Superintendents down to classroom teachers - there seems to be an almost universal lack of concern and certainly very little appreciation of how radically things will change in many classrooms, especially if you're teaching US history. I have a Powerpoint show on this subject also (I use it to explain the impact to new teachers) that is also available on request (I'm saying that a lot). The people reading this letter have the advantage of SGHP and I would urge you to make sure that your administrators are not blindsided by the new requirements. The good news is that our teachers ARE savvy and their Principals are listening to them. It's a good feeling to be able to kick back and watch other folks scramble when you know that you've done your preparation and homework. Keep up the good work!



SGHP Summer 2004 Activities

MAR 1, 2004

Month, 2003	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
OK RESA		History/COMP Workshop & Organizational Meeting OK RESA Date TBA*	July 8-11 Organization of American Historians Regional Conference - ATLANTA Note 2	August 6-7 Annual SGHP Conference Valdosta Conference Center Note 3
CP RESA		History/COMP Workshop & Organizational meeting VSU or CP RESA Date TBA*	July 8-11 Organization of American Historians Regional Conference- ATLANTA Note 2	August 6-7 Annual SGHP Conference Valdosta Conference Center Note 3
SW GA RESA	May 15 – MSED 7620 Pelham RESA Note 1	June 4,5,6 – MSED 7620 Carter Center, Atlanta - Note 4 June 19 – MSED 7620 Pelham RESA Note 1	July 8-11 Organization of American Historians Regional Conference - ATLANTA Note 2 July 10 – MSED 7620 - ATL Note 1	August 6-7 Annual SGHP Conference Valdosta Conference Center Note 3

- NOTES: (Note 1) MSED 7620 – Dr Walsh. Prep for research and conduct of research in Carter Library vault.
 (Note 2) Regional History Event, downtown Atlanta – ALL members, spouses welcome, overnight rooms provided.
 (Note 3) South GA regional history event – ALL members, spouses welcome, overnight rooms provided.
 (Note 4) Carter Center trip – Arr. ATL June 3 in PM or June 4, AM - 9:00 AM to 12:00PM June 4 – MLK Center, 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM, June 5 introduction and orientation at Carter Center, 9:00 AM til finished June 6 - research at Carter Center.
 Depart Atlanta either afternoon of June 5 or morning of June 6.
- TBA = To Be Announced

SGHP Master Training Schedule

JAN 15, 2004

Calendar Year	2003	2004	2005	2006
I75 EAST OK RESA CP RESA	Spring OAH – Memphis Summer COMP Carter Center MSED 7620 Fall HIST 6204	Spring OAH – Boston MAR 3/24-28 Summer OAH – Atlanta JUL 7/8-11 COMP Wkshop Fall Lesson Plan seminar Seminar #1 (makeup) (Note 2)	Spring Seminar #2 – CP RESA (#2) Summer Regional Hist TBA Carter Center MSED 7620 Fall Seminar #2 – OK RESA (#2) Makeups as needed	Spring Seminar #3- CP RESA (#2) OAH – Wash DC Summer Regional Hist TBA Carter Center Mentoring Workshop Fall Seminar #3 –OK RESA Makeups as needed
I75 WEST SW GA RESA	Spring MSED 7620 Summer Tech Workshop 1 Fall Seminar #1 Fall Conference 7-8 AUG Valdosta Civic Center All members	Spring Tech Workshop 2 COMP Summer OAH – Atlanta 7/8-11 Carter Center “ MSED 7620 (note 3) Fall Seminar #1 Fall Conference 6-7 AUG Valdosta Civic Center All members	Spring OAH – San Francisco Summer Regional Hist TBA Mentoring Workshop Fall Seminar #2 – SW RESA (#2) Makeups as needed	Spring OAH – Wash DC Tech Workshop 3 Summer Regional Hist TBA COMP Fall Seminar #3 – SW RESA (#3)

NOTES: (Note 1) Regional History Events TBA are yet to be decided field trips or regional history conferences.

(Note 2) Seminar #1-Gilded Age 1877-1905; Seminar #2-Progressive Era 1906-1932; Seminar #3- Years of Conflict 1933-1975

(Note 3) MSED 7620 – Pelham - May, June, July dates TBD