ANTHROPOLOGY NEWSLETTER

COMING EVENTS

1) Guest Speaker

Anthropologist Eleanor Leacock of City University of New York will visit WSU November 10th through 12th. She will speak on feminist scholarship and its integration into the general curriculum. Her schedule is:

1. Thursday, November 10, 7:30 p.m. Fine Arts Auditorium
   "Sociobiological Theory and the Attack on Margaret Meade."
2. Friday, November 11, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. CUB Auditorium
   "Workshop: Issues in Sociobiology."
3. Friday, November 11, 12:30 p.m. University of Idaho Kiva
   "Women in International Development."

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATIONS AND DEFENSES


AWARDS TO FACULTY AND STUDENTS

1) On August 10, 1983, Kevin J. Peter and Dale Croes were awarded a grant of $14,850.00 by the State Historic Preservation Grants Advisory Committee. The grant is under the auspices of the Federal Emergency Jobs bill. The grant is for an expansion of the auger sampling program at the Hoko River Rockshelter, which was initially undertaken as part of Kevin Peter's thesis research.

2) Anan Raymond received one of the Don Crabtree Scholarships in Lithic Technology. The scholarships are open to students at the University of Idaho and at Washington State University. Each scholarship is for $1,000.00 to promote "graduate study and research of stone artifacts, and
diverse technologies involved, and human behavioral involvement in the production of such artifacts." Anan will use the scholarship to help continue his thesis research in the replicative analysis of lithic remains from sites in central Utah.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1) Flintknapping field school

From June 16 to July 15, 1983, Dr. J. Jeffrey Flenniken conducted a flintknapping field school in Stanley, Idaho (about 90 miles north of Sun Valley). The purpose of the field school is for individuals to conduct research in flake stone technology and experimental archaeology. This summer approximately 250 flintknapping techniques were replicated. Participants came from Brown University, University of Hawaii, UC-Riverside, Simon Fraser University, University of Florida, and Washington State University. WSU participants included Anan Raymond (as TA), Lee Novick, and Ron Towner. Gene Titmus and Jim Woods briefly visited the field school to share their expertise.

2) The Anthropology 230 (Introduction to Archaeology) class is currently excavating the Canyon Site (45Wh117). The class of 27 students is under the direction of Dr. J. Jeffrey Flenniken, who is assisted by TA Mike Johnson, and by volunteer supervisors Miranda Warburton, Lee Novick, Ron Towner and Steve Shelley.

The Canyon site is located in Steptoe Canyon on land owned by Whitman County. The site has been known since the 1930's, but has never been excavated, to the best of Dr. Flenniken's knowledge. The site was brought to the attention of WSU by Norbert Weiss, a long-time resident of Whitman County who has had a long standing interest in the archaeology of the area. Mr. Weiss also directed Dr. Flenniken to the site.

The Canyon site is one of a number of known sites in Steptoe Canyon. Dr. Flenniken has visited a number of these sites. Many of the sites have been exposed in the banks of a small stream which flows through the canyon. From these exposures Flenniken has determined that many of these sites are pre-Mazama (earlier than 6700 BP) since the midden occurs stratigraphically below exposures of Mazama ash. Flenniken knows of no previous excavation of any of the sites in Steptoe Canyon proper.

The Canyon site is located on a small stream terrace, or knoll, at the bottom of Steptoe Canyon. A portion of the site may have already been removed by erosion from the stream. In addition, a road was built over the site so portions have been grated and apparently hauled away. The current excavations are in a portion of the road which has been abandoned.

The purpose of this excavation is to provide students with training in archaeological field techniques, and provide them with a real archaeological problem so that they can gain a first-hand appreciation of the problems that an archaeologist faces in field work and in subsequent interpretations based on the field work. Another major goal is to test the age and extent of the site, and gain some idea of the pre-historic technologies present in Steptoe Canyon.
Thus far a shovel testing program has determined that the extent of the site is approximately 150 X 20 meters. The depth of the midden is unknown. A single day's excavation has produced numerous flakes—mostly made from basalt, but some are jasper. Numerous bone fragments, apparently from large animals, have also been recovered. Most of the bones have spiral fractures, and thus were probably still "green" (fresh) when broken. These artifacts will be curated at WSU.

The students' response to the excavation has been good. They like the idea of participating in a real excavation, and enjoy the challenges and excitement of field work.

3) Dr. Susan Kent has published Analyzing activity areas: An ethnoarchaeological study of the use of space through the University of New Mexico Press. Dr. Kent uses participant observation of a number of families from different cultural, ethnic and economic backgrounds to test three major hypotheses:

1. That the presence of food remains indicates the use of an area for food preparation.
2. Most activity areas are sex specific.
3. Most activity areas are used for only one activity.

Her case studies are located in the Southwest, and include a range from traditional Navahos, rural Spanish Americans, to suburban EuroAmericans.

Dr. Kent received her Ph.D. from WSU in 1980 and is currently adjunct assistant professor of anthropology at the University of New Mexico.

4) Wanted: News items for the Newsletter

If you have any item you believe might be of interest to the students, faculty or alumni of WSU's Anthropology Department, you are encouraged to submit it for publication in the newsletter. Items of particular interest include job openings, upcoming publications or presented papers, new research projects, or grants, fellowships, awards or appointments. The only stipulation is that "word of mouth" submissions will not be accepted. All items must be written or presented to the editor at such a time when it can be written down. Submissions will be edited, as long as sufficient information is provided.

The editor for the Fall Semester is Steve Shelley (Office—Room 140, Laboratory of Anthropology) and Ron Towner is assisting on a limited basis.

5) A new Anthropology Museum will be housed in College Hall along with the Department of Anthropology. The museum facility will be located on the first floor in the east end of College Hall. It will provide approximately twice the space of the old museum. Full-height exhibit cases, located between ultra-violet filtered windows, will surround a central exhibit area on three sides. The fourth side joins the exhibit area with a workshop and a collections storage room. Climate control and alarm systems will protect the entire facility.
Two additional banks of exhibit cases will flank the main corridor on the first floor. The museum curator, Kevin Erickson, will have an office along the main corridor.

A planning committee, consisting of Bette Meyer, Stefanie Ludwig, Rene Doerfler, Terry Ozbon, and headed by Kevin Erickson, has been meeting since September to draw up a document outlining the purpose, goals and future direction of the new museum. The document will include specific recommendations for exhibit structure and content, museum programs (such as workshops, lectures, movies, and tour groups), curatorial procedures, funding strategies, and relations with the Anthropology faculty, University administration, and local and regional community.

If you have any questions or suggestions concerning the new Anthropology Museum please contact Kevin Erickson.

6) The Department of Anthropology will soon be moving to its new home in College Hall. Anticipated date of the move is January 9, according to the latest information provided by Kevin Erickson, the move coordinator.

The new facility in College Hall is most impressive in both a practical and an aesthetic sense. The architecture is a pleasant blend of the old and the new. Extensive use has been made of oak moldings, doors, and other decorative items. The oak is stained so that it retains the natural beauty of the wood. The original wrought iron, oak banisters have been refinished. The intent is to provide an appearance that is authentic to the original style of the building, yet incorporating new features to upgrade its utility.

The building appears to fulfill its utilitarian function, as well as being aesthetically pleasing. There are four classrooms, a seminar room, plus several classroom/teaching labs. The archaeology labs are extensive, with each lab being designed, as much as possible, to the specification of the professor who will use the lab. There are labs for palynology, sediment research, botany analysis, paleontology, linguistics, and regional archaeological analysis. Besides the lab space, each faculty member will have a personal research area. This additional space will undoubtedly be welcomed by the cultural faculty, who currently have no such space available.

Several other additions include an extensive in-house computing capability, extensive drafting, darkroom and related production facilities, and special collections storage facilities. There is also space to house 48 graduate assistants, spaced throughout the building.

Due to its centralized location the College Hall facility is expected to attract more attention to the department. The new museum, described in this newsletter, is taking advantage of this exposure and has been designed to attract visitors through its light, spacious appearance. In addition many lab and other work spaces, particularly in the museum, are designed with windows to allow visitors to view work in progress.
Much of the credit for the new College Hall facility goes to Dr. Peter Mehringer, who chaired the Building Committee and spent a great deal of time insuring that the design was the best possible. Credit also goes to the individual professors who spent time with the architect in an effort to design the best and most efficient labs and work space.

7) Anthropology 576 had a working field trip from October 20th through 25th. The class of students were accompanied by representatives from the U.S. Forest Service, and the University of Montana. The field trip was to the Kearns Basin, which is about 20 miles from Dillon, Montana, in the southern pioneer range. The class camped there on a small moraine, surrounded by timber and lodgepole pine, and Douglas fir.

The purpose of the trip is to learn about the fire history, the vegetation history, and particularly the pre-European contact vegetation of the present sagebrush/forest boundary. This information is of interest to land and range managers, such as the U.S. Forest Service, particularly since some people contend that there has been an invasion of the sagebrush/forest into what was more expansive grasslands during the 1800's. The history and causes of such changes have important implications to range management.

To accomplish their objective the class, under the direction of Dr. Peter Mehringer and TA Kate Aasen, cored two marshy meadows, with one core obtaining approximately 2½ meters of sediment. These cores are now undergoing preliminary analysis, primarily of the pollen, as a class project.

In addition to coring the class visited the Big Hole Battlefield, Loss Trail Pass, and Indian Trees. Through the help of the U.S. Forest Service they spent a night in the smoke jumpers' barracks in Missoula, Montana, then returned via Lolo Pass.

8) Anthropology 446, Prehistory of the Desert West, class had the annual field trip from October 6th through 11th. The trip route went south from Pullman through Walla Walla, Central Oregon, and back through the Scablands of Central Washington. A number of archaeological sites were visited, including Catlow Cave, Fort Rock Cave, Skull Creek Dunes, Christmas Valley Dunes, and Warner Valley. Areas of geologic and environmental interest were also visited. These included Newberry Craters, Diamond Craters, Abert Lake, Steens Mountains, Cottonwood Canyon and Hart Mountain. The trip was informative and enjoyable, with good food and company, plus generally nice weather.

9) Graduate students are needed to fill WSU Committee positions. If you are interested call or drop by the GPSA Office, CUB 311, or phone (509) 335-9545.
FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

1) The American Anthropological Association has Anthropological Fellows to work as full-time aides to members of the U.S. Senate and House, or as staff of a Congressional Committee. Fellows are required to be in Washington from early November to Mid August. Stipends range from $12,000 to new Ph.D.'s and $18,000 to Fellows with more than one year of professional experience beyond the Ph.D. Candidates must have a Ph.D. in anthropology or be Fellows of the AAA. Candidates who will receive a Ph.D. by October 1, 1983, are also eligible. Qualifications: 1) Competence in field; 2) interest in application of anthropology to policy issues; 3) excellence in written and spoken communication; 4) ability to work with people. Applicants need to supply: 1) VITA; 2) Recommendations. Additional information available at Avery.

Closing date is February 15, 1984.

2) Smithsonian Fellowships for 1984-1985 are available. Ten week fellowships are available for graduate students to conduct individual research under staff supervision (stipend is $2,000). Six months to one year fellowships are available for postdoctoral training ($18,000 plus expenses) and dissertation research ($11,000 plus allowance). For information write to:

Office of Fellowships and Grants
Smithsonian Institution
Room 3300, L'Enfant Plaza
Washington, DC 20560
(202) 287-3271

Deadline is January 15, 1984.

3) The National Science Foundation has three-year Graduate Fellowships available for study in physical and social sciences. Applicants cannot have completed more than 20 semester/30 quarter hours of study beyond their baccalaureate degree. Stipend is $18,000 per 12 month tenure. Closing date is November 23, 1983. Awards to be announced in Mid March, 1984.

4) The National Science Foundation has Minority Graduate Fellowships available for 1984-1985. Stipend is $8,100 for a 12 month tenure. Eligible minorities include American Indian, Black, Hispanic, Native Alaskan, or Native Pacific Islanders. Only citizens or nationals of the United States are eligible. Closing date is November 23, 1983. Awards to be announced in Mid March, 1984.

5) The National Research Council has postdoctoral Fellowships for minorities available for 9 or 12 month tenures, starting September, 1984. Stipend for a regular postdoctoral is $20,000 and for a senior postdoctoral is $26,000. The minority and citizenship requirements are the same as the NSF minority requirements listed above. Closing date is January 16, 1984. Awards announced in Mid March, 1984.

7) Note: More detailed information on all fellowships is available at the Department of Anthropology, Avery Hall.

INTERNSHIPS

1) The International Development Intern Program has internships to train men and women to become Foreign Service Officers. Applicants must have a graduate degree. Approximately three years of professional experience is required, preferably overseas. Salaries range from $19,000 to $25,000. Closing date for the September, 1984 class is November 18, 1983, and for the Spring, 1985 class is April 20, 1984. For further details contact Ellan Hastay, Career Services, (509) 335-2546, or Mary Finney, International Development Office, (509) 335-2541.

JOBS

1) Note: All job listings have more complete information available from the Department of Anthropology in Avery Hall. Check the jobs board by the reception desk.

2) The Department of Anthropology at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro has a possible tenure-track position for a cultural anthropologist at an instructor or assistant professor level. Begins August, 1984. Closing date unknown.

3) The Department of Anthropology at California State University, Chico, has two full-time visiting assistant professor positions for cultural anthropology. Begins January 16, 1984. Closing date is December 1, 1983.


5) The Department of Anthropology, University of Montana has a tenure-track instructor or assistant professor position for an archaeologist. Closing date is November 15, 1983.

6) The Federal Government is requesting applicants for two positions with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Branch of Federal Acknowledgment, in Washington, DC. One position is for a cultural anthropologist and the other for a historian. Applicants accepted temporary assignments (18 months to 2 years) and must be currently employed by Federal, State, local or Indian Tribal governments. Closing date unknown.

7) Washington State University has a position for Coordinator of Prospect Research. Responsible for identification and evaluation of potential sources of support for fund raising efforts, developing
procedures and policies for procuring and disseminating information and maintaining records. Requires bachelors degree in social sciences, business or related fields. Salary commensurate with experience and qualifications. Deadline is December 1, 1983. Job to be filled January 1, 1984.

8) The Department of Anthropology, John Hopkins University, seeks a social/cultural anthropologist for a junior level, tenure-track appointment. Prefer specialization in southern or southeast Asia, Oceania, or Latin America. Ph.D. required. Closing date unknown.

9) The University of North Dakota has archaeological research staff positions at the Ph.D., M.A., B.A., and undergraduate levels. All positions are non-tenure-track. All positions involve field research and cultural resource contracts. For 1983-1984 academic year, summer, 1984, and academic year 1984-1985. Salaries and responsibilities vary with positions. Positions are: Associate Research Archaeologist, Assistant Research Archaeologist, Field Supervisor, Assistant Field Supervisor, Field Assistant.

10) The State University of New York at Albany, Department of Anthropology, has a tenure-track position for a social anthropologist at an assistant professor level. Deadline: December 15, 1983.

11) Michigan State University, Department of Anthropology is seeking to fill a tenure-track position at an associate or advanced assistant professor level for a socio cultural anthropologist specializing in medical anthropology. Closing date is December 15, 1983.


13) Princeton University has a tenure-track position for an assistant professor level beginning September, 1984. Position is for an archaeologist. Closing date is December 31, 1983.

14) The University of California, Berkeley, anticipates having an appointment at an assistant professor level for a socio cultural anthropologist. Closing date is January 1, 1984.

15) Ohio State University, Department of Anthropology, has a tenure-track assistant professor position for a physical anthropologist. Ph.D. required. Closing date is January 5, 1984.

16) Ohio State University, Department of Anthropology, has a tenure-track assistant professor position for an archaeologist. Ph.D. required. Closing date is January 5, 1984.

17) Northern Illinois University has a tenure-track assistant professor position for an anthropologist with a real interest in southeast Asia. Ph.D. required. Closing date is February 1, 1984.

18) Bloomsburg University has a tenure-track assistant professor position for a New World archaeologist. Ph.D. preferred. Closing date is February 1, 1984.