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Preface

In this 40th volume of Work Papers of the Summer Institute of Linguistics, University of North Dakota Session, we continue to present results of some of the on-going research that our staff and advanced students are engaged in.

In the lead article Willson presents an overview of the morphology and syntax of Burushaski (Pakistan) with special attention to verb agreement and case marking. For the first time, he carefully documents the verb agreement and case marking facts and proposes a solution within the framework of Relational Grammar. Interestingly, the case marking system is shown to operate a lot like Choctaw (Davies 1986), and to provide one more argument for Postal's analysis of antipassive.

Black continues to apply modern linguistic theory to her knowledge of Zapotec (Mexico). Here she looks at a construction in which a null subject is coreferential with the possessor of the direct object. She considers and rejects several analyses, and concludes that this is a case where the tail of a chain of coreferential elements is identified rather than the head.

Two seminars on Greek syntax have been offered in past years at the Summer Institute of Linguistics of the University of North Dakota. Black and Marlett's article grew out of these seminars. They present an analysis of the noun phrase within the X-bar theory of phrase structure and argue that the distribution of articles supports the recent proposal that the traditional noun phrase is best analyzed as a determiner phrase which may then take a noun phrase as its complement.

Eatough presents tone data from a never before documented dialect of Yi (China) in a format that was proposed for data squibs in 1993.

Finally, Thomson and Zawaydeh set out to test a hypothesis about the organization of the mental lexicon. Their test failed to support their hypothesis, but yielded an unexpected result. They found that responses to inflected verbs appeared to be affected by discourse processing factors while responses to uninflected verbs appeared not to be affected by discourse. This supports a proposal made by Morrow (1986) and opens up new areas of research.

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