Our second issue of Anthro News comes at a time when the department is undergoing cutbacks in funding, faculty, and staff. For example, we have not yet been able to find the funding to save the lithic specialist position (Jeff Flenniken); we are witnessing the drastic reduction of the Washington Archaeological Research Center; and we are reorganizing the Center for Northwest Anthropology—all as a result of cuts in state appropriations.

But adversity has a way of encouraging ingenuity and effort. And in spite of increased pressure on our resources and personnel, our department has been developing some very positive attitudes and activities.

One of our great assets is the knowledge that we are at the core of the liberal arts. Another is the sense of departmental unity resulting from our being together in one building for the first time in 20 years. Some of the fruits of our move into College Hall can be seen in the increasing activity in the museum and the appointment of a full-time curator, Alice Gronski. In addition, our biweekly colloquium has become more than the orphan child such events tend to be. Thanks to graduate student Bill Bloomer, they have become frequent, well-attended, and controversial, including, as they do, papers presented by both graduate students and faculty. An informal seminar on lithics, called the "Glad-Rap," has also sprung up.

We have been fortunate in having some excellent speakers this year, including Jeffrey Dean, Gerry Berreman, Roger Fouts, Laura Nader, Janice Beyer, and Chris Chippindale. Each of these speakers reminded us that the ideas unique to anthropology, which we all take for granted in the discipline, still come as a great surprise to our colleagues across the campus.

I hope this newsletter finds you in good spirits. Let us know how and what you are doing. If you know of the whereabouts of other WSU alumni whom we may have lost track of, let us hear about that also. In the meantime, we send you our best wishes.

Bob Littlewood
**Lipe to Step Down as CNA Director**

William D. Lipe, director of the Center for North-west Anthropology since 1983, has announced his resignation from that position, effective May 15, 1986. He plans to return to full-time teaching and increase his research activities in the southwestern United States.

Under Lipe's leadership, the center carried on a high level of activity in cultural resource management and research in 1985-86.

Major field studies of prehistoric land use patterns were conducted in the Calispell Valley of northeastern Washington and the Kootenai Valley of northwestern Montana. Smaller undertakings focused on Pittsburgh Landing in Hells Canyon National Recreation Area and on Downey Gulch in the Wallowa Mountains. Progress continued on an oral history of the Nez Perce National Historical Park and on an overview and research design for managing ethnographic and archaeological resources in the North Cascades National Park complex.

Meanwhile, a collections inventory and site monitoring project were completed for the Walla Walla District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and several chapters were prepared and submitted to the Bureau of Land Management for a general manual on predictive modeling of prehistoric site locations and land use patterns. Finally, expansion of the center's interests to southeastern Alaska was achieved, with projects in place on Heceta and Prince of Wales Islands.

Faculty involvement in CNA projects increased over the year. Robert Ackerman was principal investigator on the Alaska project; Timothy Kohler headed one of the predictive modeling projects; and Peter Mehringer, Allan Smith, and Research Associate Alan Marshall consulted on several other projects. Especially active were Alston Thoms (Calispell Valley and Kootenai), John Draper (Pittsburgh Landing), and James Gallison (Heceta Island).

**Museum of Anthropology: Report from the Curator**

An important goal for the Museum of Anthropology in the next few years is to bring our huge collection of archaeological material under better control. This will include an inventory of all our holdings and the development of storage methods that will allow us easy access to the collection.

As a start in this direction, I have been visiting other universities to see how they manage their collections. I also attended a workshop in February on fund-raising for museums. Since then, I have been meeting regularly with Geoff Gamble and Bill Lipe to see what possibilities exist for obtaining funds to accomplish some of our goals.

We will soon have an exhibit on research in Alaska and the first of two exhibits on the fossil record of human evolution. As part of our educational outreach effort in the public schools, we have made a number of presentations to sixth graders and have participated in the spring enrichment program at Jefferson Elementary High School. Tours and demonstrations are scheduled for several school groups for the rest of this semester.

Alumni and friends of anthropology are always welcome visitors to the museum. Hours are 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Please let us know if you have any suggestions, or if you would like us to exhibit a particular collection.

Alice Gronski

**Linda Stone: Report from Indonesia**

Last fall, Linda Stone visited the Dani tribe on Irian Jaya, Indonesia, while consulting with the World Health Organization to study the introduction of modern health programs in remote regions of Irian Jaya. Linda found the Dani responsive to the programs, especially in areas where missionaries are helping to introduce them with patience and an understanding of Dani culture.

Nonetheless, Linda reports, the programs seem to assume that health problems in the region are due to the Dani's poor health habits and ignorance of modern health care. Other evidence, however, suggests that many of the more pressing health problems among the Dani are the result of escalated contact with the outside world. Linda urges that the health programs be designed to help the Dani adapt to their rapidly changing conditions.
Lisa Gay Bostwick Bjerck, B.A. ’74, received her M.S. in quaternary sciences at the University of Maine, Orono, in 1978. She currently lives in Norway with her husband, Hein Bjartmann Bjerck, and their two sons. A Ph.D. candidate at the University of Bergen, Lisa hopes to finish her studies this year.

Leo A. Bennett, M.A. ’72, taught anthropology for eight years at Seattle Central Community College, before joining the forest service as forest archaeologist for Payette National Forest, Idaho.

Leslie E. Wildesen, Ph.D. ’73, is deputy SHPO and state archaeologist for Colorado. She also serves as a member of the Cultural Property Committee and the OTA panel.

Pamela Stephenson, M.A. ’85, is presently working as a private consultant with a company in Virginia, doing “a lot of historic archaeology.”


Judith Leone Young-Thayer, B.A. ’82, has moved to Hampton, Virginia, following her husband’s retirement from the U.S. Army. She hopes to pursue some archaeological interests there.

Robert E. Ackerman’s Heceta Island archaeological survey of 1985 resulted in the discovery of archaeological sites on elevated marine terraces with a time range of 9000-5000 BP, and a rockshelter site dating to 4000 BP. Data recovered from the site middens dated to 8200, 5000, and 4000 BP. The 8200 BP midden is the oldest data recovered from the northern Northwest coast area.

John H. Bodley taught a new graduate seminar, “Tribal Peoples and Development Issues,” as part of the new master’s-level Program in Development Issues. He is presently preparing an edited volume of readings on the same topic for Mayfield Press. This summer, he will teach a short course on development issues for the College of Rural Development at the University of Alaska in Fairbanks and Kotzebue.

Geoffrey Gamble spent several days in central California last summer with one of the last fluent speakers of the Wikchamni language. He plans to continue working with Native American elders in the area for the next few years, trying to discern those features of the language that have been most resistant to change, as well as those that have changed most rapidly. The compilation of his 15 years’ field work on Wikchamni has resulted in a sizable dictionary, currently under consideration by the University of California Press. A companion set of stories, myths, and histories has been approved for publication by Mouton Publishers.

Carl E. Gustafson will continue to work this summer at the Manis site. He recently finished cataloging and preserving artifacts and modified bones from the site, and he plans to complete work on a major paper by summer’s end.

Timothy Kohler will be on professional leave next year as resident scholar at the School for American Research, Santa Fe, New Mexico, where he will be working up materials from the Dolores Archaeological Project for publication. He has articles forthcoming in Advances in Archaeological Method and Theory and Journal of Anthropological Archaeology.

William D. Lipe has been named research director of the Crow Canyon Archaeological Center in southwestern Colorado and will carry out his appointment in the summers. Last year, he served on the Washington State Heritage Council, which made recommendations regarding the needs of archaeology, historic preservation, and museums in the state. He represents the council on the Washington State Centennial Commission’s Lasting Legacy Committee, which is preparing a revision of the state’s archaeological sites law and is developing a proposal for a major exhibit recognizing the state’s Native American cultures.

Robert A. Littlewood has discovered a new career in memo writing and budget juggling. His motto is “work, work, work,” and his role model is Mel Brooks as the governor in Blazing Saddles.

William Willard has developed a new undergraduate course, “Cultural Components in International Management,” to be offered this fall to students interested in the application of anthropological methods to the culture of business organizations.
**Keeping in Touch**

Because we're in the process of evaluating our programs, we'd like very much to know what you've been doing since graduation. Please use the form below to send us this information. We will use it to evaluate and strengthen our offerings and to give a realistic picture of the merits of an anthropological education to prospective students.

We hope too that you'll use the attached gift envelope to make your annual gift to the department. Contributions from alumni and friends support museum collections, speakers, student travel, equipment repair, and other departmental projects. All gifts, regardless of size, are needed and appreciated.

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