news about the Peabody Museum and Department of Anthropology

FIRST EDITION

This addition to the communications maelstrom is being made in the hope it will provide information of interest about the current happenings of Peabody and the Department. It will be printed three or four times a year as news accumulates, and we plan to send it to those who have been connected to the department and those who are concerned with activities of the Museum.

SCIENCE DRIVE UNDER WAY

On November 12th, the Program for Science in Harvard College was formally initiated. Seeking $48.7 million to up-date facilities in the College, the funds will be used to build a Science Center, provide eleven departments with more space and better equipment, and in a few instances, to endow professorships. The fund-raising effort which includes the Peabody Museum and the Department of Anthropology is scheduled to terminate at Commencement 1969.

FROM THE GUATEMALAN JUNGLES COME MORE ARCHAEOLOGICAL TREASURES

GORDON R. WILLEY returned again this Spring to the site of Seibal on the Pasion River at the western edge of the Peten jungles. This expedition, the fourth in a series investigating this important Mayan site, continues a Peabody tradition in the field of Middle American archaeology that began with Bowditch's work in Yucatan and at Copan, Honduras, in the late 1880's and 1890's. Professor Willey was accompanied as usual by his expert field assistant, A. LEDYARD SMITH, '25, and a group of graduate students. This current research is being carried on with funds from the National Science Foundation, and represents the next to last season of the Museum's work in this intriguing area where Willey is searching for new data which may throw light on the causes of the "fall" of Classic Maya civilization. A forthcoming article in the Southwestern Journal of Anthropology by Willey and one of his students, JEREMY SABLOFF, deals with this important question.

Classic Maya Stela, 850 A.D.
NEWS OF STAFF RESEARCH

If the following description of research sounds more like a travelogue than a serious report on current staff activities, it only serves to point out the central “field work” orientation of all anthropology.

Despite the recent Middle Eastern crisis, Professor C. C. LAMBERG-KARLOVSKY was able to carry out a very successful NSF-sponsored field season in that troubled area this past summer. However, there was a last-minute shift in locale with Iran being substituted for the planned-on Syria. He had a small group of students with him and was able to make preliminary investigations in southeastern Iran, 250 kilometers southwest of Kerman, where he found and tested a large and very promising site. In this work he follows in the footsteps of Sir Aurel Stein, whose Peabody collections of the 1930’s he had recently been studying.

Another NSF-sponsored expedition was that of Professor THOMAS PATTERSON which took him back for the third consecutive year of field work in Peru. This time work was concentrated in the Ancón area, and an impressively detailed sequence covering 12,000 years has been preliminarily worked out. This section of Peru was the site of some of the first stratigraphic excavation in the New World with Uhle’s work there in 1896; Professor GORDON WILLEY also worked here in the early forties, but much remains to be done.

Professor WILLIAM HOWELLS continues to add new dimensions of craniometry in his researches on many large skull collections, both here and abroad. A brief trip to Europe in the late summer added much new data to his study which, with the aid of computer analysis, is showing very distinctive differences in small populations both ancient and modern.

Not to be caught at home once classes were over, and just over at that, Professor DAVID MAYBURY-LEWIS was off again to Brazil where he is involved in a series of studies of Brazilian rural populations. Sponsorship of much of his work has come from the NIH.

Professor CORA DU BOIS was back in India again on her ten year research project on the “modernizing” town of Bhubaneswar, Orissa. This was traditionally a religious center which in 1946 was selected as the site of the new state capital, thus making it the center of a modern bureaucracy.

Latin American studies at Harvard are also continued with the long-term project in Chiapas, Mexico, of Professor EVON VOGT who spent the summer again at San Cristobal Las Casas where he has set up a field station for research on the Tzotzil-speaking Indians and for the training of students. Some 54 students have worked in this project since its inception in 1957.

The South Pacific beckoned again for Professor DOUGLAS OLIVER, although this time it was only Hawaii where he spent the summer working on a book on Tahitian society. Despite the obvious distractions inherent in the location, he seems to get more work done in that sleepy environment than many of us do in “cool” Cambridge.

Our other inveterate “ocean-hopper,” Professor HALLAM MOVIES spent the summer as usual at his second home in the Vézère Valley at Tursac, working with a small group of students on the long and arduous task of analyzing the mass of data from his long-term researches at the Abri-Pataud (Les Eyzies, Dordogne), where his meticulous excavations have provided a wealth of information on the Upper Paleolithic of southwestern France.

As the foregoing makes plain, Cambridge was rather devoid of anthropologists this summer, but DR. WILLIAM BULLARD continued his research on pottery from a reconnaissance of the Usamacinta River drainage in Guatemala in the solitude of the Peabody basement, while Professors J. O. BREW and STEPHEN WILLIAMS “held down the fort” for the Museum and Department respectively, with the unusual summer weather and the amazing Red Sox the main topics of conversation.

NEW POST IN MUSEUM

Following twenty years in the position, Professor J. O. BREW has resigned as Director of the Museum and will return to research pursuits as Peabody Professor. Recently appointed Department Chairman, Professor STEPHEN WILLIAMS will serve as Acting Director.
RECORD NUMBER OF GRAD STUDENTS COME TO PEABODY

When classes began on September 25th, thirty new first-year students, plus three Special Students, and three candidates for joint degrees in Middle Eastern Studies and Anthropology, were crowding into the recently remodeled Department office on the fifth floor of the Museum. In sheer numbers this “class” exceeds by ten the previous high on admissions set last year, and probably sets a “highwater” mark for the Department that will not be reached again in the foreseeable future. Multiple applications and an extremely high percentage of acceptance has brought about this situation. With these new students the Department now has more than 80 students regularly enrolled in residence and 30 actively on the books in “travel guidance” (off in the field or finishing their dissertations) making a staggering total of 113.

SOME RECENT PUBLICATIONS

While space will not permit anything like a full listing of recent publications by staff members, the following books show some of the variety of scholarly work currently available.

Professor WILLEY’S new text book, “An Introduction to American Archaeology,” Volume One, North and Middle America (Prentice Hall). Volume Two on South America is presently being written.


A recent ethnographic work is Professor MAYBURY-LEWIS’ Brazilian study, “Akwé-Shavante Society,” which has been brought out by Oxford: Clarendon Press.

Dr. DAMON’S volume in physical anthropology in collaboration with H. W. Stoudt and R. A. McFarland on “The Human Body in Equipment Design” was published by the Harvard University Press and was awarded Honorable Mention in the Faculty Prize competition, a project anonymously underwritten by the late DONALD SCOTT, Peabody Professor, Emeritus.

PH.D.’S IN ANTHROPOLOGY

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Bailit, Howard Leslie, The Influence of the Prenatal Environment on the Human Dentition

Baldwin, Elizabeth E., The Obion Site: An Early Mississippian Center in Western Tennessee

Bracey, Dorothy Heid,* The Effects of Emigration on a Hakka Village

Briggs, Jean Louise,* Utkuhiksalingmiut Eskimo Emotional Expression: The Patterning of Affection and Hostility

Crocker, Jon Christopher,* The Social Organization of the Eastern Bororo

Dincauze, Dena Ferran, Cremation Cemeteries in Eastern Massachusetts

Class, John Burgess, A Survey and Census of Native Middle American Manuscripts

Gradwohl, David Mayer, Prehistoric Villages in Eastern Nebraska

Goldberg, Harvey Ellis,* Acculturation, Continuity, and Youth in an Israeli Immigrant Village

Gransberg, Gary Robert,* The Psychological Effects of the Hopi Katchina Initiation

Kilson, Marion Dusser De Barenne,* Urban Tribemen: Social Continuity and Change Among the Ga in Accra, Ghana

Kirsch, Anthony Thomas,* Phu Thai Religious Syncretism: A Case Study of Thai Religion and Society

Muller, Jon David, An Experimental Theory of Stylistic Analysis

 Nelville, Melvin King, A Study of the Free-Hanging Behavior of the Rhesus Monkeys

Silver, Daniel Ben,* Zinacanteco Shamanism

Simmons, William Scranton, Seers and Witches Among the Badyarkané of Senegal

Stoltman, James Bernard, Groton Plantation, an Archaeological Study of a South Carolina Locality

Turner, Joan Bamberger, Environment and Cultural Classification: A Study of the Northern Kayapó

*Degree granted by Social Relations Department
HARVARD LEADS THE NATION IN ANTHROPOLOGY PH.D.'S

A recent survey of published lists of doctoral dissertations indicates that Harvard has produced more Ph.D.'s in anthropology during the period 1956-1966 than any other university: 107 out of a total of 779 awarded nationally, or 14%. The figures for the eight major Ph.D.-producing departments are as follows:

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The Harvard figures include those degrees in social anthropology granted by the Social Relations Department, but even including the anthropologists on that staff, Harvard ranks far behind such institutions as Chicago and Berkeley in total staff turning out these new Ph.D.'s. A high level of efficiency, or perhaps there is justification to cries of over-burdened staff.

SUMMER FIELD WORK BY UNDERGRADUATES

Although the NSF-sponsored "Summer Field Studies in Anthropology" program was drastically cut last Spring as a result of grant renewal problems, five undergraduates received field experience last summer in diverse ends of the world, as they have for the past five summers under this important Science Education Program. These recent participants included Christine Robinson in Peru; Polly Quick in Brazil; Abigail Natelson in Mexico; Petur Gudjonsson in Iceland and Anthony Kroch in West Africa.

Another grant application for continuation of this extremely popular and profitable program was submitted to the National Science Foundation in September, and we hope for a favorable outcome despite recent cuts in the NSF budget.

GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH

With more than 100 students now on the books, it is patently impossible to do anything but sample the research activities in which these graduate students are currently engaged. In archaeology, MIKE MOSELEY has just returned from digging in Peru; HARVEY BRICKER is completing his Upper Paleolithic dissertation after a year in France working out of the Abri Pataud lab; FRANK SCHAMBACH is back on his thesis project on Arkansas archaeology on the middle Ouachita drainage after a summer digging on Martha's Vineyard, where the fishing was pretty good, too.

In social anthropology, the Pacific is the locale for research by HAL ROSS in Malaita, British Solomons, and DAVID HORR is in Sabah, Malaysia. PATRICK MENGET is in Brazil as part of Professor MAYBURY-LEWIS' program in that country.

CURRENT RESEARCH UNDERWAY

While much of our peripatetic staff made it back to Peabody in time for the fall term, others are still happily plying their trade in distant fields of research. Professor JOHN WHITING and his anthropologist wife, BEA, are spending a sabbatical year in Kenya, East Africa, doing a multi-community study to test some hypotheses in cross-cultural perspectives. This work is part of a larger project sponsored by the Carnegie Foundation in which several of Whiting's students have already been in the field for more than a year.

On the other side of the world, Professor EUGENE GILES is carrying forward physical anthropological work in Australia, making use of data collected in previous field trips to New Guinea and the Solomons. He is concentrating on demographic research in Canberra and will do more field work in New Guinea. Professor Giles' leave is part of the "President's leave" program available to Assistant Professors during their five-year appointment and is an important part of Harvard's unique program for junior staff.

Although most would think that baboons are Professor IRVEN DEVORE's first love, on his current field trip to Southwest Africa he is studying people instead and is off with the Bushmen to try to get some really hard data on how these fast-disappearing hunters actually operate in this harsh environment.

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