

ANTHRO ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

Department of Anthropology

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As the academic year draws to a close, it is a pleasure to look back upon events of 1975-76 and to share with our alumni some of the changes (we like to think some of it is progress) that have occurred. The Department has managed to maintain a stable enrollment while others felt the "pinch" of declining numbers and made some changes in the major, abandoned for graduate students the GRE requirement and instituted an in-house graduate screening exam. The Museum has been closed for the year due to earthquake-proofing of Trinity Hall and, with the usual uncertainties that accompany the administrative bureaucracy, it's fate is now unknown.

The Anthropology House, across the street from the Bell Memorial Union, will be home for 10 anthropologists again in the fall. Its first year was a success. Several festive events were held there including Dr. Kowta's graduate seminar on California archaeology. And who can forget Jim Myers as Margaret Mead on Halloween! Then there was Lehmann's famous reed boat race... The Department purchased new curtains for the downstairs (sewn by Donna Redding) and Bill Coupé's crew produced and hung a fancy sign for the front of the house - 4-But-00.

In the fall the Department will initiate its own publication series. Final university approval had been received. Funding details are being worked out with the University Foundation. The monograph series in anthropology will publish original research primarily of the faculty and students in the department. The first issue is entitled "The Salvage Archaeology of Site 4-Sha-177, Whiskeytown National Recreation Area, Shasta County, California" by K. Johnson and Lucy Skjelstad. This monograph contains an important discussion of the water flotation technique and an analysis of carbonized seeds as these relate to the reconstruction of the diet of prehistoric peoples. Watch for it!

The Environmental Impact Reports have provided much employment to archaeology staff and students...so much so that the generated income to the University Foundation has made possible the employment of a full-time archaeologist, Dr. Janet Friedman, who will be joining the Department in July to handle the EIR's, making it possible for Keith Johnson and Mark Kowta to devote more time to teaching.

We were saddened by the loss of John Dewey who found another position at Western Arizona College (Department of Anthropology, Western Arizona College, Yuma Arizona 85364) and departed Chico last August. Know he would enjoy hearing from, or seeing, former students. In his stead, Linda Wolfe joined the department in September and despite carrying a full load, she managed to complete and defend her doctoral dissertation at University of Oregon, on the social behavior of Japanese macaques. Beverly Chiñas and Valene Smith each had sabbatical leaves, respectively Fall and Spring, and that opening brought Peter Jensen (B.A. 1968) back to Chico and while he, too,

struggled with classes, he completed his doctorate this Spring (University of California, Davis).

For the year ahead, Jim Myers will be on sabbatical leave in the Fall, doing further work on Indian education at Hoopa, in the Spring, Mark Kowta will be spending a sabbatical in Baja California, and Art Lehmann similarly will be doing field work in Africa. So the department has been very fortunate in securing so many of the coveted leaves, giving those who wished the opportunity to get out and "be" anthropologists instead of talking about it!

Chico is growing - a Bank of America study says one of the fastest growing communities in the USA - and as you drive around town (especially during the 5 PM rush hour around the campus and out Mangrove), the changes are apparent. At the Mall, construction is underway on a new department store with 5-story pigeon-hole parking; Enloe Hospital has just announced plans to go hi-rise, to 4 floors; and apartments and office buildings are springing up, just like mushrooms!

Alice Briggs, our faithful "get the exam out in an hour" has not been up to par the past few weeks, not out cycling, but she still "hangs in there, Baby", including the typing task that this newsletter entails. Thanks, Alice. Our former office "boss", Diane Corey, and her husband, Dennis, have moved to Pullman, Washington.

FACULTY NOTES:

BEVERLY CHIÑAS spent a grueling field session last Fall in Mexico, living under such primitive conditions (contaminated water, poor food, etc.) that even she wondered at times if it was worth it...however, it was for she was surprised and excited recently when she was asked to participate this summer in the Ethnography of Reproduction Project of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. The project headed by Priscilla Reining and Irene Tinker is an attempt to combine the methodologies of the social anthropologist with those of the demographer in order to provide a method of relating micro (field) data to population policy.

Ethnographic data is being collected from 2 rural communities in three countries--Kenya, Indonesia, and Mexico--which will provide comparative data on reproduction patterns and their relationships to social status, prestige, economic status, and other factors. Chiñas will be responsible for collecting life histories from four (4) women in each of the two Mexican communities, the final phase of the fieldwork. Women over age 45 with varying reproductive histories will be chosen. The Mexican part of the project is headed by Fernando Cámara, a leading Mexican ethnologist and all the workers except Chiñas are Mexican citizens. Dr. Chiñas states that she is especially looking forward to working closely with Mexican social scientists and gaining field experience in the Bahía, a region of Mexico where she has not worked previously.

PETER JENSEN returns to Chico State after doing graduate work at UC Davis. He is busily preparing several articles from his dissertation for publication in several scholarly journals. In addition to teaching a heavy load of classes he has taken some of the pressure off of Mark Kowta and Keith Johnson by carrying out several archaeological EIR's during the year. This summer he will be involved in an archaeological test excavation in Merced County. This excavation seeks to determine the short term and long range effects of covering an archaeological site with a ten foot thick layer of soil.

KEITH JOHNSON has done a fine job of "coping" with department responsibilities, to the point where he got so far behind in his own work that he hung this sign on his door:

THERE THEY GO
I MUST HASTEN AFTER THEM
FOR I AM THEIR LEADER!

TOM JOHNSON has essentially been out of the department, serving as Coordinator of Liberal Studies, doing some folklore, and was pleased with the birth of Morgan Clark in January. The family will be spending the summer in Japan, and Tom doing some field work in Korea.

MARK KOWTA has been so pre-occupied with EIRs that he sometimes had to be reminded to go home.

ART LEHMANN received his doctorate in 1973 from Indiana University. Since that time he has sustained strong interest in the anthropological investigation of the arts with particular emphasis on the communicative nature of artistic symbolism. Professor Lehmann will pursue this interest in Africa south of the Sahara from late December, 1976 until mid summer, 1977 while on University sabbatical leave. Tentatively this research is scheduled for the countries of Dahomey, Cameroun, Ghana, Kenya and Tanzania and will key upon traditional architecture as a vehicle for symbolic communication. In addition to the arts, Dr. Lehmann has emphasized culture change, political anthropology and the study of sex and deviance. Professor Lehmann is currently Graduate coordinator of the department, and will take office as Chairman effective September 1976. His wife, Sharon, completed her Master's in Nursing this spring and Jonathan is now 6 and in the first grade.

TURHON MURAD, since receiving his Ph.D. last year, has preferred to believe that Eskimo palmprints no longer exist. As a means of escape he and Jackie have taken to sailing their newly acquired 16 foot sloop at Oroville. He and Jackie have also reaffirmed their desire to remain Californians after a two week visit to Indiana this past Christmas. With regard to harsh winter weather, it seems they have reached an answer to the proverbial question "Who needs it?"

JIM MYERS will spend his sabbatical leave in the fall of 1976 on the Hoopa Reservation, where he will continue his study of the education of Hoopa area Indian students. The emphasis of the study will be on Hoopa students in higher education. Dr. Myers continues to release the tensions of college teaching by laying waste to pieces of wood - his most recent creations being a mahogany front entry door and a walnut lion in repose.

VALENE SMITH has had an especially productive year. The second Symposium on Tourism and Culture Change (held at the AAA meetings in San Francisco) was climaxed by attendance of members of the World Bank, who flew from Washington to hear the papers and then gave a fabulous dinner for the panel members, and professionally recorded the after-dinner discussion. For Spring sabbatical, "her" Eskimo in Kotzebue decided that having received \$62,000,000 in land claims and 36,000 sq. mi. of territory because they were Eskimo, perhaps they should find out about "Eskimos." So the Native Association requested a Bicentennial Grant from the state of Alaska, were funded, and sent for Valene and Ed to come North--meanwhile, the Eskimo brought 60 "elders" into their new native-owned Nul-luk-vik Hotel

for two weeks and Inupiat Paitot (Eskimo Heritage) was on...from which we have 6 1/2 hours of video tape and 'tons' of data. Who ever heard of a native people hiring their own anthropologist to study them? The data will be initially reported in September at a symposium of the International Congress of Americanists (in Paris--how nice!). Then Ed and Valene returned home, the long way round, by going to the mouth of the MacKenzie River. With all that new Arctic gear--parka, boots, etc.---there surely is more field work in the offing...The third symposium on Tourism and Culture Change will be held at the AAA meetings in November (Washington, D.C.), and among other papers will be one by the eminent Dutch scholar, Jeremy Boissevain. Hope to see some of you there!

CHARLIE URBANOWICZ, our own Pacific Anthropologist, continues with his Anthropology and Social Science involvement. Charlie still manages to teach Anthropology while serving as Coordinator for Social Science and Special Programs within the School of Behavioral and Social Sciences. On things Pacific: he's been able to get a couple of articles in print on (what else!) Tonga in Ethnohistory and is included in a volume entitled Psychological Anthropology. Charlie managed to get to Hawai'i during the Christmas break - he co-organized a trip with Shig Kanda and spend fourteen days in Hawai'i (and students even received 2-3 credits!). Life goes on!

LINDA WOLFE just received her Ph.D. from the University of Oregon. She is an expert on primate behavior and has done field work among a Japanese macaque colony in Texas. Also she is a certified nurse and will teach a class in medical anthropology in the fall of 1976.

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ALUMNI-NOTES: (Numbers in parentheses are B.A. in Anthropology, unless otherwise noted).

RICHARD ARNOLD (1973) is district representative for State Fund compensation insurance, lives in Stockton, and will be a proud papa in September

JIM BACQUET (1975) is working on an Inter-disciplinary MA program at CSUC, and employed summers at the Enterprise Children's Centre in Redding...and admits that anthropology helped him get his job because he discussed

"Melanesian puberty rites in long boring waits in theatre lines. If I don't get my teaching position again this summer, I will probably try to fulfill a life-time dream--go to a Greenwich Village night-club and yodel the sound-tracks of every Godzilla movie ever made while being accompanied by 3 walruses in heat. Failing this I will go to a Zen Monastery and spend the remainder of my days (and nights) contemplating tapioca pudding.

RON BERG (1971) is serving as a health missionary and Elder for the LDS Church working out of Pinon, Arizona among the Navaho...and reports his language fluency is improving. He tentatively plans a career in NPS or an M.A. in ethnobotany...and he says "I still love Anthro! It is fun and it is relative!"

DEBORAH (COLMERAUER) BESNARD (1974) is living in Forest Grove, Oregon, and teaching at Gaston High (150 students) noting, "I'm trying to make the ideas of Anthro an important part of my high school student's education.. hard to do in a small community that is very conservative."

MICHAEL BOYNTON (1971) is Forest Archaeologist for USFS, Modoc National Forest in Alturas and admits "would appreciate an occasional note from some of the old archaeological 'wild bunch'. It's lonely up here!" [Editor's note: we visited Mike and Linda...and they have a "neat" house and inviting wood fireplace!].

- DAVIS A. BULLWINKLE (1974) writes from Cowley Wyoming that "left California to try something different---and am employed by a construction company, work directly for AMOCO OIL CO.--STANDARD OIL OF INDIANA at Elk Basin Refinery. Money is fantastic..My present situation is a very interesting one. This area is very rural, and an interesting comparison considering I was raised in an urban environment. People's values, lifestyles, ethics, and morals are differing here, as parts of this area were originally settled by the Mormons. Some towns consist of 70-90% Mormons. As an anthropologist, I'm taking it all in--hopefully open-mindedly.
- JOANNE CANNON (1973) is nearing completion of an M.A. and intends to do further fieldwork in Genetic Counseling Clinics and looks forward toward a Ph.D. program.
- CINDY CRANDALL (1974) is in Monrovia, Liberia as a Peace Corps volunteer, employed as a home economics teacher. In August 1976 she will start home via the Middle East and Europe.
- DOUG CRISPIN (1974) writes from National Bridges National Monument, near Blanding, Utah that "I really didn't know what direction I should take in my life when I graduated. I heard all the reports of college grads working at menial jobs. Now I am a Maintenance Worker, 40 miles from the closest town. My 'professional' duties consist of servicing 2 diesel-electric generators, cleaning the campground with its 2 pit toilets, trail work and other assorted janitorial and maintenance jobs. My non-professional activities mostly consist of hiking the canyons and exploring the hundreds of Indian ruins with associated pictograph/petroglyph panels. The 4-Corners area is an archaeologist's delight. I can walk out my front door and be sitting in an un-restored, seldom-visited 800-year old kiva that is in nearly perfect condition (roof intact) in less than an hour's time. Sure I'm another college grad who cleans bathrooms, swings a hammer and works a shovel for a living, but I'm also a college grad who gets to live in one of America's many Wonderlands known as a National Park that most people feel fortunate if they get to visit a few times in a lifetime."
- DAWNA CURLER (1971) is living in Sacramento where she is a Park Interpretive Specialist for the California Department of Parks & Recreation...and among her other duties has been writing text for a new Indian museum at Cuyamaca State Park (San Diego County). She and Liz Bauer traveled together in Europe this spring.
- LINDA DANK (1974) is in the Bank of America credit lending training program, and reports that the regional training director at B/A says "an undergraduate degree in anthropology is terrific background for a banking position." Linda is getting another kind of experience...the practical one of being in debt for having just purchased their first home.
- PEGGY DERR (1969) is announcing her retirement from teaching to be a full-time wife, and mother of Jennifer Leslee born March 20, 1976.
- LINDA WYCHECK DIXON moved to Alaska in 1974 and worked as a salvage archaeologist on the Alyeska Pipeline. Her husband, Greg, is one of three Alaska State Archaeologists and Linda will accompany her husband on field surveys this summer, then work under Dr. Bill Workman of Alaska Methodist University, at Kachemac Bay on the Kenai Peninsula.
- PATRICIA DOLL (1975) is working on an M.A. at CSUC and says the "immediate future holds further educational goals which tend to overshadow all else!"
- DAVID DOYEL (1969) is now an ABD (having just passed his doctoral prelims) at the University of Arizona, and between studies notes "I have spent a lot of time touring the Southwest, visiting reservations, National Parks and Monuments, and the like. One could travel in the SW for years and still not see it all..I have also participated in numerous archaeological projects with the contract archaeology section of the Arizona State Museum. I enjoy writing professionally and have a number of articles about to come out in several journals."

LORRAINE DOWNIE (GRENVIK) (1970) is working part-time for a landscape contractor while she "infanticipates" for some time this month. Meanwhile, she toured the British Isles and got to see Stonehenge.

PAUL FINNEGAN (1973) is living in Arlington, Va., and is employed as a Museum Technician, Division of Mammals, Smithsonian Institution, and has been around the country visiting major museums. [Editor's note: I hope that elusive "administration" that wants to scuttle the CSUC Museum will listen to the following:] "I would hope that sometime in the future Museology under the direction of Keith Johnson might be expanded. The need for professionals in the Museum field is essential and CSUC with its faculty and facilities could contribute greatly."

CHERYL FRANK (1973) lists her occupation as housewife but admits she is trying hard to find a full time, paying position for Fall.

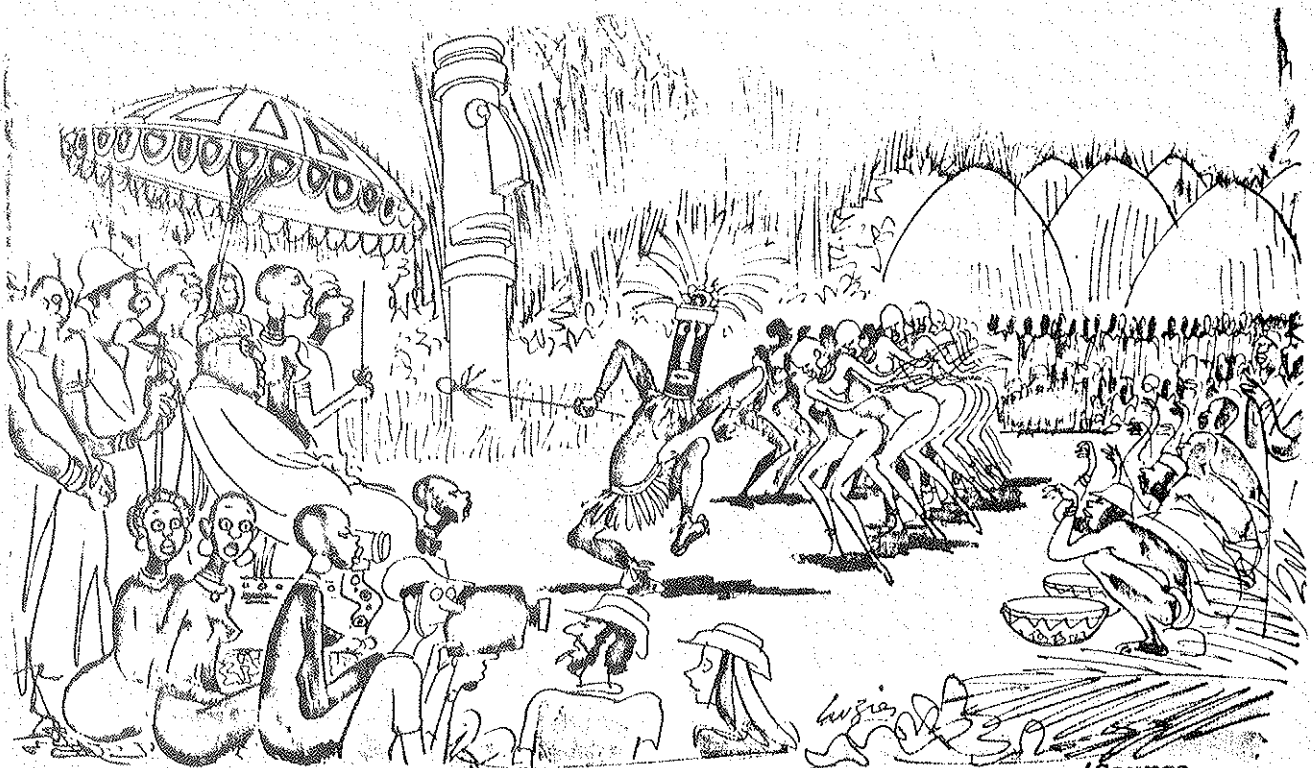
DEBRA GALEOTTI (1972) writes from San Francisco where she is a medical assistant for two internists that she is involved in volunteer work for the de Young Museum, to gain some insight into a possible career in museology, or following through with Public Health work as an alternative. She did attend one day of meetings at the AAA convention in SF.

RUTH ANN FARMER (GARDNER) (1968) is working on an MA in anthropology at CSU-Sacramento and, with Tom Nelson, worked under Dr. Theodoratus in the preparation of two ethnographic environmental impact reports--the Parks Bar Dam near Marysville, and the Melones Dam. Both she and Tom participated in a symposium at the SWAA meetings in San Francisco during Easter Week.

LORI HAGER (1975) is currently the Physical Anthropology Lab assistant here at Chico, and going graduate work.

GERTRUDE BELLE HICKS (BA 1971; MA 1974) is an evening division instructor at Shasta College in Redding, and between quarters spent a month in Australia and New Zealand researching...of all things...tourism! Her paper will be among those to be presented at the AAA meetings in Washington, D.C.

And lest you think that all your Editor thinks about is tourism...well, nobody else submitted any cartoons!



"It's a ritual dance to ask the gods for a lot of tourists."

(Source unknown)

- STEVE HOGUE (1972) admits he's unemployed in Woodland Hills but "well... I do a lot of reading..."
- FRANCESCA HUNTSMAN (1975) lives in Azusa and spent 9 months as a VISTA volunteer working with a drug counseling program for the Spanish-speaking...but quit to make some quick money and now sells advertising to real estate companies. "I love anthro but most dingo-brains out here don't know what it is and that it has real applicability to most social service jobs. Tell all those still in the classroom to get their spiel up."
- WILLIAM KINNICUTT (1970) is still in construction, and gardening. He and Judy have just bought 10 acres south of Shasta College and are establishing a "you pick um" for raspberries, boysenberries, etc. Judy is infanticipating #2 in November.
- RICHARD KRIEGER (1970) is a "landed immigrant" in Canada, having settled in Victoria, BC where he owns a photographic business, and notes "it was in archaeology that I had my first taste of photography (burials and features)--and got more interested in taking pictures of live bodies. I would be interested in meeting old Anthro buddies who may be in the southern Vancouver Island area." [1260 Walnut Street; (604)383-2282].
- KEN LIEVERS (MA 1974) is a doctoral candidate in the Committee on Social Thought at University of Chicago, and is currently studying poetry and philosophy--Homer, Hume, Darwin and Freud at the moment. Robin expects to finish her BA in Math next year.
- ERNEST "SKIP" LOHSE (1975) is in Grad School at the University of Utah, and will be working this summer in a field school under Jesse Jennings excavating a Fremont viillage site, in the Henry Mts. of southern Utah, near Harksville.
- RICHARD MARKLEY (1974) has been kept so busy with archaeological surveys; especially for the Oroville State recreation area that the completion date for his MA at CSUC is noted as "?"
- BARRY MARSHALL (1973) is a land surveyor in Santa Rosa...and he also surveys land..such as two months in Mexico this year, traveling down the Pacific Coast to Yucatan and being thoroughly enchanted by Palenque.
- KATHY (FOSTER) McMORMACK (1973) is Head Teller at Citizens Savings and Loan in Marysville and reports that anthropology has given her insight into dealing with customers and people (and did we teach-help you with anything on comparative economics like penny capitalism?)
- JOAN MIDDLETON (1972) is a Park Technician at Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, in Page, Arizona, and also has conducted tours on the Navaho and Hopi reservations, giving lectures on the archaeology and ethnology. [MORE tourism!]
- JOHN D. MOORE (BA 1971; MA 1972) is an Ag pilot based in Dos Palos, and between "runs" he has written and sold an article to AOPA PILOT Magazine, "Crop Dusting by Starlight" (January 1976), and has a book out, BREAKING INTO AGRICULTURAL AVIATION. [Your editor has seen it---very good, and might be an "idea" for some who are still seeking jobs!].
- NANCY A. MORGANS-FERGUSON (1972) is a Professional Medical Representative for Stuart Pharmaceuticals...and to lend an aura of "monopoly in the restraint of trade" in November 1975 in Chico, she married Daniel "Frank" Ferguson who is the Professional Medical Representative for Abbott Laboratories. Nancy notes that anthropology has helped her design medical programs for culture groups other than our own. [Have any spare samples?]
- DONNA J. NORTH (1974) attended both the AAA and SWAA meetings in San Francisco, and is nearing completion of her MA at CSUC, and will be teaching a course in the department, Spring, 1977.

- KIM NORWOOD (1974) is living in Burbank, has been traveling in Mexico, and is currently gardening.
- JOHN NYSTROM, JR. (1974) made the "big move" from Durham to Pinedale, Wyoming where he is keeping busy as a building contractor...and looking forward to a busy summer of work and fishing.
- CATHERINE ORDUNO (1975) is completing her student teaching and expects to receive her elementary credential this year, and hopes to go into bilingual-bicultural education in Spanish.
- REBECCA PECK (1974) is getting a P.H.T (Putting Hubby Through) degree in Sparks, Nevada where husband, Mike, has a research assistantship in Hydrology. Rebecca longs to get back into librarian work...and says she likes our efforts at a Newsletter so much that she is offering a contribution. [Gosh, aren't some people nice? Thanks, Rebecca--just come see us, when you can.]
- SUZANNE PRICE (1976) is a current graduate who hopefully will attend graduate school in the Fall.
- JULIE RANKIN (1975) is working on an MA in Anthropology, and will be spending some of the summer at the University of Hawaii working on a thesis.
- MARK RAWITSCH (1974) is enrolled in the Western American Studies program at UC-Riverside leading to an MA in History, and is also getting involved (with archaeology training) in a Riverside County project to develop several historic parks related to early settlements such as La Placita des los Trujillos, an early New Mexican community, as well as sites of aboriginal habitation.
- RAE SCHWADERER (1975) is living in Jenner, California and is a part-time student at San Francisco State University.
- CHERIE SEIPERT (1974) says "I've been busy with family, farm and a full load at CSUC. Spare time has become a non-phenomenon."
- LUCY SKJELSTAD (1971) uprooted and moved to Eugene where she is teaching part-time for Southwestern Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (SWOMSI), and is trying to spur efforts to upgrade their exhibits and reorganize the Docent program. "I send my love and best wishes to all my old friends from Chico, wherever they are, and extend a warm welcome if you'all ever pass through Eugene."
- CHERYL SMITH (1970) writes from Oxnard that she was "very lucky to be selected as the only woman, and one of only 22 from among 60 candidates, to attend a government-sponsored (\$5000) course leading to a MBA as an Inventory Management Specialist through Pepperdine University, which she expects to complete by next December. She is also very active in The Business and Professional Women's Club.
- ROZ SQUAIR (1973) is a secretary and "jack of all trades" in the clerical section at the Goodwill Industries in Oakland.
- SHARON SWANHART (1975) is living in Suitland, Maryland where she is a volunteer aide to Congresswoman Shirley R. Pettis of California, and job-hunting in the Civil Service arena.
- JOHN VAN FOSSEN (1972) has been teaching in Werribee (near Melbourne, Australia) and is traveling around India, Ceylon, and Indonesia before returning to the USA just about now. He plans on working toward an MA next year.
- LON D. VARVEL (1974) is an IRS Taxpayer Service Representative [Your editor bitterly comments...what some people won't do to make a living?...] and works along with
- MARYBEA (ZACHRY) VARVEL (1973) in fixing up their new home in Redding. Marybea is teaching. Vacation last year was in Mexico, Canada is the target for this year.

BRAD VIERRA (1975) is living in Albuquerque where he is field archaeologist and Crew Chief for the Agency of Conservation Archaeology at Eastern New Mexico University. Among others, he has been working on the Puerco River project and this summer on the Salmon Ruins project. His first publication will be forthcoming with the site report in the Fall, and treats of human skeletal material from the Laguna Plata site in SE New Mexico. "With only one day off a week I'm pretty busy. Say hello to everyone for me."

THOMAS WILKINS (1975) is currently enrolled in the MS program in Recreation and Leisure Studies at CSU-San Jose. Last summer he spent traveling in Europe and North Africa; this summer he will be in a graduate internship in either Germany, Switzerland or Australia. "This is what I wanted to do in Graduate School that combines my cultural and social anthropological background with recreation, and puts them to use!" [MORE TOURISM!]

