

CLAN - DESTINY

Anthropology Alumni Newsletter

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To one and all, who responded to the call for "news", go my thanks...and if you wonder why the Newsletter has been so delayed, the answer is simple: the Editor had a chance to go to South Africa and Rhodesia right after finals...

For those of you who have moved away from Chico, it must be reported that the town continues to grow - with several big new developments planned near the intersection of Hiway 32 and the Freeway (shopping complexes, apartments, a Sears store and a branch of Weinstocks). We even have "5-o'clock rush hours" down key streets. Yet Chico continues to retain its charm and with the heavy rains of this past winter, the Creek, flowers and trees have never been more lovely.

DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

The Department has survived the usual "crises"...we even have a "new" truck! After the renovation of Trinity Hall, Keith re-opened the Museum this Spring with an exhibit entitled "Ancient Polynesia: Mana, Toa, Tohunga." One enters the Museum through a simulated Maori threshold (carved by Jim Myers), and the whole complex is very effective despite an Administrative Edict that nothing can be suspended on the walls...to mar the paint!

Three new programs have been inaugurated, toward the goal of providing training for available employment opportunities. Keith developed programs leading to a Certificate in Cultural Resource Management (oh, those EIR's), as well as a Certificate program in Museology. Valene spear-headed an inter-departmental Minor in Tourism, with courses in recreation, geography, business as well as anthropology, leading to jobs in the travel industry. We would welcome any ideas for other programs that, in your experience, would benefit our students (when they graduate).

THE ANTHRO LOOKS AT...monthly seminar series completed its fourth year with excellent programs. The Anthro House flourished and the Anthro Club regularly produced its bulletin, Editorial Imperative. Of special importance was the appearance of a student journal, The Genetic Drift (see Paul Reed, below).

In addition to duties as Department Chairman, ART LEHMANN has worked assiduously on the extensive color motion picture footage he took during last year's sabbatical; he has excellent material, and the results were worth the monetary gamble on his film. BEVERLY CHINAS enjoyed the sun and sea breezes in Merida in April at the Society for Applied Anthropology meetings. She met many old friends, and gave a paper comparing women's status in three Mexican campesino communities. Two sisters-in-law from the Isthmus of Tehuantepec and a niece were her Merida guests for two days. This summer she plans to putter in her garden, re-model her kitchen, and just relax.

Thanks to an NEH grant, JIM MYERS is spending the summer at UC-Berkeley researching the impact of the American Indian mystique on assimilated

California Indians. He continues to enjoy his hobby of wood-carving (see above), and now bears the title of Tohunga Carver. During the Spring semester, he completed his study of Hoopa Reservation college drop-outs, and plans to present it as a paper at the American Anthropological Association meetings in Los Angeles, next November. Eldest daughter, Pam, is a Freshman music major at CSU-C...and for those who have heard Jim sing at Christmas Parties...we know from whence she derived her musical talent (Ho-Ho-Ho!).

CHARLIE URBANOWICZ assumed a 3/4 administrative position a year ago, as Associate Dean of Regional and Continuing Education (we miss him, out of the department!). Last August, he was invited to Hawaii for a conference at the Polynesian Culture Center, and has also been very active in some of his other research areas, giving papers at a meeting of the American Astronautical Society, at a conference on Extraterrestrial Anthropology, and at the annual meetings of the American Psychological Society. He has also been active in publishing...and all the work paid off! He was honored this year by being named in OUTSTANDING YOUNG MEN OF AMERICA. On the "home" front, Sadie and Charlie have a new home, and Tom (now 6) started violin lessons. On campus Charlie is "Microwave Coordinator" (not cooking ovens!), coordinating and scheduling the various closed-circuit TV courses being beamed to various Learning Centers throughout the region.

MARK KOWTA finished out the year by reading the papers developed in his archaeology seminar, this year devoted to the explanation of spatial and temporal variations in prehistoric materials. Already completed (or nearing completion) as M.A. theses by other students are Richard Markley's study of culture change in the Oroville area; Lori Hager's discrete trait analysis of Channel Island skeletal materials (supervised by Turhon Murad) and Andy Yatsko's study on phosphate soil analysis. Thanks to a rewarding sabbatical leave in Baja California, Oaxaca and Yucatan, Mexico, he gained much in knowledge of Mesoamerican archaeology and culture...which prompted a paper on Baja California prehistory at the Pacific Coast Latin American Studies meeting (Santa Clara). Yosemite was the setting for the meetings of the Society for California Archaeology, and Mark read a paper on models of Maidu Prehistory...and was asked to chair a statewide committee to develop and promote the use of regional research designs. He and Mary have been cat-sitting LINDA WOLFE'S two kittens while she pursues her macaque research in Japan. MARY KOWTA is an M.A. candidate (anthropology - what else?), and also taught a MACOS section on campus.

TOM JOHNSON is spending a Fulbright/sabbatical year in Korea, teaching American Studies at Kyungpook National University in Taegu, Korea - and having many exciting adventures. Kimie and the children joined him there on May 10 - somewhat regretfully leaving behind a beautiful new house (with an outstanding second story "study" and library for Tom, looking out over the fallen remains of Hooker Oak).

TURHON MURAD survived another year as Graduate Advisor, and this summer, is doing some nice work in re-modeling their home, across the street from Bidwell Park.

PETER JENSEN is Staff Archaeologist for the University Foundation, keeping everyone busy doing EIR's (students are employed too), but he and the family did fly off "home" to vacation in Hawaii. KEITH JOHNSON is spending the summer writing up the Buck's Lake experience of last summer and, now ambidextrous, KAREN finally shed the cast from a broken right arm.

VALENE SMITH has managed to remain a Jet-Setter; January 1st, she and Ed flew to Frobisher Bay on Baffin Island - and reported it was "cold" but very interesting. In April, they, too, attended the Merida meetings of applied anthropologists and Valene chaired a day-long symposium on Tourism and Regional Development. HOSTS AND GUESTS: The Anthropology of Tourism was published by University of Pennsylvania Press (and even got a ten-inch review in the New York Times); and TOURISM AND CULTURE CHANGE will be out shortly, from William and Mary Press. To relieve the anguish of itchy feet, they had a great trip to Africa in June, and leave the 15th of July for the Orient (visiting Tom in Korea), and finally realizing a dream: to get to Peking. Rub your tikis for us...we have asked to visit the Paleontology Lab at Chou Kou Tien, 90 miles outside Peking. VALENE also received a \$5000 grant from the William Randolph Hearst Foundation for Archival Research. Students Julie Rankin and Carolyn Otto spent a month as interns at the Federal Archives and Records Center in San Bruno, and the contact with Chief Archivist, JoAnn Williamson, led to a Faculty Workshop at the Center in April. Valene and Ira LaTour (Art) plan to spend next winter collaborating on another documentary film.

ALICE BRIGGS and Bill Coupé are settling into their hideout in the hills - a charming house in the forest (above Forest Ranch).

ALUMNI NEWS

ALAN ADAMS (BA 72; MA 75), his wife Kathy and son (ten months) are settled in Olympia, Washington, and love the outdoor recreation available all around. Alan is Research Analyst with the State of Washington, Department of Social and Health Services.

HOWARD ATKINSON (perennial MA candidate) is living in Riverside where he is an assistant curator for the Riverside Museum...working on a pre-Columbian Meso-American collection that is rich with figurines.

JAMES BACQUET (BA 75) is working towards an MA in creative writing at CSU-C, and is writing a novel...and dreaming of travel..."I dream of Paris but I realize that's out because Greyhound has no bus route there."

RODNEY BATISTE is working in Chico, and thinking about returning to school.

RUTH (GARDNER) BEGELL (BA 68) is living in Vacaville ("happily married to a berserk fireman") and they are "infanticipating" in August. With an MA from CSU-Sacramento (77), Ruth has been teaching anthropology for Delta College in Stockton, and also Anthropology in Criminal Justice for CSU-Sacramento.

MIKE BOYNTON (BA 71) requested a transfer from Modoc to Mendocino National Forest, and he and Linda now live in Willows. Mike is Native American Program Coordinator for the Forest, and Linda also teaches. They have become deeply involved with Education for the Deaf since Joel-Michael's hearing is impaired. Mike finally "listened" to the counsel from Keith and Valene, and has returned to campus to complete his MA (Fall 78?)

- ELAINE C. BROWN (BA 76) spent a fabulous year as an exchange student at Massey University in New Zealand, and gathered data on "Moku in Maori Life: an ethnohistorical reconstruction of traditional New Zealand tattoo." She hopes to complete her thesis this summer.
- GAIL BUCKMANN (BA 78) is working in Pacheco, California.
- DAVIS BULLWINKLE (BA 74) is working this summer in Powell, Wyoming at the Dow Chemical Oil Industry but has been accepted into the MS program in Library Sciences, Emporia State University (Kansas), and is excited about returning to school.
- MARK CHARD (BA 77) writes from Lancaster, California that he is "having a hell of a time finding a job that requires a BA in Anthropology."
(We SURELY sympathize, with you---Lancaster is not quite a "boom town").
- CINDY CRANDALL (BA 74) is living in Fontana and working as a Long Distance Telephone Operator in Riverside. She, too, is going back to school to study Speech Pathology at CSU-Long Beach.
- DOUGLAS CRISPIN (BA 74) is Park Technician (Ranger) at Natural Bridges National Monument...and is thoroughly enjoying the assignment, with opportunities to meet visiting scientists, to travel and white-water raft down the Colorado. Progress is soon to come---an eagerly awaited solar generating system (world's largest) that will replace the current problem of generating their own electricity by diesel.
- COLLEEN CROWLIE (BA 76) has just finished her Master of Library Science at the University of Arizona (Congratulations are in order!). She is also doing independent research for IVASA on the feasibility of growing food in Outer Space for the small colonies projected to be there by the year 2000--because of the high cost of transport, the colonies will have to be self-sufficient.
- JANET (MURRAY) CUDDIHY (BA 72; MA 75) is the Director of the Feminist Women's Health Center in Chico, and has traveled extensively this year, lecturing on feminist and health issues. She is collaborating on a book about women's health care, to be published by Putnam in early 1979. As a hobby she has gotten into weight-lifting and recently helped organize a local women's powerlifting meet.
- DAWNA CURLER (BA 71) writes "Life has been good--one of the best parts of my job (Park Interpretive Specialist for California Department of Parks and Recreation) is getting to travel all over the State, to the parks. She is currently writing guidelines for Docent programs, and working on the Environmental Living Program which permits school groups to spend 24-hours role-playing lives of early California residents at Historic Sites ("Ever want to spend the night at Sutter's Fort or sleep in General Vallejo's bed?") As an associate hobby, she is engaged in wool spinning, clogging (Appalachian dancing) and the mountain dulcimer.
- DAVID DOYEL (BA 69; MA 72) completed his Ph.D. at the University of Arizona (Congratulations!). In his professional role as Staff Archaeologist at the Arizona State Museum in Tucson, he continues to research and publish on the prehistoric societies of Southern and Central Arizona, including chairing a full-day symposium on the Hohokam for the Society of American Archaeology meetings. He sends greetings to all Chico friends, noting he continues to enjoy backpacking and playing his banjo.
- FREDERICK DREIER is completing his MA in Anthropology, dealing with models for aging (by dental wear) Adult Human Skeletal Material, from middle and late archaeological horizons in Central California. This endeavor goes on while teaching full-time at Red Bluff High School, and serving as department chairman in Physical Education.

- KAREN (GRECZKOWSKI) EMREY (BA 77) finally "got rid of that long name" through her marriage to Chris (and they are awaiting a baby in August). To pay the bills, Chris works for STOL AIR COMMUTER and Karen manages a gift shop, magazine stand they own at Sonoma County Airport which also includes the HERTZ agency. "When people find out I have an anthropology degree they ask what I'm doing at an airport. I always tell them I'm secretly making a study of the way people behave in an airport. They laugh. But people do change their behavior in an airport. Chris keeps telling me I'm going to go back and get my Master's some day. I'd love to." (Editor: Looks as if she has thesis topic on tourism!).
- PAUL FINNEGAN (BA 73) went from the Smithsonian program to Texas Tech where he finished an MA in Museum Science, including a paid internship at the California Academy of Sciences where "I worked on the weapons in the collections from Polynesia and Indonesia." He is currently seeking a position in a museum (and we wish him well!).
- CHERYL FRANK (BA 73) still lives in Cohasset, works in Chico at Designer Fabrics, and is raising two teen-age boys. "Were we ever like that?"
- DIANE FRETTEY (BA 78) married just before finals to Russell Fletcher, a student in Agriculture at CSU-C. She reports that JANET CROSSE (BA 78) is traveling to Brazil this summer.
- JIM GRIGG (BA 77) is job hunting, with one interesting offer from Macy's for executive training in Personnel or Public Relations. This past year, Jim designed the cover pages for the student publications, THE GENETIC DRIFT, and the EDITORIAL IMPERATIVE; he also illustrated an article authored by Linda Wolfe.
- BARRY HEWLETT (MA 77) spent the Fall of 1977 in South America including three weeks with the Jivaro and Aucas, a visit to the Siriona, and a trek across the Brazilian Amazonas. Currently he is teaching three courses in anthropology at Shasta College, and seeking a way to return to Africa soon.
- BELLE HICKS (MA 74) and her husband are both retired, planning to travel-trailer around the USA for 6 months or more.
- STEVE HOGUE (BA 72) is assistant manager for a Woodland Hills nursery, and as part of his duties, traveled to Central America in search of potential new houseplants to decorate local homes.
- MELISSA (BOWERS) HOLCOMB (BA 77) is a volunteer for national parks at Channel Islands, potential job with State Parks Channel Coast and lives in Oxnard.
- JIM JAMISON (BA 77) hangs his hat in Oroville and works in the building trade--from which he must have done well for travels include Northern Europe, the Orient and Australia. Hobbies are reading early medieval hagiographies, and dry-fly fishing.
- RICH KRIEGER (BA 70) has moved to Victoria, B.C. which he enjoys (except for winter) and spent 7 months last year photographing and researching the "Southern Moresby Wilderness Proposal" in the Queen Charlotte Islands. He and his partner are writing a book on the mismanagement of B.C.'s resources using the wilderness area as a focus of conflict.
- ERNEST (SKIP) LOHSE (BA 75; MA 77) is currently a Ph.D. candidate in archaeology at University of Utah where he has worked as field assistant to Jesse Jennings in the Henry Mts. of Utah, in Western Samoa, and for the summer of 1978, will be field supervisor of the Field School at Salina in southern Utah.

- JOANNE MACK reports that Jeffrey was born February 4th. Meanwhile from her Claremont, California home (shared with Archaeologist-husband Jim McKenna), she is working on the final chapter of her doctoral dissertation and hopes to complete the degree from the University of Oregon in the Fall.
- TIM MOORE (BA 76) spent the summer and fall of 1977 doing archaeology and fighting fires on the Modoc; then vacationed in Baja for six weeks--fishing, diving and sailing. In April, moved to Funter Bay (near Juneau), Alaska and will be fishing this summer (and getting gardens and buildings into shape).
- JOHN MOORE (BA 72) has returned to Quincy where he is Airport Manager-- at the field founded by his grandfather and where both parents were flight instructors. Johnny still flies with a flair--charters and instruction--and writes a weekly aviation column for the local newspaper.
- NANCY MORGANS-FERGUSON (BA 72) continues to work for Stuart Pharmaceutical Co. She and her husband bought a 75-year old ranch house and are restoring it "piece by piece", meanwhile awaiting the arrival of a "wee one" in October. She has become involved in a variety of local organizations, and "Love meeting all the new people."
- DONNA NORTH (BA 74) says the past few years since graduation have been hectic..I completed all the unit requirements for the MA during which time my husband had two open heartsurgeries (and there was also Welley-13, Curtis-12, and Harley-9 to care for). To keep from being idle (?), Donna launched a new career, buckled down to study real estate, and passed her Brokers License Exam. "I learned that to tackle a new profession is like taking a class out of your major. At first you feel very strange, but with study you soon find yourself talking a new language and in my case, making a success out of it." (Good advice, Donna - and we thank you for sharing).
- JOHN NYSTROM (BA 74) writes from Pinedale, Wyoming that he and his family have been involved in the Wind River Heritage seminar given by Western Wyoming College; Son John, 17 will attend Butte College next year, and Kathleen, 16 was among the top winners in the State Music Festival, playing the saxophone.
- REBECCA PECK (BA 74) and her husband Mike have moved to West Virginia where he is a hydrologist with the State Geological Survey. For the moment she misses her work with the library in Sparks but "unpacking and the garden are my summer priorities." They like the area, are only four hours from Washington, D.C. and expect to do a lot of "exploring" this summer.
- PHYLLIS QUINN (MA 70) switched careers in October 77 from a travel agent to the owner operator of Chico Day-Care Center for pre-school children. With a svelte new figure, she and Woody are enjoying and profiting from their venture.
- PAUL REED (BA 78) received the Anthropology Department Outstanding Student Award for 1977-78, and --being far too modest-- the Editor will tell you that he organized and obtained funding for the 1st in-house Anthropology journal, THE GENETIC DRIFT. It is impressive, and proceeds from the sale of the limited "first edition" are already on deposit with the Chico State Foundation, as a good start towards making it an annual publication. Paul has been accepted at several Graduate Schools, including a Fellowship at Vanderbilt.
- CHERI SEIPERT (BA 74) is working on her MA in Chico, and for the summer is a Project leader for Cal-Trans at Eureka.

- LUCY SKJELSTAD (BA 71) is living in Eugene, Oregon where she is Director of the Horner Museum, O.S.U. in Corvallis. Work keeps her busy with left-over time going into gardening. In April she attended the AASLH Museum meetings in Denver and renewed ties with MARK RAWITSCH (BA 74) who is Musuem Director at Carpinteria.
- MARY SUSAN TAYLOR (BA 76; MA 78) is in Seaside (California), working at Monterey Peninsula College, taking some courses there...and working on some publications (principally bibliographies) in ethnobotany. (Sue--DO go on with your proposed doctoral studies!)
- GORDON TOMLINSON (BA 76) has been the Anthro Lab Assistant this past Spring in the physical lab, is working on his MA, and has his Community College Credential. However, the graduate work "re-affirmed my feelings that one should get a good trade and stick with it." (Now what does that mean????Gordon is a "whiz" of a "Panel beater"--the British term for a body-fender repairman).
- SCOTT TORRICELLI (BA 77) left in September 1977 for two years in Sierra Leone, West Africa, in the US Peace Corps. He is living in the Moslem village of Simibagbo and among other activities, is teaching local farmers to grow rice. His mother writes: "Scott is very isolated and is grateful for all news." Am sure he would appreciate a letter sent c/o Mrs. O.G. Torricelli, 17473 Via Alamitas, San Lorenzo, CA 94680.
- BRAD VIERRA (BA 75) is in Albuquerque, working on an MS in Biological Anthropology (specialization in human osteology and allied interests). The thesis will be a Paleoepidemiological Approach to the Anasazi from Basketmaker III to Pueblo II Times. For summer activities, it's back to contract work...mostly in Arizona and New Mexico, for the U.N.M.
- ARLENE WALLACE (BA 73) is teaching part-time at Chico State and at Butte College, both in anthropology and computers; she is enjoying being a grandma, and finds time to decorate cakes and knit.
- WILLIAM G. WHITE (BA 77) is in Sante Fe, employed in construction, and continues to research "rock art." As of June 1978 he has a temporary (6 months) archaeology position with the Bureau of Land Management in Wyoming. A new interest is in solar architecture, and he is "moonlighting" by designing and building solar greenhouses because we are "at the threshold of cultural change on a massive scale. I not only want to be a witness and recorder but also a participant."
- BONNIE V. WILLIAMS is currently an MA candidate in Anthropology (BA in Biology 77), having "discovered" the discipline during her senior year.

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Editorial Note:

Every year it is a great personal pleasure to receive responses from so many of you, to share in your accomplishments and, occasionally to mourn your disappointments. Without your help, CLAN - DESTINY (a two-way pun on kinship, and clandestine or "gossipy") could not be.....Is it possible that this is the sixth year? We would welcome seeing any of you who may be passing through Chico, and will look forward to hearing from you next year. I do thank Alice for her help - it really is quite a task to keep track of addresses, and the expense of two mailings each year is sizeable. But since so many of you have expressed your appreciation, we are encouraged to continue on.....

'Til next year,
Valene L. Smith, Editor

