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## NEWSLETTER

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### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

This organization's Executive Committee met on July 16, 1988 in Glenwood Springs. At that meeting, Kevin Black indicated that he and Mike Metcalf had completed an audit of the CCPA treasury and that everything checked out fine. The Executive Committee also decided to hold a special election to fill the President-Elect position; hence the ballot attached to the newsletter. Since the meeting, Priscilla Ellwood notified me that she will be unable to attend the 1989 annual meeting and act as Secretary due to a scheduling conflict. Consequently, the ballot also contains a candidate for the Secretary position. I appreciate the contributions that both Leslie Wildesen and Priscilla Ellwood have made to the organization in their roles as officers and regret their departures. I also appreciate Jim Grady, Al Kane, and Susan Chandler agreeing to run to fill these offices.

Prior to Leslie Wildesen's departure, she was investigating the possibility that the Colorado Historical Society would host the 1989 annual meeting. Susan Collins has picked up where Leslie left off and has formally offered to host the meeting. Barbara Sudler has arranged for our use of the basement ballroom of the Grant-Humphreys Mansion in downtown Denver. The meeting is tentatively scheduled for the fourth weekend in March. If you have any ideas for symposia or other programs for the annual meeting, I would be delighted to hear from you.

Paul Nickens informs me that the Ute Symposium papers presented at the last annual meeting are nearly camera-ready. Carol Legard Gleichman is checking out publication options.

Bob York, San Juan National Forest Archaeologist, has indicated that the Forest Service has instituted a Recreation Challenge Grant that may facilitate archaeological research in the San Juan National Forest. According to Bob, the program entails writing a winning grant proposal (a research design) and putting up 50% of the grant total in money or value of services. Use of volunteer vocational archaeologists might contribute greatly to the proposer's required investment. This seems like a wonderful way to promote archaeological research; the San Juan National Forest certainly has a wide variety of cultural resources within its boundaries. Those interested should contact Bob York at (303) 247-4874.

You may be aware of the recent controversy concerning a recent proposal by Lucasfilms, Ltd. to film a segment of an upcoming Indiana Jones movie at Long House in Mesa Verde National Park. Jack Smith, Chief of Research and Stabilization at Mesa Verde National Park, assessed the potential effect of such an action, and concluded that the filming might adversely effect the site. His assessment of effect was overridden by the National Park Service's Regional Director, who concluded that there would be no effect. Our State Historic Preservation Officer, Barbara Sudler, was able to review the proposal; while unable to present the filming, she did require various monitoring techniques to mitigate potential adverse effects. This office made phone calls on behalf of the CCPA to various state and federal agencies and to members of the Congress and Senate, expressing concern over possible damage to the site and over a federal agency aiding in the depiction of uncontrolled excavation of a cultural resource for great material gain. I understand that Lucasfilms has elected to film elsewhere in the Four Corners region because they learned that Mesa Verde is sacred to the Hopi. While I am uneasy that some other cultural resource might be subjected to use as a film prop, it is appropriate that the film is not being made at a World Heritage site such as Long House. Jack Smith and Barbara Sudler are to be commended for their concern for the cultural resources of Mesa Verde National Park.

Alan D. Reed

## EDITORIAL AND COMMENT

I have recently contacted our neighboring states to establish a newsletter exchange to facilitate sharing news and information on a regular basis. Many of us find the occasion to work in neighboring states, as the prehistoric cultures had boundaries far different from ours. I am pleased to say the the responses coming back are positive, and I expect that we will have an exchange of newsletters in the near future to provide information for abstracting and passing on to the membership. As Jack Smith said in a recent editorial, "A newsletter is just what its name says, a letter containing news...The news, however, must come from all who share in this organization". With winter weather beaoning at our door, it's time to sit down at the old computer and dash off a few lines for the next newsletter. We are scheduled to hold the next elections in January so that votes may be cast and tallied prior to the March meeting. So perhaps on those long, cold, winter nights ahead, there may be time to pen a line or two and let all of the rest of us know what each of you are doing. So, keep in touch---

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## ARCHAIC OCCUPATION AT MESA VERDE

Careful survey of a proposed parking lot near the entrance to Mesa Verde National Park in August of 1987 revealed the presence of two Archaic campsites, the first pre-Anasazi evidence to be found in the park. The survey was conducted by Chief Park Archaeologist Jack Smith and Archaeologist Susan Collins, the latter working under contract to prepare the National Register Nomination for the park. Although the area had been surveyed in 1977 as part of a park-wide archaeological inventory, the two sites had been overlooked, possibly because of the paucity of Archaic materials in the area and the lack of any previous evidence of earlier materials in the park. The surface evidence was scattered thinly over a broad bench at the edge of an intermittent stream. A permanent water source lies nearby at one of the best springs known within the park. All of the materials collected were mapped with transit and tape, and these were then plotted on a large-scale topographic map prepared for the planning of the parking lot.

The artifacts collected were studied by Dr. Elizabeth Morris, Professor Emeritus at Colorado State University, and a recognized authority on Archaic culture. Her conclusions were that the diagnostic artifacts, consisting of a single projectile point, several one-hand manos, and some large battered cores, were typical Archaic tools. The point was identified as dating from the Middle Archaic period, 4,000 - 1,500 BC.

A single sherd was found on the bench, a rather crude attempt at a corrugated style, with temper consisting of large pieces of quartz, some calcite, and some hornblend and feldspar. While identification of the sherd as to culture has not yet been made, it is clearly not Anasazi, and may be intrusive from outside the Anasazi area.

There are no immediate plans to test the two sites, but it is hoped that some limited tests to determine depth and possibly collect datable materials may be carried out in the future.

Discovery of an Archaic occupation within the park boundaries pushes the time range of the prehistoric cultures back at least a thousand years earlier than previous dating estimates.

---Jack Smith

## POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

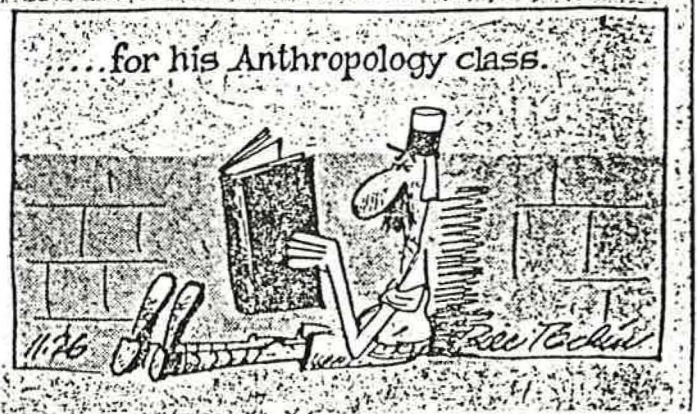
The Colorado Historical Society has a position available for a Survey Data Processor. The position closes October 10, 1988. It is a temporary (6 month) position, full-time. Salary: \$7.50 per hour. Send a cover letter, resume and a list of three references to the Personnel Office, Colorado Historical Society, 1300 Broadway, Denver, CO 80203.

## CROCK

you know you're getting old when your son asks to borrow your high school yearbook



...for his Anthropology class.



## CCPA NEWSLETTER

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## CONFERENCE/MEETING CALENDAR

### October 1988

October 5-8: Great Basin Anthropological Conference: Olympic Hotel, Park City, Utah. Contact: Joel C. Janetski, GBAC, Museum of Peoples and Cultures, 105 Allen Hall, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT 84602, (801) 378-5435 or 378-6112.

October 6-9: Gran Quivera Convergence: Tumacacori National Monument, Arizona. Contact: Nick Blesser, Tumacacori National Monument, AZ.

October 7-9: CAS Annual Meeting will be held in Fort Collins. Please see the last issue of Southwestern Lore for details.

October 28: Roundtable meeting hosted by the Colorado Historical Society's Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation. The meeting will discuss issues in historical archaeology in Colorado. This informal public session will be held on Friday from 1:30 to 4:00 pm in the third-floor conference room at the Colorado History Museum, 1300 Broadway, Denver. For additional information please contact Susan Collins, Acting State Archaeologist at 866-2736. RSVP is encouraged, but not required.

### November 1988

November 2-5: Plains Conference, Wichita, Kansas. Contact: Donald J. Blakeslee, Wichita State University, Wichita, KS 67208, (316) 689-3195.

November 11-13: American Society for Ethnohistory: The Royce Hotel, Williamsburg, VA. Contact: Professor James Axtell, Dept of History, College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA 23185.

### Unknown (1988?)

Midwest Archaeological Conference: University of Illinois, Champaign, Illinois. Deadline for symposium submissions August 1, 1988, abstracts and contributed papers deadline Sept. 9, 1988. Contact: Kevin McGowan, 109 Davenport Hall, Dept. of Anthropology, University of Illinois, Urbana, IL 61801.

### January 1989

January 5-9: SHA/CUA, Baltimore Convention Center, Baltimore, MD. Contact: Paul Y. Inashima (SHA), NPS, 11710 Hunters Lane, Rockville, MD 20852; or J. Barto Arnold III (CUA), Texas Antiquities Committee, P.O. Box 12276, Capital Station, Austin, TX 78711.

January 5-9: Archaeological Congress, Baltimore Convention Center, Baltimore, MD. Contact: Elizabeth Comer, Baltimore Center for Urban Archaeology, 802 E. Lombard St., Baltimore, MD 21202.

CRM Workshops: University of Nevada - Reno.

January 3-6: Seminar in Contemporary Archaeological Theory.

January 9-13: Exhibits Design.

January 16-19: Historic Cans & Bottles, Identification and Contexts.

Contact: Don D. Fowler or Susan Rodriguez, CRM Workshops, Historic Preservation Program, University of Nevada - Reno, Reno, NV 89557-0111, (702) 784-6851.

### March 1989

March 24-26: CCPA Annual Meeting, at the Grant-Humphreys Mansion, downtown Denver.

March 30-April 2: Society of Ethnobiology: University of California, Riverside.

### April 1989

April 5-9: Society for American Archaeology: Atlanta Hilton Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia. Contact Ken Kvamme, Arizona State Museum, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ 85721.

### RECENT NEWS:

Recently completed pollen and macrofloral reports by the PaleoResearch Laboratories for the state of Colorado include: a look at the Senec Dam site east of Denver, which included both stratigraphic pollen columns, and analysis of features; a small study of pollen and macrofloral remains from a rockshelter in southeastern Colorado; analysis of four metate washes from northeastern Colorado; and stratigraphic analysis of pollen from the Harris Site in Montrose County.

### CAS NEWS:

October 7-9 is the annual meeting in Fort Collins. Doug Bowman is in charge of the program. Papers are Saturday. Sunday there is a field trip to Lindenmeier. See the last issue of Southwestern Lore for details.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The new Assistant Archaeologist/PAC coordinator is Kevin Black. He begins October 17. Congratulations Kevin!

### VANDALISM

Two cases of out-of-state vandalism have crossed my desk recently. They include an archaeological site in the Sierra National Forest, California, and Savage Cave in Kentucky. Two individuals were convicted for looting in the Sierra National forest and received sentences of \$300 and \$270 fines and probation. The activities in Savage Cave are on-going at this site that contains remains for the past 14,000 years. The pot-hunters have not yet been caught.

This newsletter is being sent only to those who have paid their 1988 dues. Changes in address from that listed should also be sent to the treasurer, Kevin Black. After October 17 he may be reached at the State Archaeologist's Office, 1300 Broadway, Denver, CO 80203. Those who have not yet paid their 1988 dues should remit \$10.00 (voting) to the treasurer.

To apply for membership in CCPA, contact Jane L. Anderson, chairperson of the Membership Committee, 4516 W. South County Line Road, Longmont, CO 80501.

**SPECIAL BALLOT:**

A special ballot is being conducted for the President-Elect and Secretary positions (see President's Corner). Professional sketches are provided for Al Kane and Jim Grady, who are running for the position of President-Elect. Susan Chandler, who is running unopposed for the position of Secretary, was not requested to provide a sketch.

Al Kane is currently the Forest Archeologist for the Pike and San Isabel National Forests and Comanche National Grassland, and has been since 1987. He is 44 years old, single, and has 2 children, Alex and Stephanie. Al received his MA from the University of Colorado in 1974 and was co-principal investigator for the Dolores Archaeological Project from 1978-1985. In 1986 he was the Assistant Forest Archeologist for the San Juan National Forest in Durango. Al is a member of the Advisory Committee to the State Archaeologist, SAA, CAS, and the Archaeological Conservancy. His interests include southwestern and mountain archaeology, with an interest in the following topics: architecture, settlement patterns, social organization, and historic mining and timbering archaeology.

Dr. James Grady. I have had many years working in Colorado archaeology. I have published an introductory text on archaeology and have taught archaeology from the freshman level to graduate seminars at a variety of colleges and universities. I am currently teaching at the University of Colorado, Denver. I have worked in all forms of cultural resource management work for both private industry and the government. My research interests center on the fields of aerial photointerpretation, aerial photogrammetry and remote sensing of archaeological sites, as well as, the spatial distribution of these sites. I am also interested in economic strategies as adaptive devices, and the application of spatial statistics to both basic research and to cultural resource management problems. I received my Ph.D. from the University of Colorado in 1976, and hold a Certificate in Prehistoric Archaeology from Cambridge University, England.

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**BALLOT**

President-Elect: (Vote for One)

Al Kane . . . . . /  /

Jim Grady . . . . . /  /

Secretary: (Vote for One)

Susan Chandler . . . . . /  /

Please fill out the ballot and mail to:

Marcia Tate  
1191 Nucla St.  
Aurora, CO 80011

Sign your name in the upper left hand corner of the envelope. All signatures will be checked against a current list of paid members. Ballots that are sent without a signature will not be counted.