



COLORADO COUNCIL OF PROFESSIONAL ARCHAEOLOGISTS

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1985 CCPA ANNUAL MEETING

Our big annual get-together is just around the corner on March 8-9 in Glenwood Springs. Accommodations and meeting rooms have been arranged at the historic Hotel Colorado, with registration beginning at 8:00 am on that Friday. Governmental agency updates commence at 9:00, with the business meeting scheduled for 1:00 pm. The following day will consist of professional papers and symposia.

If any of you have journals, contract reports, books, etc., that you would be willing to donate to a sale, please bring them (they will be tax-deductable).

Those with any questions about the meeting can contact Program Chair, Kevin Black, P.O. Box 899, Eagle, CO 81631 (303) 328-6244.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

1984 is now behind us, and it will soon be time for our changing of the guard, the new installation of officers to take place at the spring meeting in Glenwood Springs. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your support and involvement in CCPA over the past year, and for your continued faithfulness in the stewardship and management of Colorado's cultural resources throughout that time.

As most of you know, the U.S. Forest Service has denied a mining permit to Chimney Rock Coal Company for the purposes of mining within the Chimney Rock Archaeological Area, and I have been told by several individuals close to the situation (Sierra Club) that the involvement of the professional and avocational communities in the campaign to stop the strip mine was significant and instrumental in deciding the final outcome. At present the mining company has appealed the Forest Service decision, and it will eventually have to be decided at the Chief's level in Washington, but based on past appeals, the Forest and Regional positions will most likely be supported. Thanks to all of you who wrote letters and made phone calls in behalf of Chimney Rock.

This past year was not without controversy. It was with no personal pleasure that I chaired the first special meeting ever called by the membership in order to deal with problems. In this case, a number of CCPA members felt that the Interagency Archeological Services had acted inappropriately in the administration of a cultural resource contract on the Pinon Canyon Project. They wished to air their grievances, and determine what course of action CCPA might take to remedy the situation. The final result, that CCPA should commission SOPA to investigate and recommend actions to CCPA, was eventually rejected by SOPA. However, at about that time, Bennie Keel, Departmental Consulting Archeologist, undertook his own investigation (the results of which were distributed to the CCPA membership several months ago). The Executive Committee has since met, and decided that our involvement in the entire controversy should be terminated, as the findings of the investigative committee seemed to cover the major concerns of the membership. This is not to say that every CCPA member is satisfied. Some continue to have concerns, and they are pursuing further action independently.

In spite of what has been an unstable economic situation for many contract archaeologists in Colorado, there still seems to be a vitality and health in the profession. Good research is being conducted, and I see a continuing and broadening of communication channels between those of us here in Colorado and individuals and organizations outside of the state. There has recently been a call for CCPA and WOPA (Wyoming) to have a joint meeting, something that will probably take place next fall, perhaps up along our northern border (e.g. Saratoga).

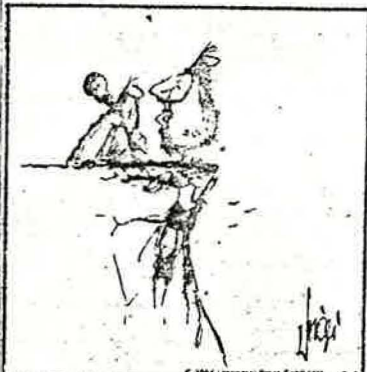
I thank you all for allowing me the privilege of serving as your the President for 1984-85. The experience has been a very positive one personally, one which I can store away and cherish in coming years. The new Executive Committee, headed very ably by Steve Sigstad, will, I'm sure, desire all the help and feedback you as members can provide.

E. Steve Cassells
President, CCPA
1984-85

THE FAR SIDE



Primitive Man discovers tools.



"So much for your theory that the earth is round."



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Dr. E. Steve Cassells, President
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Dear Steve:

The enclosed statement speaks for itself. It may be considered as the statement promised to the CCPA membership by Dan Clayton of the D.U. Academic Research Center at the special meeting on April 18, 1984. For that reason, I request that the statement be disseminated to the CCPA membership by whatever means you deem appropriate.

Sincerely,

Sarah

Sarah M. Nelson
Associate Professor

STATEMENT REGARDING PINON CANYON
ARCHAEOLOGICAL PROJECT

The University of Denver and Dr. Sarah Nelson issue this joint statement regarding her role in the Pinon Canyon Project.

The University of Denver recognizes Dr. Nelson's efforts and creativity in securing the award of the Pinon Canyon Archaeological Contract to the University and her considerable efforts in getting the project underway from April, 1983, until she was removed as principal investigator in October, 1983. The action removing Dr. Nelson was taken under great pressure of time, and the University regrets having had to respond so quickly. Its action was not intended and should not be taken to imply a lack of confidence in Dr. Nelson's abilities. Dr. Nelson remains a valued member of the University's faculty. The University sincerely hopes that this action causes no permanent harm to her career or damage to her reputation as an anthropologist and archaeologist.

Dated this 4th day of February, 1985.

Sarah M. Nelson
Sarah M. Nelson

Dwight M. Smith
Dwight M. Smith, Chancellor,
University of Denver

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TELEVISION SHOW RATES CRM EFFORT

A long awaited story about archeology was broadcast by ABC on the news magazine show "20/20" on December 27th. It focused on the results of Federal laws designed to save cultural resources. CRM got a poor grade in this fairly well-balanced story. Plus marks were given for good intentions -- the laws were designed to protect important bits of our past. On the minus side was execution, with Tom King of the Advisory Council saying we don't get much bang for the buck. He estimated that as much as \$200 million is being spent each year.

The program noted the much criticized New Melones dam project which spent several million dollars and still lacks a happy ending. The Phoenix Interstate project was cited as an example of how all the laws can be satisfied but a significant site is lost. The lack of any central clearing house for information was said to lead to repetitive work that yields no new information. The narrator said that too much money is spent on digs at sites that nobody cares about.

Survey, as opposed to excavation, received only a little attention. The primary exception was an Army funded survey in Colorado where a new tank exercise area will require about 400 square miles of survey. The implication was that the million plus dollars cost was buying records of sites that archeologists would not be interested in if Federal dollars had not been available. No Forest Service programs were mentioned.

Only a few years ago news stories about archeology were much more positive. If there were "bad guys" it was the pothunters. The success of the CRM program, in terms of growth, has made it a fair target for critics and now archeologists are finding that costs and results are matters of public interest. This new view of archeology, coupled with the current push for reduced government costs, may lead Congress to restructure CRM requirements.

THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON



"Anthropologists! Anthropologists!"

SHOE

By Jeff MacNelly



Update on the Colorado Reburial Process

Leslie E. Wildesen
State Archaeologist
November, 1984

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In 1977, Bruce Rippeteau began to ask whether the Colorado "Abuse of a corpse" law could be used to protect prehistoric Indian skeletal remains on state and private lands in Colorado. In 1979, a memorandum from Janet Clouse, Assistant Attorney General, asserted that the State Archaeologist, through the permitting process, could regulate excavation of burials on lands owned by the state or its political subdivisions. In addition, the Colorado Historical, Prehistorical, and Archaeological Resources Act provides that the State Archaeologist may act on behalf of any other parties, upon request, including municipalities, counties, and private landowners.

Accordingly, an informal process was negotiated between the Office of the State Archaeologist and the Colorado Commission on Indian Affairs to handle the occasional disinterment of prehistoric human skeletal materials caused by small scale natural or human-caused ground disturbance on private or state lands. This informal process has been applied to about a dozen Indian burials since 1979. At a meeting on October 22, 1984, Cynthia Kent, Executive Director of the CCIA, Leslie Wildesen, State Archaeologist, Barbara Sudler, President of the Colorado Historical Society, and Richard Tallbull, of the White Buffalo Council, agreed to formalize the existing process. We expect to receive a draft agreement for review by the end of December, 1984. On November 16, 1984, the CCIA was allocated five acres in Golden Gate State Park for use as a reburial ground; the first reinterments are planned for March, 1985.

The outlines of the existing reburial process are as follows:

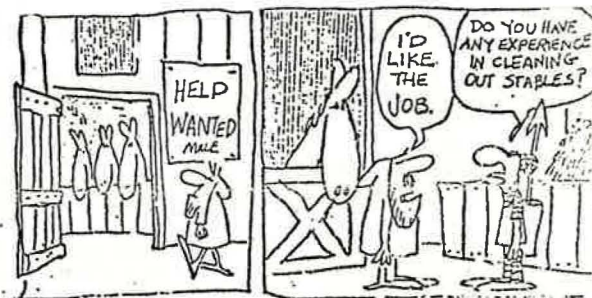
1. The discoverer of an accidental disinterment on private or state lands contacts (a) the landowner, (b) the county Sheriff and Coroner, and (c) the State Archaeologist.
2. The State Archaeologist will determine whether the remains are (a) Indian, and (b) prehistoric. (If they are historic and/or non-Indian, this process does not apply).
3. The remains are conveyed to the Colorado Heritage Center for preliminary identification and analysis, if needed.
4. The State Archaeologist conveys the remains to the Commission on Indian Affairs for reinterment.

At this time, the museum at CU is being used as the repository for the remains during Step 4. Analyses including measurements, x-ray, and other non-destructive techniques may be conducted at any step prior to reinterment upon consultation with the State Archaeologist and the CCIA.

This process is intended to apply only to the situations described above. Thus, it does not apply to large scale cemetery excavations or to federal lands. Furthermore, it neither prevents non-destructive analyses by archaeologists, nor requires such analyses to be done by a particular individual or institution.

Several federal agencies in Colorado have expressed interest in developing a process that would insure dignified treatment of human remains found on federal lands. The current federal guidelines, developed by the Departmental Consulting Archaeologist of the U.S. Department of the Interior, and applicable to all federal agencies, emphasize consultation with appropriate groups, and the compatibility of dignified treatment and scholarly research. Thus, these guidelines, by themselves, do not prevent federal agencies in Colorado from participating in the process outlined above or a similar one.

Several issues need to be resolved through continued discussion. Contributions from CCPA members and Executive Committee will be important in defining the boundaries of those discussions and gaining support among the archaeological community for the final result. Topics needing further discussion include: (1) treatment of large scale cemetery excavations; (2) treatment of remains from federal lands; (3) time limits for osteological analysis after discovery and before reinterment; (4) the appropriate entity to perform analysis; and (5) the appropriate sequence of notifications and consultations, statewide.



MINUTES OF THE SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING
COLORADO COUNCIL OF PROFESSIONAL ARCHAEOLOGISTS

The 6th Annual Meeting of the Colorado Council of Professional Archaeologists was held March 9, 1984 at the University of Colorado, Boulder. Program Coordinator John Gooding began with a series of announcements regarding the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by President Paul Nickens at 9:30 a.m.

A welcome address was presented by Dr. Vernon Minor, Associate Director of the C.U. Museum. He invited all CCPA members to a reception at the museum at 5:00 p.m., and announced that a tour of the museum's public exhibits and research collection would be conducted at 3:00 p.m. that afternoon.

President Nickens announced that Steve Cassells would be acting as parliamentarian, and requested that motions be presented in writing to the secretary. He requested that reading of the minutes of the previous minutes be dispensed with, as they have been published in the newsletter. No objections were raised to accepting the minutes as published.

Officers' reports were called for.

President's Report: Executive Committee meetings were held in March and June of 1983. In addition, several polls of Executive Committee members were taken throughout the year regarding CCPA matters. Overall, the year was a quiet one. Officers and standing committees responsibilities and duties were formalized, and the nominating committee procedure changed. The planned student paper contest was cancelled this year due to a late start and its restriction to undergraduate students. In the future, it is suggested that the contest be expanded to include graduate students. A Fellows Award has been instituted and will be given for meritorious service to recognize outstanding achievements during the year. Trends in the organization, as seen from the president's perspective, are: 1) co-operation with sister organizations, the Colorado Historical Society (CHS) and the Colorado Archaeological Society (CAS), as evidenced by the good working relationships during Colorado Archaeological Awareness Year (CAAY), and the completion of the research design reports; 2) growth of the council, with 156 professionals admitted and over 50% of the members at the meeting taking an active part by presenting papers; and 3) improved meetings. Thanks were given to all who have worked with President Nickens in the last two years.

Secretary's Report: The secretary had no report.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Kris Kranzush reported that no balance sheet or income statement would be available until the close of the fiscal year. It will be published then. The current figures are:

Fund Balance: \$3800.67 (10% increase over last year)

Revenues: \$1500.00 (15% increase over last year)

A potential dues increase has been discussed, and comments from the membership have been generally negative. At this date, there are only 75 paid up 1984 members. One way to avoid a dues increase is to have all members

pay their dues. Dues from new members should not be sent to the treasurer before the membership committee has approved the membership application. Dues are delinquent as of January 2 of each year. Receipts must be submitted with requests for expense reimbursements. Membership cards for the newest members will be mailed shortly.

Standing committee reports were requested.

Membership Committee: Membership Chairman E. Polly Hammer reiterated the procedure for membership application. She reported that the Membership Committee met three times during the year. Eighteen new voting members were accepted into the organization at these meetings. Seventeen incomplete applications are on file with the Membership Committee. Files were closed on four applications which have not been completed in the last two years. The present membership records include: 4 Fellows, 60 Charter Voting Members, 4 Charter Associate Members, 85 Voting Members, and 3 Associate Members. There are, therefore, a total of 156 members. The Membership Committee recommends that all practicing archaeologists in the State who are not members of this organization complete the application procedures and join the Council to assist us in our goals of scientific study and protection of the archaeological resources of Colorado. Thanks were given to the members of the Membership Committees of the last two years who have helped fulfill the objectives of the committee. They are: Susan Chandler, Kim Kreutzer, and Linda Scott.

Nomination Committee: The Nomination Committee, chaired by Adrienne Anderson and consisting of Jane King, and Doug Scott, reported the following results of the 1984 election for Executive Committee members:

Board Member (to serve a two-year term)--

Kevin Black
Linda Scott

Treasurer--

Kris Kranzush

Secretary--

Marilyn Martorano

President-elect--

Steve Sigstad

A record number of 62 ballots were cast. Anderson also pointed out that the election results were very close and if every member had voted the results may have been different. The Nomination Committee appreciates the willingness of all candidates to serve this organization.

Ethics Committee: Paul Nickens reported in the absence of Jack Smith, who has chaired this committee since 1982. No ethics cases were brought up during the past year.

Newsletter/Editorial Board: Adrienne Anderson reported that four issues of Volume 6 of the CCPA Newsletter have been printed, at a cost of \$194.67 plus postage for mailing the current issue to members not present at the meeting. An average 80 hours per issue are expended by Adrienne Anderson, Ann Johnson, and Jane King. The newsletter has been sent to all current members, including those with dues in arrears, and to applicants to CCPA. The treasurer should be informed of any address changes. Members are encouraged to submit news.

Special reports were presented by Barbara Sudler, State Historic Preservation Officer and President of the Colorado Historical Society, Bruce Rippeteau, Acting State Archaeologist, James Hester for Colorado Archaeological Awareness Year, and Ivol Hagar, for the Colorado Archaeological Society.

Barbara Sudler: Praise was given to Bruce Rippeteau and his staff. The Colorado research designs (the RP3 Project) are now complete and are available for purchase. The Program for Avocational Archaeological Certification (PAAC) has been expanded in cooperation with the Bureau of Land Management. Two archaeologists, Paul Nickens and John Gooding, have been added to the Colorado State Historic Preservation Review Board.

Bruce Rippeteau: Rippeteau reported that his office is now called the "Office of Archaeological and Historic Preservation" (OAHF). The permit system has been redone and is now simpler. Everyone working on state lands should have a state permit. It is given for one year. The SHARD program has been transformed. Nancy Gauss is running it, and information is accessible on the computer. A handout on SHARD is available. The Colorado Committee of Indian Affairs is chaired by Cindy Kent; it deals with areas sacred to Native Americans and reinterments. The six volumes of the RP3 Project have been completed after four years, through contracts under the direction of Judi Halasi. Preparation of a new guide of Colorado Archaeologists is underway and new data should be given to Nan Glick, Secretary. The C.T. Hurst Award was recently given to Omer Stewart by CAS. The state office will continue as a relatively large office, with the role of providing services and leadership. There is a new approach to conservation of cultural resources on private land through easements. The recruitment of the new state archaeologist will take place within the next six months.

James Hester: Colorado Archaeological Awareness Year was conceived at the 1982 CCPA meetings. It is difficult to evaluate its impact. Less than \$20,000 was spent, due to lots of volunteer effort and cooperation from many different institutions. CAAY included lectures, exhibits, radio and TV coverage, and newspaper articles. The Denver Museum of Natural History's "Riddles" exhibit is the final exhibit. Although the message was not coordinated, the importance and value of archaeological resources were conveyed and reinforced. We can continue to build on this understanding through the media. A paper on the organization of CAAY was given at the International Anthropological Conference, in Vancouver, B.C. A four page insert in the CHS Heritage News

was published in January of 1984. The report is to be mailed to the Society for American Archaeology mailing list. Other states will probably have their own archaeological awareness years in the future, and Colorado's should be considered a pioneering effort. Credit was given to James Grady, Steve Cassells, and Roberta Clausen. Thanks were also given to CAS, CHS, and CCPA for financial and emotional support. The steering committee of Frank Adkins, Bill Tate, Marcia Tate, Emerson Pearson, Bruce Rippeteau, Barbara Sudler, Joyce Herold, Linda Gregonis, and Jonathan Haas was recognized.

Ivol Hagar: The Colorado Archaeological Society now has over 800 members. This includes the strongest membership dedicated to Colorado archaeology that we have had in years. CAAY 1983 was a huge success for CAS. It brought us many new members interested in and concerned about archaeology. Several new chapters have recently been organized with capable and willing professional assistance. The CAAY program awakened many citizens of Colorado to the needs of proper awareness for concern and interest in archaeological preservation. This time and money was well worth the effort. We would do well to engage in more public awareness activities. CAS and CAS officials were very pleased to be a part of this great program and the cooperative efforts between CCPA, CHS, and CAS. CAP president Marjorie Patterson has shown good leadership in appointing a state Archaeological Advisory Board that is well interspersed with CCPA and CAS members. This board should be of great assistance to the incoming position of state archaeologist. The continued willingness of Drs. Jim Hester and Marie Wormington to work on the Colorado Historical Society Board to represent archaeology is very gratifying. Those of us who have invested a great interest in Colorado's prehistory/history are encouraged by the professional leadership so ably extended. The PAAC Program still attracts a large number of people to CAS; this has proven to be a vital link in helping to educate the general public. The 1984 CAS annual meeting is scheduled to be in Canon City in October and is sponsored by the Royal Gorge Chapter. Plan on participating. CAS is already working on plans for the 50th anniversary (1935-1985) of CAS in 1985. We encourage each of you to keep your membership current so you may be a part of this 50th anniversary celebration. In closing, we would solicit the continued cooperation between CAS and CCPA and CHS in bringing about the best efforts for archaeology in Colorado. Together we can make it work for the best interests of everyone. We trust that CCPA will continue to grow and be strong. You are our leaders.

Under unfinished business, Jim Hester asked if there are various kinds of projects being discussed by the Executive Committee to use money in the CCPA treasury. Paul Nickens replied that no specific ones were being considered, but that a publication series (for example, proceedings from a CCPA meeting) was an example of the sort of project that could be funded. Jim Hester moved that a committee be formed to review projects for funding. The motion was seconded by John Gooding, and passed unanimously.

John Gooding requested an update on the status of the committee report regarding contract arrangements for the Pinyon Canyon Project. Paul Nickens replied that the matter was ongoing. A request was made to the Executive Committee that CCPA look into the change of Principal Investigators for the project. Hannah Huse was appointed head of the committee, and a report was made to the Executive Committee, who is waiting to see what

develops. Nickens pointed out that CCPA is not involved with contracts and disputes between employees and their departments, and stated that the Executive Committee would decide when it is appropriate to bring the matter before the membership.

Under new business, Polly Hammer expressed a concern about the number of professional archaeologists who are not members of CCPA. She moved that at future annual CCPA meetings, if individuals qualify for membership in the council, they must be members before presenting a paper. The motion was seconded by John Gooding. After considerable discussion by the membership, revolving around what members consider to be the unreasonably difficult application procedures, the motion was overwhelmingly defeated. Jonathan Haas then moved that the Executive Committee discuss possible changes in membership criteria and report back to the membership. The motion was seconded by Tom King, and passed unanimously.

Paul Nickens announced several major upcoming meetings in the Denver area. CCPA will be a participating sponsor of the 1986 Plains Conference. A call for papers was read from the New Mexico Archaeological Council for a conference April 20-21 in Cimarron, New Mexico.

Dan Martin requested that members sign up to be on the mailing list for the BLM's predictive model assessment.

Adrienne Anderson announced that, in conjunction with the American Quaternary Association's meetings, there will be a series of field trips. Permission has been given for CCPA members to go along on an archaeological tour across Northeastern Colorado to view Paleo-Indian sites. This trip will be made from Friday, August 10 to Sunday, August 12.

Incoming president Steve Cassells announced that CCPA standing committees need rotation of duties, and persons interested in volunteering should let him know of their interest. Next year's meeting place is currently undecided.

Program Coordinator John Gooding announced changes to papers.

Joyce Herold extended an invitation to CCPA members to attend a reception at the Denver Museum of Natural History from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 10.

The meeting was adjourned by Paul Nickens.

Susan M. Chandler, Secretary