SHOSHONE-PAIUTE RANCHING HERITAGE PROJECT

This spring, anthropology students Craig Hauer, Jody Young, and Jamie Richmond traveled to the Duck Valley Indian Reservation to assist Dr. Robert McCarl in preliminary work on the Shoshone-Paiute Ranching Heritage Project. Supported by a State Board of Education Grant, the project will document the ethnohistory and cultural legacy of Native American Ranching and buckarooing in the Owyhee, Nevada region. Through the documentation of original homestead buildings, interviews with family members and cataloguing of family photographs, this project will develop a cultural and historical profile of Shoshone-Paiute ranching traditions on the Duck Valley Indian Reservation. The goals of the project are to 1) train local members of homesteading families on the reservation in the skills needed to organize a family archive of photographs, tapes and personal documents; 2) use interviews and videotapes of daily work and home life to better understand past and present ranching traditions; 3) develop an archival system with the Shoshone-Paiute Tribe that will be consistent with their existing collections; 4) coordinate copying of photographic, print and other materials for storage in the BSU Ethnographic Archive for research and backup protection; 5) produce a CD-ROM with the cooperation of Shoshone-Paiute elders and media specialists at BSU that represents the Native American ranching tradition to K-12 students in Idaho and the Intermountain West. The ultimate goal of the project is to create a cultural archive of materials for the Shoshone-Paiute Tribe that will be directed and controlled by the tribe. The methods used will include life history studies and interviews, ethnohistorical research combining primary (recorded) and secondary (print and photographic) documentation. Although there have been previous ranching studies in the west, there has been no study of Native American ranching that includes ranching families in the research and is conducted with the support of a sovereign tribal government.
DEPARTMENTAL LECTURE SERIES 1996-97

October 23  James C. Woods, Director of the Herrett Center for Arts and Sciences, College of Southern Idaho. *Investigations at Nakbe: A Preclassic Mayan Site in North Peten, Guatemala.* 3:30 PM, Hatch D Ballroom, SUB.

November 7  Richard Hart, Executive Director of Hart/West Associates, *Zuni and the Courts.* 3:30 PM, Farnsworth Room, SUB.

March 5  Dr. Dorothy Castille, Assistant Professor of Anthropology, Idaho State University. *Advances in the Ethnopsychiatry of the Highland Maya.* 3:30 PM, Farnsworth Room, SUB.

April 16  Dr. E. H. Lohse, Associate Professor of Anthropology, Idaho State University. *Recent Investigations in the Prehistory of Southeastern Idaho.* 3:30 PM, Farnsworth Room, SUB.

FIELD SCHOOL INVESTIGATES SNAKE RIVER SITE

Boise State University Archaeological Field School conducted investigations at 10-CN-1 during the 1996 field season. The investigation was carried out under a cooperative agreement with the Bureau of Land Management to evaluate archaeological sites in the Birds of Prey National Conservation Area and with the technical assistance of the staff of Canyon County’s Celebration Park. The purpose of the investigation was to evaluate the extent of vandalism noted during a 1994 BLM visit to the site. Excavations documented occupations dating from c. 2,000 B.C. into the early 19th century. The material culture which is highly varied suggests multiple uses of the location over time. An extensive faunal collection indicates a broad diet breadth and will upon further analysis provide useful data regarding regional subsistence.

NEW DEPARTMENT CHAIR

Dr. T. Virginia Cox was recently elected chair of the Department of Anthropology, replacing Dr. Mark Plew who steps down after serving six years as the first chair of the department. Dr. Cox came to Boise State in 1967 as the first anthropologist hired by the university. As such she has played an impressive role in the development of the department. As a cultural anthropologist, she has broad regional and topical research interests which include North America, the Pacific Islands where she conducted research in Samoa, and more recently in Japan. Her recent interests include cross-cultural health care in Japan and alcohol research among native peoples in Canada for which she recently received a Canadian Studies Grant. Dr. Cox’s commitment to students and the community is well exemplified by her assistance in the establishment of the Anthropology Club, the oldest academic club on campus and of which she was the advisor for 20 years. She also conducts a community workshop on healing rituals and a presentation on humor, which are always in demand.

CANADIAN STUDIES

Dr. T. Virginia Cox has been appointed Interim Director of Canadian Studies. She will oversee the Canadian Studies Minor and act as BSU’s liaison with the Canadian government and the Pacific Northwest Canadian Studies Consortium. Look for the development of a Canadian Studies Lecture Series in the near future and more course offerings with Canadian content.

MILITARY TRAINING AREAS AGREEMENT

The Department has entered into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Idaho National Guard to conduct cultural resource surveys of lands used by the Guard for military training exercises in the State of Idaho which reflects ING’s commitment to protecting Idaho’s cultural heritage. Cultural resource evaluations will begin during Fall 1996 and provide opportunities for BSU students to gain field and laboratory experience by their participation in the program.
ANTHROPOLOGY CLUB

The officers for the 1996/97 year are:
Lisa Hughes - President
Craig Hauer - Vice President
Kurt Roedel - Treasurer
Stacia Acker - Secretary

Coming Events:
September 21, Saturday
8:30 am: Day trip to Danskin Rockshelter
September 25, Wednesday
10:00 am-2:00 pm Fall Organization Fair
October 10-13, Great Basin Anthropological Society Conference, Kings Beach, California
October 25-26, Idaho Archaeological Society Conference, Twin Falls, Idaho
November 14, Thursday 7:00 pm, Hatch C SUB. Film: Imagining Indians. Proceeds to be donated to the Native American Scholarship which is co-sponsored by the Anthropology Department and the Anthropology Club.

PAVESIC CONDUCTS "MYSTERIOUS BRITAIN" STUDY TOUR

During the month of May, Max Pavesic led a group of students and amateur and professional archaeologists on a study tour of English archaeological sites and monuments. The group visited the British Museum, the standing stone circles of Avebury and Stonehenge, the Iron Age fortifications at Maiden Castle and Hambledon Hill and the Roman Baths, among others.

FACULTY ACTIVITIES

Max Pavesic toured the island of Crete in late May and early June, focusing on the local antiquities. Highlights of the visit included the National Museum of Archaeology and the sites of Knossos, Phaistos, Levina and Gournia.

T. Virginia Cox conducted a workshop entitled "Healing Rituals and Sacred Symbols" in June. The focus of the workshop was on how to symbolically interpret rituals and symbols found in Native American spirituality into modern, everyday life.

Cox also presented "Bellylaughs and Backaches: The Healing Power of Humor" to the Governor's Council on Domestic Violence "Three Days in June" conference.

Robert McCarl conducted a workshop for tribal officials at the Duck Valley Indian Reservation on cultural heritage. Submitted an article, "Swamping the Flanks of Smokejumper Culture" to Wildfire Quarterly due in Spring 1977.

Mark Plew has had papers accepted in several journals including Journal of Ethnobiology and North American Archaeologist.

HUNTER-GATHERER FISHING STRATEGIES BOOK PUBLISHED

Prehistoric Hunter-Gatherer Fishing Strategies edited by Mark G. Plew was published by the department, summer 1996. The volume provides regional world perspectives on diversity of fishing strategies in prehistory. Contributions relating to the prehistory of North and South America, North Africa and Australia are included as is a commentary by Robert L. Kelly. The book is available through the Department of Anthropology, 1910 University Drive, Boise, Idaho 83725 ($18.95 plus $2.00 postage and handling).
UPCOMING MEETINGS


November 7 - 10, 1996, American Society for Ethnohistory, Portland, Oregon.


February 19 - 22, 1997, Association for Social Anthropology in Oceania, San Diego, California.


April 23 - 26, 1997, Western Social Science Association Annual Conference, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

ALUMNI NEWS

Recent graduate, Melanie Fillios (B.A. '96) is off to the University of Minnesota where she has been accepted into the graduate Interdisciplinary Archaeology Program. Carol Hightower (B.A. '95) assisted Dr. T. Virginia Cox in her Native American Alcohol/Substance Abuse research project; Juan Chavarria (B.A. '94) has recently been hired as a district archaeologist in the Klamath Falls office of the Bureau of Land Management, Oregon. Marc Munch (B.A. '95) is currently working with the Heritage Program for the Boise National Forest. Sheila Reddy (B.A. '86) has finished a manuscript Shadows in the Wilderness on the Northern Shoshone, the Tukudika and several other monographs for the Payette National Forest.

RECENT GRADUATES


STUDENT NEWS

Lisa Hughes attended a workshop on Forensic Anthropology taught by Dr. William Bass at the University of New Orleans, August 5 - 10, 1996.

Craig Hauer, Jody Young, and Jamie Richmond participated in the Shoshone-Paiute Ranching Heritage Project under the supervision of Dr. Robert Mc Carl.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Departmental Scholarships were awarded to Elizabeth A. Ackerman, Anong Ann Chitxeuane, Robert J. Graff, Janet M. Howard, Natalie Jane Neustaedter, and Michael C. Stevens. Jodene M. Young received a University-wide Scholarship. Shana Colleen Jeffries was awarded the Native American Scholarship and Lisa Jean Hughes received the Schaeftl Archaeology Scholarship. The John and Beverly Picozito undergraduate research award in Idaho archaeology was given to Oralee Elquist.

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