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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL ARCHEOLOGISTS

The annual meeting of the Nebraska Association of Professional Archeologists was held during the Nebraska Academy of Science meetings in April of this year. Progress reports were received from the Treasurer, the Ad Hoc Legislative, Education, Membership, Ad Hoc Finance, and Publication committees.

Douglas Bamforth, Secretary/Treasurer reported a balance of \$1228.72. Expenditures for 1989 were as follows:

1/24	Membership mailing (questionnaire)	\$95.00
2/10	Table at Plains Conference (reimburse)	\$25.00
2/21	Kinkos (NAPA envelopes)	\$ 5.21
2/22	Kinkos (NAPA Newsletter printing)	\$92.84
2/24	U.S. Postmaster (Newsletter mailing)	\$25.20
3/30	Kinkos (Speakers Bureau questionnaire)	\$ 8.44
3/30	U.S. Postmaster (mailing)	\$30.00

Total expenditures \$281.69

Chairman of the Ad Hoc Legislative committee, Peter Bleed reported on the status of LB340. At this time the bill had received its second reading and passage was imminent. The bill was passed shortly after this as one of the last acts of the legislature before the end of the session.

A Statement from the Nebraska State Historical Society Concerning LB340

The Nebraska State Historical Society and the Nebraska museum community have led efforts to preserve and venerate the history of those who came to Nebraska before recorded history.

We have made sincere attempts to reach a compromise and end this divisive battle between science and religion which divides our state. The Historical Society agreed to support LB340, to protect unmarked burials and return identifiable human remains to the ground, if modifications were made.

Unfortunately, the Unmarked Human Burial Sites and Skeletal Remains Protection Act, as passed, is seriously flawed. No matter how well intentioned, LB 340 is an assault on museum collections and reasonable scientific study. It contains provisions that are naive and medieval, which will prove to be a continuing source of embarrassment to our state.

However, the Nebraska State Historical Society will carry out the provisions of LB 340 with meticulous care and scrupulous honesty.

James A. Hanson
Director
Nebraska State Historical Society

Becky Otto, education chairperson, is looking forward to receiving the speaker's bureau questionnaires she mailed out to everyone. Please take five minutes to fill these out and get them in the mail.

Chair of the Membership Committee, Anne Wolley, reported the current membership status and the results of the survey. Current membership was reported at a total of 72, with 51 Fellows and 21 Associates. A total of 65% of the membership had renewed as of the meeting date. Since the annual meeting four new members have joined and a total of 78% of the membership has renewed.

A survey concerning various NAPA issues was circulated with the renewal forms in January of 1989. A brief summary of the results is listed below. A total of 41 surveys were returned with a total of more than 100% the result of rounding.

1. NAPA members felt that the goals of NAPA that ranked the highest were a) fostering communication between professional archeologists and amateurs/general public (19 ranked #1); b) lobbying for the special interests of Nebraska professional archeologists (14 ranked #1); and c) fostering communication among Nebraska professional archeologists (14 ranked #1). Developing education programs for the Nebraska general public was only ranked #1 by 4 members.
2. Percentage of members who felt the Newsletter should be published triannually (40%), semiannually (33%), quarterly (26%), annually (0%), and other (.02%).
3. Percentage of members who felt the journal should be published annually (56%), semiannually (27%), biannually (12%), and other (.05%).
4. Number of members indicating preference for types of articles for the journal. Site/discovery reports (39), theory (25), CRM (25), book reviews (23), descriptive (23), open forum (19), reprints (15), other (4).

5. Percentage of members who felt the scope of the journal should be Central Plains (43%), Great Plains (22%), Nebraska only (17%), editor's discretion (13%), and North America (.04%).
6. NAPA members felt the highest goal of the journal should be information dissemination (32 ranked #1) followed by publishing outlet for NAPA members (9 ranked #1), and education of the general public (6 ranked #1).
7. Percentage of members who felt the scope of the journal should be professional (41%), general (20%), editor's discretion (15%), and other (15%). 10% did not respond.
8. 76% of NAPA members felt the journal should be peer reviewed while 22% felt it should not be peer reviewed. 2% did not respond.
9. Percentage of members who felt the precedence for the journal should be quality (63%), schedule (28%), and quality and schedule both (9%).
10. 68% of members felt NAPA should have a scholarship fund while 15% felt there should not be such a fund. 17% did not respond.
11. 71% of members felt NAPA should have a research fund while 12% felt there should not be such a fund. 17% did not respond.
12. Numbers of members who felt they might be willing to donate to a research fund (14), publication committee (12), education committee (10), ad hoc legislative committee (8), fellowship/scholarship fund (7), other fund/committee (4), and ad hoc financial committee (2).
13. 89% of members felt NAPA should pursue joint fieldwork with NAS (Nebraska Archeological Society), 11% felt no such fieldwork should be pursued and 10% did not respond.
14. Percentage of members who felt membership should be solicited from professionals, students, amateurs and the general public (34%), professionals, students and amateurs (26%), professionals and anthropology students (22%) and professionals only (15%). 2% did not respond.
15. 66% of members felt NAPA should pursue corporate sponsorship, 17% felt no such sponsorship should be pursued and 21% did not respond.
16. 78% of members felt NAPA should lobby for a State Archeologist, 10% felt NAPA should not lobby for the position and 12% did not respond.
17. 80% of members felt NAPA should lobby for a State Antiquities Law, 2% felt NAPA should not lobby for such a law and 17% did not

respond.

18. 71% of members felt NAPA should provide lectures, 2% felt no lectures should be provided, and 27% did not respond.

19. 71% of members felt NAPA should produce educational materials, 17% felt no such materials should be produced and 12% did not respond.

20. 51% of members felt the NAPA Annual Meeting should be held at the Nebraska Academy of Sciences Meeting, 29% felt the NAPA Annual Meeting should be held at the Plains Conference and 20% did not respond.

Don Clark, Ad Hoc Finance committee chairman, presented an insurance plan to the membership for consideration. A portion of the money invested in this plan would go to the organization for use in scholarship or research projects.

Cathie Masters, chairman of the Editorial committee, provided an update on the progress of the publication of the journal. Progress is being made and most of the papers have finished the peer review process. A summer publication date seems possible. Melissa Conner has offered her assistance and she provides us with an update of progress as of the July 7th board meeting on page 8 of the Newsletter.

The frequency of the Newsletter was also discussed and due to publication costs and the availability of news, it was decided that the NAPA Newsletter would come out three times a year (February, June, October) instead of two or four.

Elections were held to replace the four board members whose term had expired. We would like to extend our appreciation to retiring board members, Peter Bleed, Melissa Conner, John Weymouth, and Gayle Carlson. The newly elected board members and their addresses and phone numbers are listed below:

Nancy Hamblin	8011 South St., Lincoln	402-483-7144
Douglas Scott	Midwest Archeological Center 100 Centennial Mall North Lincoln, NE 68508-3873	402-437-5392
Christopher Schoen	Midwest Archeological Center 100 Centennial Mall North Lincoln, NE 68508-3873	402-437-5392
Rob Bozell	Nebraska State Historical Society 15th and R St. Lincoln, NE 68508	402-471-4789

Congratulations to the new NAPA Board members!

New Business

Les Hosick and Cecil Williams suggested the possibility of professionals and amateurs participating in joint fieldwork. This idea was enthusiastically received and a new committee was formed. The committee for field opportunities for amateurs will consist of Steve Holen, Douglas Bamforth, and Bill Chada. The Corp of Engineers in Omaha has expressed some interest in a project of this type. It is hoped that a project can be worked out for next summer. If you are interested in participating in a joint venture of this type, you can contact Todd Rivers, president of the Nebraska Archaeological Society, or one of the committee members.

Historical Society Activities

John Ludwickson and Rob Bozell of the Nebraska State Historical Society (Highway Archeology Program), spent much of April and early May 1989, evaluating sites along a road construction project adjacent to the Big Blue River outside of Ulysses in Butler County. Soon after project construction began, a Smoky Hill Phase (A.D. 950-1350) earthlodge ruin was discovered in the right-of-way. The site is well preserved and represents one of the northernmost expressions of Smoky Hill settlement and featured some unique architectural characteristics. Accordingly, the property was determined to be eligible for the National Register. Due to late discovery circumstances, a decision was reached to make a design change and avoid the main portion of the site. Several truncated outside features were, however, unavoidable and were excavated prior to construction.

On the same undertaking another Smoky Hill Phase site was discovered off project lands in a contractor option borrow pit which the Federal Highway Administration and the Nebraska Department of Roads have little Section 106 jurisdiction over. NDOR was successful in temporarily preserving the site with respect to the road project, but it's fate following construction is questionable due to prior land use arrangements between the contractor and the landowner.

Rob Bozell

Gayle Carlson and Terry Steinacher of the Nebraska State Historical Society will be conducting the final season of excavations on the remains of the 1874 Cavalry Barracks at Fort Robinson, Nebraska, during the summer of 1989. This structure, which was the scene of the Cheyenne Outbreak in January, 1879, will be reconstructed to help interpret that event. The Cheyenne Indians involved in the Outbreak had left an Oklahoma reservation in late 1878 to return to their northern homeland and were imprisoned at Fort Robinson after their capture. The Outbreak occurred following an unsuccessful attempt by the military to get the Cheyenne to agree to return to the reservation. Of the 149

Indians imprisoned at the fort, at least 64 were killed in the battle that followed. Eleven soldiers also lost their lives. The Society fieldwork will have Earthwatch support for the second consecutive season. Earthwatch, a non-profit organization headquartered in Watertown, Massachusetts, provides volunteers from their membership and also monetary support for their expenses while at the research site. Two Earthwatch teams of a maximum of 20 persons each will excavate during the periods of July 10-21 and August 7-18. Non-Earthwatch volunteers will also participate in the excavations during the same periods. Persons interested in assisting should make arrangements with either Gayle Carlson, Nebraska State Historical Society, P.O. Box 82554, Lincoln, Nebraska 68501, ph. (402- 471-4790; or Terry Steinacher, P.O. Box 304, Crawford, Nebraska 69339, ph. (308) 665-2852.

Gayle Carlson

Recent Publications

The following is a list of recent titles on file at the Nebraska State Historical Society, Archeological Department.

Adair, M.J., and K.L. Brown (eds.)

- 1987 Prehistoric and Historic Cultural Resources of Selected Sites at Harlan County Lake, Harlan County, Nebraska. Prepared by Kaw Valley Engineering for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Kansas City District.

Bleed, Peter and Christopher Schoen

- 1989 Lincoln Pottery Works manuscript.

Bozell, John R., John Ludwickson, and David W. May

- 1988 Highway Archeological Investigations at the Slaughterhouse Creek Site and Other Cultural Resources in the Pine Ridge Area. Prepared for the Nebraska Department of Roads, Nebraska State Historical Society, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Gilkerson, Joni and John R. Bozell

- 1989 Historic Places: The National Register for Nebraska. Nebraska History, Vol. 70(1).

Moore, K.R.

- 1988 A Cultural Resources Sample Survey in the Harlan County Lake Project Lands West of U.S. Highway 183 Harlan County, Nebraska. Prepared by American Resources Group, Ltd. for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Kansas City District.

Watkins, J.

1988 A Cultural Resources Inventory of 13 Proposed Waterfowl Ponds and a Sample of the Prairie Dog Arm, Harlan County Lake Nebraska. Prepared by Complete Archeological Service Association for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Kansas City District.

Wingham, P., S. Holen, E. Lueck, and A. Hannus

1988 Archeological Sample Survey of Selected Lands in the Buffalo Creek Drainage, Dawson and Custer Counties, Nebraska. Archeology Laboratory of the Center for Western Studies, Augustana College, Archeological Contract Series, No. 41. Prepared for the Nebraska State Historical Society.

The 1989 UNL Summer Field School in Archeology

For nearly two years, plans have been in progress to have the 1989 UNL archeological field school cooperate with National Park Service archeologists in the mitigation of a portion of the famous Custer Battlefield at the Little Bighorn. Just one month before the project was to begin, though, the Park Service developed an acceptable preservation plan for the affected area. Since the site could be preserved, plans for excavation were changed so that only a 20% sample was to be excavated. It is hard to argue with a decision to preserve a site, but this change in plans left the field school at loose ends!

As all that was happening, the city of Lincoln was in the process of leveling for a parking lot most of Block 35 which was, of course, one of the city's oldest residential areas. That fact - with perhaps a nod to the amount of beer that UNL archeologists have historically consumed in Casey's/Bills which was located in the block - led me to explore the possibility of investigating that area. It was not possible to do any work in Block 35, but Ed Zimmer and others in the Lincoln City offices suggested that it would be possible to test the area immediately north of the Lincoln depot in the Hay Market district. This area is to be developed as a "history park" so the research was warranted and welcome. I was also anxious to do some rather visible "urban archeology" to develop interest in the field. Planners and developers in Nebraska are not used to thinking about domestic remains or other historical archeological resources and the public is not aware of the importance and potential of local historic archeology.

The 1989 field school began May 15th with 12 students and John Peterson as Graduate Assistant. Our first two weeks of work were at the north end of Lincoln's Burlington depot. This area, designated 25LC75, was covered with a concrete parking lot. As we examined this feature, we recognized that it had started its life as the floor of the baggage house that was built on the site sometime after 1905. Mapping the floor, with all of its pillar bases, wall foundations and other features, proved to be an

excellent way of getting the students into the process of observing and recording archeological data. The concrete floor left only a small area excavatable, but our trench along the eastern edge of the 1905 foundation suggested that the entire area had been scraped clear. We found no evidence of any materials or features dating from before 1905 or associated with the original 1880 depot. The most interesting features revealed were three Lincoln's original wooden water pipes. Since these pipes were no longer in use, sample sections were collected in the hopes that they have display and interpretive potential.

The most significant results of this work were 1) the recognition that park construction is not likely to disturb important cultural resources, and 2) the heightened awareness of archeological potentials within Lincoln.

After leaving the depot, the field school moved to Ulysses to work with Historical Society archeologists in mitigation of 25BU37. There we excavated the floors of two Smokey Hill phase earthlodges that were to be destroyed because they were in a road building barrow pit area. This excavation gave the students first hand experience with both prehistoric archeology and with rescue research. The ability to move a party of 14 excavators on to the site also meant that the work was done at a high standard and in just two weeks - just half the time that road builders had allowed for the project.

The field school season is finishing up with excavations in the backyard of the Albert Watkins house at 920 D Street in Lincoln. The Watkins House - 25LC13:C7-791 - was recently put on the National Register as a well preserved 1887 residence of a well-to-do and well known Nebraskan. It is currently being very responsibly renovated by its third owner, Steve Schneider. It appears that this house originally had an outdoor privy. Our excavations are aimed at locating one of the original outhouses. While excavating at the Lincoln Pottery Works in 1986 we recovered two ca. 1910 vintage privy assemblages. If those can be considered working class materials, it was hoped that a privy from the Watkins house would be an interesting comparative assemblage, reflective of early Lincoln's upper classes. If successful, this phase of our research will be called "Affluence and Effluence in Early Lincoln." As of this writing, a number of interesting features have been located, but, as yet, a privy has not.

Peter Bleed

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Central Plains Archeology

Central Plains Archeology is NAPA's new journal. Yes, the rumors that have been going around for the last several years have a foundation in fact. There is a journal and it should be in your mailbox near the end of this month.

The first issue of the Central Plains Archeology includes:

- 1) Pawnee Archeology by John O'Shea
- 2) A Great Oasis Fauna from Central Nebraska by J.R. Bozell and Mary Rogers
- 3) Nehawka Flint in the Paleoindian Occupation of the High Plains by Thomas Myers

Many kudos to editor John Ludwickson for making it happen!

Melissa Conner

Announcing NAPA Workshops in Archeology

Four Saturday morning workshops are scheduled for September and October 1989. Designed for hands-on experience in different aspects of archeology, they offer the following:

For the professional - a chance to refresh your knowledge and update your bibliographies.

For the student - an introduction to important facets of the discipline.

For the amateur - a chance to learn how the archeologist uses data to reach conclusions. Bring your own material and questions!

So far the following presentations have been scheduled:

- 1.) Bottles, cans, and glass: The basics of Historical Archeology
Organizer: Dr. Douglas Scott

Do you know when pop tops started popping? Do you know that the thickness of window glass is an indication of its age? An introduction to Historical Archeology and basic methods of researching ages and functions of common items such as china, tin cans, and bottles.

- 2.) The bare bones of prehistoric subsistence: basic archeological faunal analysis.
Organizer: Dr. Nancy Hamblin

Animal bones can be one of the most informative artifacts in an archeological site. Find out how to differentiate between basic types of bones and the kind of information they yield.

These and two other workshops will be offered this fall in Lincoln, Nebraska. Registration fee is \$20.00 (students \$17.50). Schedule and registration forms will be mailed to NAPA members in August. Register early and often!

For more information ~~contact~~ about these upcoming workshops contact:

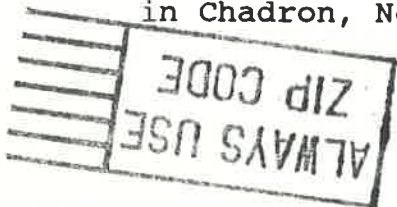
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47th Annual Plains Conference

The 47th Annual Plains Anthropological Conference will be held in Sioux Falls, South Dakota at the Ramkota Inn from October 18th through the 21st, 1989. The deadline for submission of contributed papers, research reports and for finalizing symposia is September 1, 1989. Dr. L. Adrien Hannus and R. Peter Winham are Co-Conference Chairs.

One Additional Note:

Terri Leistman is ~~not~~ the USDA Forest Service archeologist in Chadron, Nebraska.



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