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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- March 15 Business Meeting - 7:00 pm
Home State Bank - 303 East Mountain Avenue
Program: Jeff Overturf, US Forest Service archaeologist, will present an update on the field work progress on the Pawnee National Grasslands, and outline a schedule for our Chapter to participate again this summer.
- April 5 Board Meeting - 7:30 pm
- April 19 Business Meeting - 7:00 pm
Program: Dr. James Zeidler, Ft. Collins CAS member, CSU Center for Ecological Management of Military Lands will present "Moundbuilders of Northern Manabi, Coastal Ecuador: A View from the Jama Valley."
- May 13-21 Colorado Archaeological and Historic Preservation Week.
- May 20 Ft. Collins Chapter/CAS sponsored "Field Day at the Kaplan-Hoover Bison Kill Site in Windsor. 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.
- May 17 Business Meeting - 7:00 pm
Program: Peter Faris, Denver CAS member.
"Petroglyph Chronology in Southeastern Colorado," work which he reported on in the Spring 1995, *Southwestern Lore*.

Happy St. Patrick's Day

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March Meeting

The **March 15** meeting of the Ft. Collins Chapter of CAS will include a program by Jeff Overturf who is an archaeologist for the U.S. Forest Service. Mr. Overturf's presentation will include an update of the field work being done on the Pawnee National Grasslands and how our Chapter can help again this summer.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend as this is sure to be an interesting program!

March Board Meeting

Attending the Board Meeting for the Ft. Collins Chapter of the Colorado Archaeology Society, Wednesday, March 1, 2000, were the following: Donn and Shirley DeCoursey, Marian Wemple, Ulli Limpitlaw, Beverly Goering, Joel Hurmence and Susan Omori.

Donn DeCoursey, Chapter President, opened the meeting. First item on the agenda was a discussion of job descriptions of Board Member positions as they pertain to the Chapter By-Laws. A few changes were made to the wording of those job descriptions to increase the flexibility of the positions and enhance member involvement in the Chapter's future direction. Changes to the structure of some appointed positions and/or committees, as they appear in the Chapter By-Laws, may include the following:

1. Field Work/Trip Coordinator
2. PAAC Liaison
3. Education Coordinator
4. Publicity
5. Membership coordinator/ Recruiter

If any Members are interested in being involved in the above mentioned positions/ committees, please contact Donn DeCoursey, Chapter President for more information.

Next item on the agenda was the "Event 2000" which is to take place at the Kaplan- Hoover Bison Kill Site in Windsor, May 20, 2000. Although Mary Jo Ziedler, Education Coordinator, was not able to attend the Board meeting, a discussion took place in her absence. It was decided that Donn DeCoursey

would write letters to Mr. Kaplan and Mr. Hoover confirming our ability to hold the event on the site on the May 20th date. Also, a request to Mary Jo Zeidler to write a letter to the State Archeology Society requesting that the event information be put in their upcoming newsletters was made. Susan Omori stated that she had not heard anything on permits or requirements from the City of Windsor and that the information due date, from their offices, is slated for March 15.

Joel Hurmence, the State Chapter of CAS Vice President, and FC/CAS Treasurer, stated that a Chapter Representative and the Chapter President are requested to attend the Quarterly State Meetings of CAS. If you are interested in being a Chapter Representative for any of these meetings, please contact Joel Hurmence for details.

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Ulli Limpitlaw, Chapter Field Work/Field Trip Coordinator, reported that she has some excursions in the planning stages for this Spring and Summer. She will announce those excursions in the near future and make available a sign-up sheet for those interested in attending. Bev Goering brought up the idea of the "Release of Responsibility Form" for these events. Although the State CAS requires the release forms at their events it may be worth future discussion to have them for our Chapter's events.

In conclusion, Marian Wemple will present the fund raising Magazine Sale Packet at the Chapter Meeting, March 15. This fund raising venture was approved by the Board and will prove to be a non-invasive, "win-win" situation for the Chapter and its members. Thank you Marian for your efforts.

Bev Goering reported that she has updated the Web Site and encourages everyone to check it out.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Omori, Secretary

Submitted by Ulli Limpitlaw,
Field Work/Field Trip Coordinator

In visiting with Jeff Overturf, we set the official work for CAS for the weekend of June 17 & 18. This will be at Willow Bunker Site. Volunteers can also sign up for full weeks, June 12-16, 19-23, 26-30. I will have a sign up sheet at our next meeting.

The logistics will be the same as last year. We will plan to camp at the Briggsdale workcenter and shuttle to the dig site. Not to forget the party in the eve!!!

Jeff has not had time to review our previous findings from the Briggsdale site. We are working to schedule a date to do this. We hope to have another opportunity later in the season.

For more information, contact Ulli at 970-356-5134 and diampir@aol.com.

Summer Plans for Field Work

Willow Bunker Project

Our Chapter has been

invited to participate in the work at Willow Bunker. Any FC/CAS member can volunteer to work for as little as one day to as much as three weeks. Dr. Doug Bamforth, CU Professor in charge of the field school, and Jeff Overturf, National Forest Service, have been very kind to allow a great deal of flexibility in volunteer scheduling. Volunteers work alongside the CU Field School students, eating the same dust. Speaking of eating, the volunteers are welcome to participate in the field school food services, at a nominal fee. The food is prepared by the students, at the school cafeteria in Briggsdale.

Volunteers (and the field school students) camp at the Pawnee National Grassland Work Center, just outside Briggsdale. Porta Potties are provided at the work center and at the work site, which is twelve miles north and seven miles west of the work center.

Willow Bunker Archaeological Site Testing

June 12-16, 19-23, 26-30.
Must commit to 1 full session
Located on the rolling plains of northeastern Colorado, the Willow Bunker area contains a large and

diverse assemblage of prehistoric and historical archaeological resources. Previous work at these sites has produced intriguing results, including a 7,000-year-old hearth and a late-prehistoric bison-processing area. During the 2000 field season, FS archaeologists and PIT volunteers, in cooperation with the University of Colorado archaeological field school and Paleo Cultural Research Group, will work to uncover the mysteries of prehistoric life on the plains. Volunteers will help to survey, map, analyze artifacts, and test excavate portions of this 100-acre area.

Number of openings: 4 per session.
Special skills: Excavation experience desirable. Minimum age: Under 18 with a responsible adult.
Facilities: Camping at an FS work center; volunteers responsible for own camping gear; FS will provide meals, showers, and portable toilets; limited services in Briggsdale.

Nearest towns: Briggsdale, 1/4 mile; Ault, 24 miles. Applications due: April 15.

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Field Day at Kaplan-Hoover Bison Kill Site

The week of May 13-21, 2000 has been designated as Colorado's Archaeology and Historic Preservation Week. During the week all of the State's chapters of Archaeology and History are going to be conducting a variety of different events to emphasize our historic and archaeological heritage, and the need for preserving it. The Fort

Collins Chapter of the Colorado Archaeological Society has chosen to conduct an archaeological site visit for the general public as our major contribution to the week's activities. Our Chapter considered several sites and feel that a visit to the Kaplan-Hoover Bison Kill Site would be our best selection. A visit to the site would provide the public an opportunity to learn more about archaeology and Colorado prehistory. The program has three objectives:

- Convey the cultural significance of the bison kill site;
- Illustrate the proximity and impact that our communities have on Colorado's prehistoric heritage, and suggest how the public can become more involved in the preservation of local archaeological sites; and
- Inquire how the general public perceives Colorado prehistory and what aspects they are interested in learning more about.

The visit will be held on Saturday, May 20th from 10:00AM to 3:00 PM; there is no admission charge. Dr Lawrence Todd and a team of his students will conduct tours of the site and explain the field techniques in use; opportunity will be provided for questions from the public and the staff's response. Scientific posters prepared by Dr. Todd and his students will add visual information on the nature and scope of laboratory analyses conducted at the site. Three simulated dig sites will be used to show elementary school students what is involved in archaeological digs such as this. Demonstrations will show the use of replicated stone tools on a variety of materials. Finally, a questionnaire will be used to gauge the public's interest in archaeology, prehistory, and site preservation.

Chapter Receives CHS Grant

Submitted by Mary Jo Zeidler,
Education Coordinator

I am very happy to report that the Colorado Historical Society has agreed to fund our program at the Kaplan-Hoover Bison Kill Site!! I received the good news from Todd McMahon who called from Denver this afternoon. Now that we've passed this hurdle, we can begin the process of publicity and planning which should prove to be fruitful for our Chapter.

I welcome all of your suggestions and guidance on the organization of this event, so please pass them on! Because of the magnitude of this project, we will actively be soliciting as much participation as possible. So go to your calendar immediately and schedule May 20th. I can be reached at 224-3609 and jmj-zeidler@msn.com.

Defender of Indigenous Rights Leaves His Law Library to UB

Release date: Monday, January 17, 2000
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Submitted by Steve Main

BUFFALO, N.Y. -- The Charles B. Sears Law Library at the University at Buffalo has received an important collection of books, manuscripts, documents, treaties and other material related to the defense of indigenous rights -- and in particular, of American Indian nations -- from the late Howard R. Berman.

A distinguished scholar of international human-rights law, Berman, a 1971 graduate of the UB Law School, devoted his legal career to defending the interests of aboriginal peoples. He taught law at UB and Harvard University before joining the faculty of California Western Law School, where he taught from 1987 until his death in 1997 at the age of 52.

Karen Spencer, UB reference librarian who studied Indian law at UB under Berman, says the library has long had some materials related to Indian and human-rights issues, but calls Berman's materials "a significant collection...(one that) reflects Howard's deep and abiding concern for all aboriginal peoples."

Some of the material in the Berman collection was of interest to other universities, but, according to Spencer, the collection came to UB because it was the only university willing to maintain the collection intact.

"Howard requested this," she says, "because he wanted his life's work to be accessible to the people to whom he had dedicated his entire career."

She describes Berman's life as one "defined by social activism infused with unusual compassion and generosity of spirit." Berman, she adds, worked tirelessly to achieve international recognition for the rights of indigenous peoples to sovereignty, religious freedom and self-determination.

The collection reflects these concerns. Its historical and legal-resource materials were used by Berman to prepare cases in support of other fundamental rights as well, involving territoriality, international labor law, corporate investment in aboriginal lands, border-crossing rights and other issues.

Representatives of several Indian nations have told Spencer they are anxious to see the collection. One reason they want to see it, she says, is because Berman's carefully observed and referenced writings

will be of great use to anyone presenting evidence on behalf of native peoples before national and international courts of law.

It is Berman's abiding interest in American Indian law that defines the collection, which contains original and rare books and documents not previously held at UB.

Among them are legal records documenting the last 300 years of the Haudenosaunee (the six-nation Iroquois Confederacy), with whom Berman had a long working relationship.

"One rare work of note," Spencer says, "is an original copy of the Jay Treaty published in 1795 that ensured Indians unimpeded crossing between the United States and Canada. The formal title of the document is Treaty of Amity, Commerce and Navigation between his Britannic Majesty and the United States of America and it contains a notable appendix of contemporary documents, letters and papers."

Another significant book is a revised and enlarged 1842 edition of "Deh-he-wa-mis: or, A narrative of the life of Mary Jemison." A white woman from Western New York, Jemison was taken captive and then adopted by the Seneca. She chose to remain among them for the rest of her life and, in doing so, became part of regional and Seneca lore.

An original edition of Lewis H. Morgan's book "League of the Ho-de-no-sau-nee, or Iroquois" (1851) is interesting, Spencer says, because it contains a map and explanatory chart of corresponding English and Indian names.

Berman's was a career of prodigious accomplishment. Besides teaching human-rights law, he published and lectured widely, maintained a private law practice in Indian law and, from 1978 to 1981, served as attorney for the Indian Law Resource Center in Washington, D.C.

He chaired the Interest Group on Indigenous Rights for the American Society of International Law and provided legal counsel and consultation to native peoples of Tibet, Taiwan, Mexico, Africa, Canada, Eastern Europe and Central America.

His contributions to United Nations' efforts on behalf of aboriginal peoples were significant as well. He represented the International Work Group for Indigenous Affairs -- a UN subcommission -- before the UN Commission on Human Rights and other international bodies. He was an invited consultant to

the World Bank and Human Rights Bank Information Center, which monitors human rights' and environmental consequences of World Bank activities and those of other multilateral financial institutions.

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The Berman Collection is being catalogued and inventoried, and a list of the catalogued items can be found at <http://ublib.buffalo.edu/libraries/units/law/collections>

To use the materials in the collection, contact a reference librarian in the law library at 716-645-2048. For information about how you can help support the University at Buffalo, go to <http://www.buffalo.edu/giving>.

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CAS membership begins on the month you join, with renewal dues payable on that month of the following year. All members receive the monthly chapter newsletter, *The Folsom Point*, and the quarterly society journal, *Southwestern Lore* (except senior memberships). Members renewing late may miss issues of both periodicals.

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Colorado Archaeological Society Code of Ethics

Members will uphold State and Federal antiquities laws and regulations.

Excavation of archaeological sites will be conducted only according to professionally accepted procedures developed in consultation with a professional archaeologist and with the written permission of the landowner. The investigator has the responsibility for publication of the results of his/her investigation and for making the collection available for further scientific study.

Members are encouraged to report archaeological sites to the Office of the State Archaeologist on State Site report forms. Materials collected from the surface sites shall be catalogued and described in the site survey report. Collected materials should either be deposited with the State Archaeologist's office or made available for scientific study.

Members will not support illegal or unscientifically conducted activities by participating in or condoning the sale, exchange or purchase of artifacts obtained from such sites.

Members who exhibit artifacts will do so in an educational context. Items from burials and objects considered sacred will not be exhibited.

Members will cooperate with the State Archaeologist and other agencies concerned with archaeology and related fields.

Members will respect the dignity of groups whose cultural histories are the subject of archaeological investigation.

Members will not participate in conduct involving dishonesty, deceit, or misrepresentation about archaeological matters.

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