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President's Message

What with all that's happened in recent events, it's hard to limit my thoughts in this column to archaeology in our little corner of the world. As part of a global community of archaeologists, we were outraged by the late summer reports of antiquities being destroyed by the Taliban. We continue to be shocked by the news of injustices and atrocities committed against women, journalists, military personnel, and anyone who publicly expresses a point-of-view that opposes Taliban regulations.

The eradication of centuries of Afghanistan's cultural treasures came with another sacrifice: a loss of cultural identity. "History is the witness that testifies to the passing of time; it illumines reality, ... provides guidance in daily life, and brings us tidings of antiquity." (*Marcus Tullius Cicero*). Our identities are rooted in the past; our history defines, in part, who we are. To preserve this sense of national identity, the acting Afghan culture minister has appealed for international help to rebuild the national museum. In addition, thousands of the artifacts previously salvaged by museum workers are hidden in Kabul.

In 1966, Robert F. Kennedy said, "It is from numberless diverse acts of courage and belief that human history is shaped. Each time a man stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope, and crossing each other from a million different centers of energy and daring, those ripples build a current that can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance." His words are equally true now.

Thus, from the tragedies of this year comes a hope that the new year will bring a new start and peace. I hope this proves true for us all. Happy holidays, peace, and enlightenment to you and yours.

—Linda Naoi Goetz



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Greg Burtchard joins AWA Board of Directors

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We are pleased to announce that **Greg Burtchard** has agreed to fill the vacant Director-at-Large position. Greg brings his valuable perspective as a federal employee with the National Park Service, providing a balance to the Board.

Most of us are familiar with Greg's many years in the region, working in Washington and Oregon. He recently returned to the area after working for IARII, a Honolulu-based CRM firm. Currently Greg is an archaeologist at Mt. Rainier National Park. Greg's email is burtchard@rainierconnect.com. Join us in welcoming Greg!

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Irradiation Alert: Avoiding Damage to Specimens & Data

The Smithsonian Institute has posted a paper on its web site about the irradiation of mail and the potential problems with sending specimens through the US Postal Service. The paper is summarized below and the full text can be found at: http://www.si.edu/scmre/mail_irradiation.html

Summarizing the information as it pertains to typical specimens exchanged by archaeologists, museums, and research laboratories and transported by mail, the following concerns emerge:

Materials of cellulosic composition, such as paper, will be quite seriously affected. They will become more brittle, their aging processes will be accelerated, and discoloration can be expected. Materials of proteinaceous composition, while less vulnerable than the cellulosic ones, still can be expected to be sustain similar types of damage.

Samples of interest because of their genetic information can be compromised, to varying degrees. Magnetic media (floppy disks, zip disks, audio and video tape) will probably lose significant information content. Undeveloped photographic film will be exposed. Samples intended for thermoluminescence dating will become useless. In addition, for a variety of reasons, glass slides (mounted specimens), color photographs, and mineral specimens are likely to undergo significant damage.

Materials less likely to sustain significant impact include specimens in preservation solutions, rubber or plastic stoppered containers, and samples intended for radiocarbon dating (depending on type of packaging).

Considering the above it is strongly suggested that sending vulnerable specimens and collection items, as well as important research data on magnetic media through the USPS, be avoided unless it can be arranged for these mailings to be protected from irradiation.

AWA does not review or evaluate the literature in its newsletter, though manuscripts may be edited for length and format. The views expressed herein are those of the author(s) and not necessarily those of AWA, its Board of Directors, staff, or the editor.

It is assumed that articles reporting on any aspect of a project under contract have been submitted in accordance with the provisions of the contract and with the knowledge and permission of the project's PI.

Submission deadlines are the 15th of February, May, August, and November. E-mail submissions, attached as Word-readable documents, may be sent to the Editor.

A Summary of AWA Board & Membership Concerns

By Amy Dugas, AWA Secretary

As we are coming up on a new year, I thought it would be a perfect time to touch base with the membership and fill you all in on some of the new ideas that we have been discussing during our recent Board meetings. The Board agrees that some changes need to occur in order for AWA to be a successful and active organization. The changes which have been discussed are not drastic by any means but may help to increase our membership and promote a stronger sense of fellowship amongst the members.

Membership Drive

Unfortunately, AWA membership is down this year. In order to be a strong organization we need a strong and consistent membership. Ideas were discussed on how to increase membership and the Board felt that one way would be to attract more graduate and undergraduate students. Being part of AWA would provide them with the opportunity to meet potential employers and keep informed of cultural resource issues and concerns. AWA Board members could visit universities and make presentations to Anthropology Clubs promoting the organization. AWA could also possibly sponsor a travel grant so that an interested student could attend the Northwest meetings.

New Social Activities Proposed

On a more social note, the Board discussed the possibility of hosting an annual picnic during the summer where the membership could gather and interact on a professional and social level. The picnic could have a theme such as "Revisiting the Past" where seasoned archaeologists could make informal presentations about some of the early work they conducted in the Pacific NW. This picnic, if supported by the membership, could possibly replace the Annual meeting held at the NWAC's since many times we have a poor turnout at the NWAC's because of scheduling conflicts.

AWA Scholarship Revamp

The Board would also like to improve the format of the AWA scholarship which has been offered for the last several year. The response to the \$500 scholarship has been non-existent to say the least and so we have been brainstorming on how to make it more appealing to the student population. The Board discussed the possibility of renaming it a "Research Grant" with different requirements than before. The money could be used to assist a graduate student during their thesis research or to defray field work expenses.

As always, the Board is open to suggestions, comments, and ideas from the membership regarding AWA activities. The association needs to have the support and input from its members in order to be successful and productive. Hope everyone has a safe holiday season.....

**All AWA members are
invited to attend Board
meetings—contact us for
dates and details**

OAHP News

Submitted by Stephenie Kramer & Rob Whitlam

New Assistant State Archaeologist

Welcome **Stephenie Kramer** as our new Assistant State Archaeologist. One of Stephenie's responsibilities will be to review and prepare archaeological excavation permits. She will be visiting permitted archaeologists during field excavations and will also be auditing permits for compliance with permit conditions.

Stephenie will be reviewing the comments many of you submitted to the OAHP in the Spring of 2000 regarding streamlining and improving the permitting process. Her position came about partially as the result of an internal study that concluded 60% of our archaeological excavation permits are in a default status. In most cases this status is the result of the archaeologist failing to send a complete, final excavation report to the OAHP. This means that if you have ever had an archaeological excavation permit from our office, and you haven't yet sent the final copy of your report to the OAHP, expect to hear from Stephenie soon. As of the date of this writing, 38% of our permits are in default.

If you don't know the status of some of your permits, feel free to email or call Stephenie at StephenieK@cted.wa.gov or 360/586-3083. She has verified the status of every permit issued since 1976 and can tell you where you stand.

Budget Cuts at OAHP

Given the dire straits the state budget is reportedly in, OCD has offered up for consideration a series of cuts to state general fund programs. One proposed cut is to eliminate state funding for **Washington Archaeology Month**. The cut of approximately \$15,000 will hopefully be offset with federal funds and aggressive fundraising by archaeologists and other supporters of Washington Archaeology Month 2002.

Allyson is Doing Well!

Following Allyson's recent motorcycle adventures this summer, she is back at work and doing well. Feel free to contact her at AllysonB@cted.wa.gov. PS, if you find a right femur it may be hers!

2002 Northwest Anthropological Conference

The 55th Annual **Northwest Anthropological Conference** will be held April 10-13 in Boise, Idaho. Hosts for the conference are Idaho State Historical Society, Archaeological Survey of Idaho, Boise National Forest, Idaho Bureau of Land Management, and Department of Anthropology/Boise State University.

The conference theme is "Preserving the Spirit of Place". A first call for papers was sent out recently; the deadline for submitting abstracts is March 1, 2002. Contact **Mary Anne Davis**, Conference Coordinator with any questions (208/334-3847 or mdavis@ishs.state.id.us).

The conference will be held at the Owhyee Plaza Hotel Conference Center.

In Search of Data on King County

By Cheryl Iodice, Burke Museum

King County Roads Services Division (KCRSD) and the Burke Museum, in cooperation with the Washington State Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (OAHP) are collaborating to create the King County Archaeological Resources Database (KCARD). The intent of KCARD is to gather data on unrecorded cultural resources in King County to augment what is known about recorded cultural resources. KCRSD will be utilizing this data during road development projects and the information will also be available to the archaeological community in the future.

The Burke Museum Archaeology Department is identifying unrecorded and/or unofficially documented cultural resources. To this point we have gained access to information ranging from very specific (enough information to record UTM's) to more general information (such as brief notes scratched on slips of paper indicating where artifacts were found and name of informant). Over 190 additional cultural resources have been identified from our research, a significant increase within the county.

We have found that even the slimmest pieces of documentation allow for further investigation. For example, we identified a set of records from the 1920s indicating that an artifact was found on a small farm, 1.5 miles south of Snoqualmie Falls. With further research, we were able to locate the 4-acre parcel upon which the artifact had been found. In another case, during a visit to the King County Office of Cultural Resources, a file contained a copy of 1988 newsletter from the Newcastle Historical Society. The newsletter mentioned a "spear point" that had been found in a local barnyard. We were able to track down the owner through contacting the historical society.

While we have contacted numerous individuals and agencies, we know there must be more information out there. We are particularly interested in information from after 1980. We have found the following types of information helpful: maps, field notes, survey reports, personal notes and phone messages, written correspondence.

If you have any data that may be of interest or have any suggestions for further research, please contact Paula Johnson, KCARD Project Manager at the Burke Museum, 206/685-3849 or paulaj@u.washington.edu

AWA Membership Application Form

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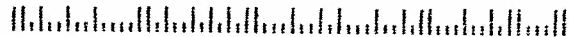


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Oregon Archaeological Society Lecture Series
All lectures held in the OMSI Auditorium, Portland
7pm. \$3 general admission, \$1 students
January 8: **Brian Harrison** Clatsop Community
College, Astoria. "Megaliths and Cannibals:
Mysteries of Easter Island."
January 15: **Tony Largaespada**, University of
Oregon; "The Archaeology of Connley Caves"



Washington State University Libraries and the
University of Washington Libraries announce a new
online resource: **Early Washington Maps: A
Digital Collection**
[http://www.wsulibs.wsu.edu/holland/masc/
xmaps.html](http://www.wsulibs.wsu.edu/holland/masc/xmaps.html)

Spanning three hundred years, the collection
includes maps of both sea and land faring explorers-
from early nautical charts of the western coast to the
explorations of missionaries, and the platting of new
towns, railroad tracks, and roads.

Lushootseed Research has published an updated
version of **T.T. Waterman's** manuscript *Puget
Sound Geography*. Edited by **Vi Hilbert, Jay
Miller** and **Zalmai Zahir**, the volume includes a
biography and bibliography of Waterman as well as
numerous maps, tables and photographs. The 375-
page book is comb-bound and costs \$75 plus \$5
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American Rock Art Research Association
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Dubois, Wyoming, May 24 -27, 2002

Conference format: two-day paper presentations and
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is open to members and non-members interested in
sharing ideas about rock art. For further conference
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