Upcoming Events

1. Colloquia

A series of departmental colloquia is scheduled to begin soon. These meetings will probably be held during evening hours. Faculty members who have expressed an interest in giving a talk include Dr. Grover Krantz, Dr. Fekri Hassan, and Dr. Robert Ackerman.

2. Get-togethers

A Hallowe'en party will be held Saturday, October 30, at the home of Kevin Peter, Lorraine Gross, and Anan Raymond. The address is NE 450 Maiden Lane, the time is 8:30 P.M., and costumes are "de rigeur".

Also, a departmental get-together is tentatively planned for early November. The exact time and place will be announced.

Announcements

1. Anthropology Graduate Student Positions

The Department of Anthropology has a few positions available for graduate students with work-study or willing to work for minimum wage. Included in these positions is one for a Library Researcher and one for a Manuscript Typist. For more information on these and other positions, please contact Donalee to make an appointment with Dr. Gamble.

2. Travel Grants

There is still time to get in your application for travel funds for the period November 12, 1982 through February 11, 1983. Forms are available from Donalee or the Graduate School. Eight copies of the completed application must be turned in to the Graduate School (attention: Liza Nagel) by October 29. Awards will be announced by November 12. In the past, anthropology students have been successful in receiving these funds. This summer Nancy McKee, Chris Wooley, and Barbara Arnold received travel grant awards.

3. Work-Study Research Position

Dr. Ackerman is looking for a graduate or undergraduate student on work-study to do some research. Please contact Dr. Ackerman for more information.
4. Calls For Papers

The Western Association of Sociology and Anthropology is holding its annual conference at Brandon University, Brandon, Manitoba, February 11-13, 1983. The conference theme is "Social and Political Services in the Developing West: New Frontier". Students and faculty interested in giving papers should send titles, brief abstracts, and short biographical notes to Samuel Corrigan, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Brandon University, Brandon, Manitoba R7A 6A9, by November 30. Membership in the association costs $5.00.

The 36th Annual Northwest Anthropological Conference will be held March 24-26, 1983, at the Owyhee Plaza Hotel in Boise, Idaho. Symposia outlines should be sent in by January 15, and the final deadline for symposia titles and abstracts, and individual paper abstracts, is February 15. Materials and inquiries should be addressed to Kenneth Ames, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and CJA, Boise State University, Boise, ID 83725.

5. Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

A number of awards and fellowships are available from a variety of organizations. These awards include the following:

The Social Research Department of the American Foundation for the Blind is awarding partial funding of doctoral dissertation research in several areas of concern, including (but not limited to) problems of visual impairment as related to aging, and to ethnic minority status. Proposals are due January 3, 1983.

The National Science Foundation is offering new three-year Graduate Fellowships to graduate students in a variety of science and engineering fields. These fellowships will be offered in March, 1983, to students pursuing graduate degrees. The first part of the application is due November 24, with supporting materials and the second part of the application due at various times through February 1.

Dumbarton Oaks is offering fellowships in three areas of Byzantine studies, Pre-Columbian studies, and the history of landscape architecture. The deadline for applications is November 15. The awards will be announced in February.

The Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation is offering Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowships to advanced graduate students in social sciences and humanities. Applications must be postmarked by January 7. Awards will be announced by April 15.

The National Research Council plans to award 35 Postdoctoral Fellowships for Minorities in a variety of fields. The deadline for application is January 14. Awards will be announced in mid-March.

The National Science Foundation offers support for a variety of research topics on a continuing basis, including an Anthropology Program which supports research in cultural, social, and physical anthropology, and archaeology. Applications may be submitted at any time. Dr John E. Yellen is the director of this program.
This is only a partial listing of awards available at this time. Dr. Gamble encourages all graduate students to apply for grants and fellowships, so if you are interested in further information please contact the Anthropology Department.

6. WARC Announcement

WARC has acquired the SPSS Master File version of the Ethnographic Atlas. The file is on loan from Bill Smith of the Department of Anthropology, Central Washington University. Faculty and students interested in cross-cultural research using this computer file of over 1000 worldwide cultures should contact Steven Hackenberger at WARC, 335-8566.

7. IMS Announcement

Jack Davis of IMS would like to remind students that audiovisual equipment is available for class and personal use, including cameras, tape recorders, slide projectors, lettering machines, and other items. For further information contact IMS on the ground floor of Holland Library, 335-4535.

8. Announcements from Dr. Gamble

Dr. Gamble would like to remind advanced graduate students that they should be writing and presenting papers at meetings. This is an important part of a graduate education.

News

1. Enrollment Figures

The Anthropology Department has 26 undergraduate and 68 graduate majors enrolled for the Fall, 1982 semester.

2. Student Publications

Anan Raymond has had a paper accepted by the Journal of California and Great Basin Anthropology entitled "Two Historic Aboriginal Game-Drives in the Eastern Great Basin." The paper concerns two enclosures made of juniper trunks and branches discovered in northwest Utah during an 1884 archaeological survey. Raymond compares these structures to similar ones described in Great Basin ethnographic accounts, and postulates that they most likely functioned as traps for pronghorn antelope, and that they were probably built by the Grouse Creek Shoshoni. The paper is expected to appear in the next issue of the journal.

3. Faculty Research

The subject of our first faculty profile is Dr. Fekri Hassan, the department's geoarchaeology specialist. While his face may not be a familiar one to
some of the newer students due to his recent professional leave, Dr. Hassan has been at WSU since 1975 when he came here to develop the geoarchaeology program. He is perhaps best known as a leading researcher and writer in this relatively new field, but his interests cover a wide range of anthropological and geological topics.

Dr. Hassan began his academic career as a geologist, doing graduate work and teaching at Ain Shams University in Cairo, Egypt. He received graduate training in archaeology at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas, earning his PhD. in 1973. He subsequently taught at the University of Illinois in Chicago, and at Wayne State University in Detroit, before coming to WSU.

Dr. Hassan's research interests have been and still are quite varied. His first archaeological research involved the analysis of lithic artifacts from the late Paleolithic in the Nile valley. His later interest in geoarchaeology developed naturally out of his background in both geology and archaeology. His current interests also include the origins of agriculture and civilization in North Africa and the Near East, and the human ecology of prehistoric peoples, especially the demographic variables that were operating. His research in these areas has led to numerous articles, and to a book, Demographic Archaeology, published by Academic Press.

Dr. Hassan's views on geoarchaeology have also been expressed in several publications, including articles in the Journal of Field Archaeology and in American Antiquity. He also chaired a symposium in geoarchaeology at the 1979 meetings of the SAA in Vancouver, B.C. Dr. Hassan sees the goal of geoarchaeology as the reconstruction of paleoenvironments using sedimentological techniques, and he stresses that one's view should be people-oriented. One should always be cognizant of the dynamic nature of the interaction between human behavior and the habitat in which it occurred.

Over the last decade, Dr. Hassan's interests have taken him on expeditions to Lebanon, Algeria, Jordan, Ethiopia, and finally Egypt, which he has visited eight times since 1974. While Dr. Hassan has been working in the region he has been involved in the interpretation of Egypt's late quaternary climate. Of particular interest has been the geologic history of the Nile. His major contributions have been to document the remote antiquity of the modern Nile regime (contrary to previously held views), and to link the episodic variations in flood discharge of the Nile with global climatic changes. His work on this aspect of Egyptian prehistory appeared in a 1981 article in Science.

His most recent work in Egypt has been in Nagada, an area near Luxor in Upper Egypt, where he has located and studied numerous early farming communities of the pre-Pharaonic period. These sites span much of the formative stage in Egyptian civilization, and are quite rich in artifactual and bioarchaeological remains. Dr. Hassan's research has focused on settlement patterns and subsistence, attempting to assess the impact of agriculture on the sociopolitical system.

The first stage of investigations is now concluded, and Dr. Hassan has been preparing a book on the results which Academic Press plans to publish next year. The volume will not only deal with Nagada, but will re-examine...
current concepts on the origins of Egyptian civilization. It will also be of interest to archaeologists working outside of Egypt because it will discuss the use of new methodological approaches in dealing with such topics as carrying capacity, site catchment analysis, settlement location, site formation processes, and the recognition of activity areas in archaeological sites.

Dr. Hassan's active research and writing have put him at the forefront of archaeological investigation. He is an asset to this department, and of course to the discipline as a whole.