NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURAL PLANNING MEETING HELD AT BSU

The Department, with support from the Idaho Heritage Trust and the Colleges of Social Science and Public Affairs and Health Sciences, sponsored a planning meeting on April 24, 1993, that drew together national specialists in Indian cultural policy with representatives of the three southern Idaho tribes. E. Richard Hart, Director of the Institute of the North American West in Seattle, joined Michael Pratt and David Cole of the Keepers of the Treasures organization in presenting a number of issues regarding federal policies toward tribal cultural activity that will impact Idaho tribes. Michael Pratt led a workshop on development of Indian language programs and David Cole spoke to the issue of tribal use of computerized technology and data base management.

Representatives from the Idaho tribes included Lindsey Manning, tribal chairman, and Winona Charles, from the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes; Alberta Friday and Drusilla Could from the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes; and Joe Louis Alex from the Northwest Band-Shoshone. Additional guests included Gaetha Pace, Director of the Idaho Heritage Trust; Craig Call, Chairman of the Idaho Trust Board; Robert Yohe II, Idaho State Archaeologist; Roberta Greene, Consultant to the Shoshone-Bannock Museum; members of the Department as well as Dean Robert Sims, Dean Eldon Edmundson and President Charles Ruch. Dr. Ruch provided luncheon remarks regarding Boise State's commitment to diversity and to the Idaho Tribes.

The substance of the planning meeting was devoted to discussing how various federal initiatives regarding cultural materials and policies will affect Idaho tribes. Richard Hart addressed the impact of the American Indian Religious Freedom Act (ARFA) on such issues as access to sacred and culturally significant sites contiguous to reservations. Hart pointed out that there are no enforcement "teeth" in the law and only recently have developmenters working next to reservations been required to confirm their plans with the tribe before development begins. Hart also discussed the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAPGRA) which has some important implications regarding the repatriation of museum held collections of tribal artifacts. In September 1993 the tribes are to be sent collection lists by all major museums which enjoy federal support. These lists will contain a description of the artifacts they hold and negotiations will then begin regarding which items the tribe would like repatriated. The planning group also took up the issue of Traditional Cultural Properties as defined by the Federal Bulletin 38. David Cole's presentation provided an historical overview of the Keepers of the Treasures organization which is supported by the National Park Service and by memberships. Originally it gave priority to tribal economic and health development and only recently has the organization devoted much attention to cultural preservation and retention. Support is also becoming available for the development of Tribal Historic Preservation Offices and Keepers will aid tribal governments in establishing these offices.

Dr. Michael Pratt's presentation focused on the establishment of tribal language programs. One of greatest problems is the use of Euro-centered notions of language acquisition. In his experiences in Oklahoma with the Osage Tribe, Dr. Pratt has found a more experiential, traditional approach to language acquisition beginning with the very young much more successful. The remainder of the planning session was devoted to discussion. Alberta Friday and Drusilla Could discussed their language program at Ft. Hall; Winona Charles presented her planned archive and language program at Duck Valley; and Lindsey Manning talked about the difficulty of obtaining support for cultural projects designed and operated by the tribe that would allow them to develop long-term programming. Joe Louis Alex discussed the Northwest Band-Shoshone's efforts in repatriation. The planning session ended with a discussion of heritage support at the local, federal and state levels. The network developed thought his meeting will assist the tribes and the Department in maintaining better contact and communication with regard to cultural research and planning.

MCCARL DEVELOPING HISPANIC RAILROADERS PROJECT

In cooperation with the Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs, Robert McCarl is developing a community-based project devoted to documenting, preserving and presenting the cultural history of Hispanic railroaders in the Intermountain West. Hispanics began to enter railroading trades in significant numbers during the Depression with opportunities expanding for them during World War II. Today
there are many third-generation Hispanics working on the railroad. Most live in either Pocatello or Nampa, which are the largest rail centers in our area. In addition to assisting retired railroaders in collecting and organizing cultural materials, McCarl will also conduct fieldwork and assist members of the community in developing published materials documenting this rich sub-culture. Support for the project is being sought from both the Lilo-Wallace Fund for Folk Culture and the Union Pacific Foundation.

**NEW COLLOQUIUM SERIES**

Beginning during the Fall term 1993, the Department is initiating a colloquium series featuring presentations by faculty and students. The colloquia will meet every third Wednesday from 12:30-1:30 P.M. in October, November, February, and March and will be held in the Archaeology Laboratory conference room. Faculty and students are encouraged to bring lunch and attend the presentations. This year’s colloquia include:

- **October 20** Dr. Robert Yohe II, Idaho State Archaeologist, “The Archaeology of the Rose Spring Site”
- **November 17** Dr. Robert McCarl and Dr. Peter Lutze, Department of Communication, “Ethnographic Video Project”
- **February 16** Dr. T. Virginia Cox, “Native Americans in Prison: Issues of Identity”
- **March 16** Dr. Mark Plew, “Preliminary Observations on Wapishana Fishing Strategies”

Due to processing and other factors in assessing the relative annual importance of fish in subsistence. Initial investigations will be conducted in December-January 1993-94. During June, Dr. Plew made a preliminary visit to the Rupununi savannah in preparation for fieldwork in 1994.

**NATIVE AMERICAN SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Department and Anthropology Club are establishing a departmental scholarship for a Native American student attending Boise State University. The scholarship, which will be available in 1994, is to be awarded by the Department for study in any field. In addition, the Department is assisting the Amerindian Research Unit, University of Guyana, in the development of an Amerindian Scholarship fund program to support Amerindian students attending the University of Guyana and the Cyril Potter College of Education in Georgetown, Guyana. Anyone interested in contributing to these Native American scholarship programs should contact Dr. Mark Plew, Chair, Department of Anthropology, 1910 University Drive, Boise, ID 83725.

**WAPISHANA FISHING STUDY**

In conjunction with the Amerindian Research Unit of the University of Guyana, Dr. Mark Plew is developing a long-term research project to study the fishing strategies of the Wapishana of southern Guyana. The study will focus on variability in fishing strategies as related to technological organization associated with seasonal variation in catch diversity, water type and condition. The study seeks to analyze the cost-benefit ratios of different strategies while examining costs of portability, storage, and nutritional losses due to processing and other factors in assessing the relative annual importance of fish in subsistence. Initial investigations will be conducted in December-January 1993-94. During June, Dr. Plew made a preliminary visit to the Rupununi savannah in preparation for fieldwork in 1994.

**LANGUAGE AND SKILL REQUIREMENTS**

Beginning Fall 1993 all anthropology majors will be required to complete a year sequence in a modern foreign language. In addition, students will be required to complete 50 210 Computer Applications. The Department will continue to require 50 310 Social Statistics.

**CULTURAL DIVERSITY COURSE DEVELOPED**

A new course entitled AN 209 “Issues in Cultural Diversity” has been added to the anthropology curriculum. The course is designed to provide the introductory student with the basic skills necessary to recognize and analyze issues of cultural diversity using basic anthropological strategies. The course demonstrates the role played by anthropology in focusing attention on such issues as changing...
definitions of culture from native and observational points-of-view; the relationship of culture change to gender, ethnicity and class; and the linkage of local issues of cultural conflict (racism, sexism and ethnocentrism) to broader global concerns. The course will provide lower division and entry level students with an opportunity to apply anthropological concepts to their own cultural experiences while linking local issues to more far-reaching levels of both native and non-native discourse.

NEW PUBLICATION SERIES

During 1993-94 the Department will initiate a new publication series entitled Occasional Papers and Monographs in Cultural Anthropology and Linguistics. The goal of the series is to disseminate the results of both applied and basic research in all areas of cultural anthropology and linguistics. Although the primary focus of these offerings will be devoted to issues and research conducted within the Intermountain West, publications will not be limited to this geographical area. Contributions to the series will be peer reviewed within their respective fields. Scheduled for publication in late 1993 is Western Shoshoni Grammar by Beverly Crum and Jon Dayley.

PAVESIC TEACHES FALL TERM IN LONDON

Dr. Max Pavesic has been selected by the Northwest Interinstitutional Studies Abroad Program to teach at its London campus during the Fall term 1993. Dr. Pavesic, who previously taught at the Bath campus in 1988, will teach two courses entitled, "Mysterious Britain" and "Life and Times in the British Iron Age".

NEW FACULTY AND RESEARCH ASSOCIATES

The Department is pleased to welcome two new part-time faculty members during the past year. Dr. Michael Riley (Ph.D., University of Texas, Austin, 1993) is Curator of Education, Boise Art Museum. His interests include cultural anthropology, visual anthropology, postmodernism, intercultural contact and culture change and American West. Dr. Robert M. Yohe II (Ph.D., University of California, Riverside, 1992) is Idaho's State Archaeologist. He previously directed the Contract Archaeology Program at the University of California, Bakersfield. His research interests include California and Great Basin prehistory, ethnohistory, cultural ecology, faunal analysis and lithic studies. The Department is also pleased to announce two new research associates. Ms. Beverly Crum (M.A., University of Utah 1988) is a researcher in Shoshone Linguistics. She teaches Shoshone on the Duck Valley Reservation where she resides in Owyhee, Nevada. In addition, Janette Forte (M.A., University of Texas, Austin, 1993), is Coordinator of the Amerindian Research Unit of the University of Guyana. Her major interests include the ethnography and linguistics of Guyana and Lowland South America. Ms. Forte has published several important papers on Amerindian peoples of Guyana and recently spent two years at the University of Texas, Austin under a Fulbright Scholarship.

ANTHROPOLOGY CLUB PLANS MENTOR/PEER ADVISING PROGRAM

The Anthropology Club and Department are developing a Mentor/Peer Advising program designed to assist lower division students with a range of issues. A pilot program will be implemented during the 1993-94 academic year. Upper division students selected to participate will sit for a training session offered by Departmental faculty.

FACULTY ACTIVE IN RESEARCH AND SERVICE

During the past year the faculty, while maintaining a strong commitment to teaching, published fourteen books, articles and reviews and five technical reports and generated in excess of $60,000 in grants and contracts. Internally, the faculty served on sixteen university committees, the Speaker's Bureau, WICHE's Institute for Ethnic Diversity, and in a variety of advisory capacities. The faculty presented sixteen public lectures and served as consultants to eighteen federal, state and international agencies and as members of seven Boards of Directors or Advisory agencies. The faculty continued their professional service by continuing to serve as reviewers for six national and regional journals.

MAJORS AND COURSE OFFERINGS INCREASE

The Department presently has 82 majors, an increase of 28 over the past year. In addition, the faculty advised 12 Social Science majors. During the past year, the Department offered 15 courses or sections per semester, well above the average for small anthropology departments in the United States (see FOSAP, Spring 1993). While providing oversight of 50 independent study, internship and field school projects, the Department's service enrollment totaled in excess of 1200 students for the academic year.

GRANT SUPPORTS DEVELOPMENT OF JAPANESE CULTURE COURSE

An interdisciplinary proposal to strengthen Boise State University's newly established Interdisciplinary International Business Program developed by Dr. Steven Loughrin-Sacco, Department of Modern Languages, Dr. Nancy Napier, Department of Management, and Dr. Jan Widmayer, Coordinator of International Studies for the College of Arts and Sciences has received funding from the U.S. Department of Education Undergraduate International Studies Program. The program provides support for Dr. T. Virginia Cox to develop a course entitled, "The Culture and People of Japan". As part of the program Dr. Cox will travel to Japan in summer 1994. The grant also provides support of additional library resources for development and teaching of a Japanese anthropology course.
RECENT GRADUATES

The following students were graduated during fall and spring terms:

Deanna Beeler, Patricia Gamel, Joel Walker, Christina Montee, Todd Armstrong, Brian McCabe, Leo Campbell, Lisa Benson

1993-94 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Dirk Beasley, Jill Gans, Beau Hansen, Carl Madsen and Sara Pedde received departmental scholarships for the 1993-94 academic year. Carl Madsen was the recipient of the John and Florence Schaertl Scholarship in Archaeology.

ALUMNI NEWS

Russell T. Gould (B.A. '90) is completing his doctoral dissertation at Southern Methodist University under the direction of Lewis Binford. His dissertation is an analysis of the Upper Paleolithic site Combe Grenal. He recently published, "Is There Such a Thing as Archaeological Knowledge: A Critique of Imperialism and Idealism" in *Hall'ska* 8:37-47.

Wendy J. Nelson (B.A. ’90) is a doctoral student at the University of California, Davis, where she serves as a Teaching Assistant. Her recent paper, "The Nutritional Potential of the Fish Slough Cave Diet," is scheduled for publication in the Proceedings, Society for California Archaeology.

Sheila Reddy (B.A. '88) is presently an archaeologist with the Payette National Forest in McCall, Idaho. She has written several Heritage Program studies, including *The Chinese Pioneer in Idaho: An Overview*.

Susan Forbes-Osgood (B.A. ’89), Robert Young (B.A. ’90), and Pat Gamel (B.A. ’92) are employed as staff archaeologists with the U.S. Forest Service. Molly Bennick is a staff archaeologist with S.A.I.C.

Terry De Young (B.A. '92) is enrolled in the M.A. program in history at Boise State University and works for the Idaho State Historical Society.

IN MEMORIUM

Weston Hult (B.A. '88) died May 16 in Seattle at age 42. Wes was enrolled in the graduate program at the University of Texas, Austin, and employed as an archaeologist with the Boise National Forest at the time of his death.

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