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PEABODY MUSEUM and
DEPARTMENT of ANTHROPOLOGY

A NEW BUILDING FOR THE MUSEUM LIBRARY

In November the University received a gift of $1,000,000 for the construction of a new library for the Peabody Museum. The new structure will be named in honor of the late Professor ALFRED MARSTON TOZZER (1877-1954), a specialist in Middle American archaeology and long-time Librarian of the Museum.

This gift will provide for a modern, fire-proof, environment-controlled building which will house the more than 90,000 items in the present collection. It is planned that it will be built in the adjacent quad­rangle and attached to the present building.

The recently appointed Planning Committee, consisting of Professors STEPHEN WILLIAMS, Chairman, and DOUGLAS L. OLIVER; Drs. ALBERT DAMON and PHILIP PHILLIPS; and Mr. DOUGLAS W. BRYANT, University Librarian, will be meeting on a regular basis to guide the plans to completion. The first activity of the committee will be to help in the screening of architects prior to final appointment to the job by the President and Fellows.

The Peabody Library, long considered one of the finest of its kind in the world, has been hopelessly crowded into less than 6000 square feet with virtually no room on its shelves for new acquisitions and a miserly amount of study space for graduate students and staff. The new building will more than double the existing space and for the first time provide a proper environment for its priceless collection of rare books. It is especially appropriate that the Library be named for Professor Tozzer since he showed almost daily concern for its operation, and he and Professor Roland B. Dixon, its previous librarian, were essentially responsible for its breadth and coverage.

The current staffing and budget of the Museum Library represent a major change effected in the last two years. Miss MARGARET CURRIER, associated with the Museum since 1945 and officially its Librarian since 1957, has for the first time two professional colleagues in Mrs. DEIRDRE WISEMAN, Assistant Librarian, and Mrs. MARY ARNHEIM, Cataloguer. With these personnel additions have come budget increases which have nearly doubled the dollar amount and which have greatly increased funds in categories such as acquisitions. Thus, the Tozzer Library will provide a new setting for a thoroughly rejuvenated library operation.

NEW DIRECTOR APPOINTED

On February 1st, STEPHEN WILLIAMS, Professor of Anthropology, became the eighth Director of the Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology. Professor Williams has served as Acting Director since November, 1967, and is also currently the Chairman of the Department of Anthropology.

An archaeologist who specializes in the prehistory of the Southeastern United States, Professor Williams received his undergraduate and doctoral degrees from Yale. He came to Harvard in 1954 as a Research Fellow and began teaching in 1957. In the Museum he has served as Curator of North American Archaeology since 1962, and in the Department he was Head Tutor for many years. His most recent field work was carried out in the Upper Tensas Basin of Northeast Louisiana, and last year he edited the "Waring Papers", Peabody Museum Papers, vol. 58.
MASS. GOVERNOR GETS POINTS

Following Governor Volpe's appointment to the Nixon Cabinet, the Lieutenant Governor, Francis Sargent, took over the reins of office on January 22nd. Some of the ceremony had a Peabody touch, as his son, Francis William Sargent Jr., Class of 1970, is an anthropology concentrator who asked Professor STEPHEN WILLIAMS to replace some missing symbols of office needed for the ritual transfer of authority—three ancient arrowheads formerly in the State House had been misplaced and the Peabody reserves of Massachusetts projectile points provided some new ones.

VISITING COMMITTEE MEETS

The first of two annual meetings of the Visiting Committee was held on December 4th, and its focus was on the current state of planning in the Museum and a review of Departmental affairs which featured an hour-long discussion with the student members of the Student-Faculty Committee.

A special guest, Dr. WILCOMB WASHBURN, of the Smithsonian Museum staff and a well-published critic of some modern museum theory and practice, spoke at a panel discussion with ROBERT HOTVEDT, the Museum's planning consultant, attempting to evaluate the current program and suggest appropriate goals for a University Museum. There was a useful interchange between the principals and the members of the Committee.

The meeting, with attendance of 90% of the members, was concluded by a dinner held at the Holyoke Center Penthouse at which the Chairman, Mr. ALBERT H. GORDON, spoke briefly on current development needs while rejoicing at the heartening Library gift.

PM ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

Beginning with an evening lecture and reception on November 14th at which Prof. LAMBERG-KARLOVSKY held forth on his recent archaeological discoveries in Iran, the Peabody Museum Association began to gather momentum and new members at a very encouraging rate. The second lecture was held on February 13th and Prof. WILLIAM HOWELLS entitled his presentation "Blood, Sweat and Calipers" in recounting the details both scientific and amusing of the 1968 Solomon Islands Expedition of which he and Mrs. Howells were members. Despite the aftermath of a bad snowstorm, a large and interested group attended the lecture given at 2 Divinity Avenue and later enjoyed refreshments in the Hall of North American Indians where a temporary Oceanic mood was struck with table decorations of specimens including a miniature canoe collected by the expedition.

The Association membership now stands at seventy and the contributions from this group have made it possible to expand some interesting and important Museum activities. For example, it has enabled the Museum to hire six young college students who have a developing interest in anthropology and provide them with jobs for 6 to 8 weeks during January and February as part of work-study programs at Bennington, Bard, Goddard, Colby and Jackson Colleges. These students have worked in the Library and in the Catalogue Office to help catch up on backlogs while learning first hand about museum operations. Previously no more than one or two students had been hired from these programs.

BRITTON MEMORIAL FUND

Fellow students and family friends have contributed to a Book Fund to honor the memory of Jane S. Britton, who was a second-year graduate student in the Department. Her tragic death shocked the Museum community of which she had been a member since her undergraduate days at Radcliffe. Following the wishes of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Britton, the Fund will be focused on library acquisitions in the area of Jane's interest: Old World prehistory with special emphasis on Iran where she had done her most recent field work.

It is planned to further honor Jane's memory by dedicating to her two traveling fellowships to be awarded this Spring which are regularly given to graduate students for summer field work.
ABRI PATAUD WORK CONTINUES

Excavations were carried out at the Abri Pataud, Les Eyzies (Dordogne), France under the direction of Professor HALLAM L. MOVIUS, JR. from 1958 to 1964. This large Upper Palaeolithic site had fourteen successive layers; the earliest level, dated by C-14, indicates that the first occupants arrived some 34,000 years ago; while a terminal occupation date of about 20,000 B.C. is firmly established. This year Prof. Movius, on Sabbatical leave, is in France continuing research on the results of these excavations using a new method of attribute analysis which was developed by him and certain members of his staff and which is the subject of a recent ASPR Bulletin (No. 26).

The Abri Pataud staff has designed a series of edge-sort cards for recording the attribute data and facilitating the analysis in the field. These hand-sorted cards, not requiring the presence of an electronic computer, have proved to be very useful in the analysis of the more than 12,000 diagnostic artifacts recovered during the excavation.

Work at the Abri Pataud during this year, with the assistance of Mr. HARVEY M. BRICKER, is concerned with the editing and revising of several Ph.D. theses dealing with aspects of the sequence, rounding out the study with some new research, and preparing the manuscripts for the final monographic presentation. In addition, Miss ALISON S. BROOKS, a fourth year graduate student, is working on her thesis subject of materials from the Aurignacian levels.

STUDENTS TO SEATTLE FOR AAA

Three graduate students from the Department and one undergraduate concentrator were part of a delegation of six representing Harvard at the annual meetings of the American Anthropological Association in November. Dr. CORA DUBOIS (the incoming President of the AAA) said that funding was made available by the Wenner-Gren Foundation for the students' air fare. The intent of the grant was to provide a means whereby more students could participate in the meetings. The following delegates were selected: JEFFREY FROEHLICH — Biological Anthropology; ANTONIO GILMAN — Archaeology; WILLIAM BESTOR — Social Anthropology; and CARLA CHILDS — Undergraduate.

Upon their return the group, including two students from Social Relations, held a forum in which they discussed their reactions to the meetings and their suggestions for improving them. The delegation then submitted a written report to the Foundation.

DEPARTMENTAL COLLOQUIA

The Anthropology Colloquium is a well-established Thursday afternoon tradition in the Peabody Museum. Although Colloquium speakers now use the large fifth floor classroom instead of the basement, students, staff and guests still foregather in the Smoking Room for tea. Following approximately a bi-weekly schedule, the Colloquia perform the valuable function of providing for student and faculty interchange with specialists on a variety of anthropological topics.

The speakers fall into three general categories. Members of the Museum staff often use this means to discuss ongoing research programs. In the Fall semester Prof. HOWELLS and Dr. DAMON described the 1968 Harvard-Solomon Islands Expedition, and during the Spring term Dr. HIND SADEK-KOOROS will discuss her experiments with bone tool identification. In addition, a number of guests are "nabbed" while visiting the area. Three such speakers in the past semester, all archaeologists, were Dr. James A. Brown, Michigan State University; Professor Tadeusz Sulimirski, the University of London; and Professor R. N. Mehta, Baroda University, India.

The third group incorporates anthropologists who have been specially invited from the East Coast region to address the Colloquium. This Spring Dr. Richard A. Gould came from the American Museum of Natural History to talk on Australian aborigine subsistence behavior, and Dr. Brian Spooner, University of Pennsylvania, spoke on nomadism in Iran. Two other speakers this Spring will discuss Melanesia: Prof. Peter Lawrence of Queensland University will comment on Cargo Cult manifestations in the 1968 New Guinea elections, and Dr. Karl G. Heider, Brown University, will discuss cycles in New Guinea warfare. And finally, in order not to slight theoretical topics, Prof. Marvin Harris of Columbia University promises to determine whether anthropology is science or ideology.
MUSEUM VISITORS
ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIANS

Arrangements were made in late January for a visit by members of the Society of Architectural Historians during the convention of the College Art Museums in Boston. The group, most of whom had a particular interest in Middle American and Peruvian architecture, was given a guided tour of the Museum. Mrs. PHILIPPA SHAPLIN, Museum Registrar, and her assistant, ANN MERDINGER, served as guides and pointed out exhibits of particular interest. The visit concluded with a sherry reception hosted by Prof. WILLIAMS in the Hall of American Indians, where Peabody staff and guests visited with one another.

LONDON MUSEUM DIRECTOR

Those attending the Peabody Staff Luncheon in February had the opportunity to meet Mr. Norman C. Cook, Director of the Guildhall Museum in London. Mr. Cook spoke on results of his trip to the Northeast as a guest of Plimoth Plantation, and later in the afternoon met with graduate students in the Putnam Laboratory to discuss the archaeology of London, which is the regional focus of his institution.

PICTOGRAPH STUDY BEGINS

Mrs. POLLY SCHAAF SMA, a recently appointed Research Assistant in the Museum and connected with the University of New Mexico, will undertake research on the late Mr. Donald Scott's massive collection of raw data on pictographs.

Mr. Scott, former Director of the Museum, spent many years putting together an archive of these data. Beginning with material he personally observed in the Four Corners region, he added comparable material from surrounding areas. Later on he included items from farther afield amassing a large body of data on Southwestern United States pictographs, both in original collections and from the existing literature.

Mrs. Schaafsma, who has published articles dealing with rock art in the Tsegi in Arizona and in northwestern New Mexico, is enthusiastic about working with Mr. Scott's materials. She notes that rock art studies are becoming increasingly important as stylistic analysis has proved its usefulness in connection with other archaeological data. Mrs. Schaafsma visited Cambridge in mid-November, reviewed the Scott collection, and made arrangements for its temporary shipment to Alburquerque where she has initiated her work with the view toward making this data available to the anthropological profession.

The Editor's Scrapbasket

Despite both the personal and collective good news detailed on the first page of this issue, it would be hard to find the proper words to fully describe or modify "our winter of discontent" so that the endless snows of February do not seem but further proof that a Spring of heart or soul or mind is far away, for this "little Community" has never to my knowledge suffered such a tragedy before. Our collective sympathy goes out to Mr. & Mrs. Britton with the knowledge that it and the fine memorial to Jane established in the Library are quite insufficient for the task.

The new term has brought the start of the seminar, "The Discipline of Archaeology", which is currently enlivening the archaeological scene with a distinguished visiting lecturer each week to hold forth on his own view of what archaeology is to him. Response by the students has been enthusiastic and a detailed description of the course and its participants will be given in the next issue.

With our record snow storms the recent departure on Sabbaticals by Professor Lamberg-Karlovsky and Maybury-Lewis seem particularly well timed, and Prof. Howells, while not yet off to Europe, is at least getting a well deserved respite from classes during the first few weeks of his. Who's minding the store? Well, Vogtie is back and the rest of us quietly await the Spring thaws with hip boots in hand. "If Winter comes, let it come. For the Spring is hard to kill."

STEPHEN WILLIAMS

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