EDITOR'S NOTE:
My apologies to all of you who contributed items in February only to see their publication delayed until well into March. Currently the department is adapting to many changing circumstances, and in particular the faculty have held lengthy discussions about how to field an effective schedule of courses for the next academic year. We feel it is crucial to ensure that students can work towards completing their major requirements every semester, and towards that end we regularly post a table at the back of the Newsletter which indicates which offered courses can be used to complete each requirement. Because of our prolonged discussions, however, this table (final page) was not available until recently.

– Martin Biskowski, Editor

GENERAL NEWS

JOHN W. CONNOR REMEMBERS THE KOREAN WAR
Because he is an emeritus faculty member, most anthropology students first hear John W. Connor’s name only during the spring picnic when one student with the highest GPA is awarded the John Connor Scholarship. Most current faculty members are aware of Prof. Connor’s generosity in establishing this scholarship. The senior faculty also remember Prof. Connor’s important role shaping the anthropology department as an active teacher and researcher.

LET SLIP THE DOGS OF WAR
A MEMOIR OF THE GHQ 1ST RAIDER COMPANY (8245TH ARMY UNIT)
A.K.A. SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMPANY
KOREA, 1950–51

But until recently, few faculty or students department probably gave much thought to Prof. Connor’s life before he became an anthropologist. The publication of Prof. Connor’s Korean War reminiscences, however, opens a window on a life of honor, dedication, and danger. The book Let Slip the Dogs of War: A Memoir of the GHQ 1st Raider Company (8245th Army Unit), A.K.A. Special Operations
Company, Korea. 1950-51, recounts Prof. Connor’s experiences as the member of an elite fighting unit which conducted raids upon enemy-controlled coastlines during the Korean War. Prof. Connor discussed his memoir at a Friends of the Library talk Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2010. Before the outbreak of the Korean War, Prof. Connor was stationed with occupation forces in Japan. In a recent article in the Daily Hornet, Prof. Connor credited this experience with Japanese culture with inspiring his lifelong interest in anthropology. When the war began, volunteered for this special unit whose purpose was to disrupt enemy plans, to tie-up disproportionate numbers of enemy troops defending rear areas away from the front lines, and to gather crucial intelligence.

The service provided by Prof. Connor’s unit came at a severe cost. Nearly half of the unit became casualties during their combat involvement. The survivors returned with troubling memories.

The Korean War occupies a curious, often ambiguous place in the American mind. The Korean War marks the beginning of a series of Cold War military actions which cost lives and resources but produced neither the decisive results nor the public celebrations which accompanied the end of the two World Wars. While often a conventional war, the Korean War also placed U.S. troops in counterinsurgency roles with similar issues and problems to those encountered more recently by U.S. troops in Afghanistan and Iraq. Prof. Connor recounts these problems with honesty and clarity.

ARC STILL IN LIMBO

Since the last issue of the Newsletter, renovations were begun on Del Norte, a possible future home for the Archaeological Research Center. However, a surprising number of significant issues remain unresolved despite the passage of several months.

Meanwhile, the ARC continues to conduct operations out of trailers in Parking Lot 1, its home since unexpectedly being forced out their former facilities in Foley Hall nearly three years ago. Currently, ARC is undertaking field investigations around Lake Oroville and working on several reports.

ANTHROPOLOGY MUSEUM NEWS

The Anthropology Museum will open its Spring 2010 exhibit, "From Maker to Museum: Weaving Through a Collection," on April 7, from 1:30 - 3:00 pm. Please join us for the opening reception recognizing the hard work of the graduate and undergraduate students in ANTH 196M, who are working as a curatorial collective to develop and install this show (follow their progress at www.museummethology.blogspot.com). The primary focus of the exhibit is the Joel Sheldon Cotton Collection of late 19th/early 20th century California Indian Basketry, donated to the Department in the early 1960s.

In conjunction with the course research, several speakers will be visiting the class. Faculty and students in the Anthropology Department and wider campus community are welcome to join us in MND 1005, 1:30 pm, for any of these lectures and workshops.
The first was scheduled for February 24 and featured Professor Emeritus Jerry Johnson, who talked about the history of the Museum and Department collections.

On March 17, Ralph Shanks, M.A., basketry scholar and author of one of our course textbooks, offered a workshop on Central California Indian basket uses, materials, and technologies.

In mid-April, Dr. Charles Roberts (Professor Emeritus, Department of History) will speak about the role of Pomo Women's Clubs in revitalizing basket weaving.

Professor Emeritus Dotty Theodoratus is tentatively scheduled to meet with students in late April or early May. Updates will be posted to the course website (URL above) and the Anthropology Museum website (www.csus.edu/anth/museum).

Questions about the Anthropology Museum or its activities? Contact the Museum Director at tac@csus.edu.

**REPOSITORY NEWS**

Despite the departure of Prof. Pei-Lin Yu in October, work on the department's NAGPRA collections is proceeding steadily. A Notice of Inventory Completion for the French Camp Slough Collection was submitted in October of 2009 and is currently under review by National NAGPRA. Repository staff Cristi Hunter (Collections Manager), Melodi McAdams (NAGPRA Assistant) and Peggy Badovinac (Cataloger) are preparing the Zallio collection for NAGPRA consultation.

There are 19 anthropology students and community members volunteering at the repository this semester. Volunteers receive hands on experience with cataloging, artifact photography, metal conservation, collection rehabilitation, digitization, mapping and document organization. Thanks to the hard work of our volunteers, decades worth of unsorted photographs and negatives have been organized and many important archaeological collections have been repackaged and digitally cataloged to meet current curation standards. Under the supervision of repository staff, volunteers have started to prepare a type collection of unprovenienced artifacts that will be available for faculty use starting in the Fall 2010 semester. Faculty interested in checking out this teaching collection for class use should contact Cristi Hunter.

The repository and repository staff play an active role in events on campus. The Fall 2009 faunal identification workshop organized by SAS and presented by Cristi Hunter was a success; a second workshop was held so that all interested students would have a chance to attend. Cristi Hunter and Melodi McAdams will be speaking to the campus group Ensuring Native Indian Traditions (ENIT) about NAGPRA on their March 19th meeting. Collections staff have also provided repository tours for Introduction to Archaeology and World Prehistory students. Faculty interested in arranging a repository tour for their classes should contact Cristi Hunter.

Student volunteers also are assisting Prof. Martin Biskowski with the analysis of a ground stone tool collection from the site of Portezuelo near Mexico City.
Graduate students Shannon Goshen and Kimberley Morris are currently working on the analysis of special artifact types. Several undergraduate volunteers finished reworking the inventory in January and now are helping with artifact drawings and the graphic record of the collection.

UPCOMING DATES OF NOTE:

SAS Meeting (MND 4003) – 12:00 pm, Tuesday, April 6

Anthropology Museum Exhibit Opening and Reception – 1:30 pm, Wednesday, April 7

SAS Talk: Benjamin Hanowell, U Washington – Tuesday, April 13, 12pm.

79th Annual Meetings of the American Association of Physical Anthropologists – April 14-17, Albuquerque

75th Anniversary Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology – St. Louis, April 14-18

Sacramento Anthropological Society (SAS) Annual Conference: “Bridging the Gap” – Friday, April 16, University Union.

SAS Meeting (MND 4003) – 12:00 pm, Tuesday, April 20

Southwestern Anthropological Association (SWAA) Conference “Place, Space, Environment, and Climate” – April 29-May 2, University of Nevada, Reno.

Faculty Meeting (MND 4003) – 3-5 pm, Friday, April 30

Last Day of Instruction – May 14

Faculty Meeting (MND 4003) – 3-5 pm, Friday, May 14

Department Picnic (East Portal Park) – Friday, May 14 (tentative date)

Final Exam Week – May 17-21

Commencement – May 21-22

FACULTY AFFAIRS:

HENS GIVES TALK ON TRIP TO ITALY
Prof. Samantha Hens gave a talk entitled “La Bell’Italia: Art and Architecture in Ancient and Medieval Rome” in October. The talk was held in the physical anthropology lab and attended by a standing-room only audience of students, faculty, and staff.

Prof. Hens spoke about not only the research she conducted in Italy early in 2009 but also her site-seeing trips around Italy.

THOMAS STRASSER FINDS EVIDENCE OF EARLY SEA-FARING IN CRETE
Archaeologists in public forums often are asked if they have made a “big” discovery. Dr. Thomas Strasser, former CSUS lecturer, brother of Prof. Elizabeth Strasser, and current Associate Professor of Art History at Providence College, can say “Yes!”
Dr. Strasser and his research partner, Dr. Eleni Panagopoulou of the Greek Ministry of Culture, conducted field investigations near Plakias, Crete, seeking evidence of Mesolithic and Neolithic inhabitants from no more than 11,000 years ago. Much to their surprise, they also found quartz handaxes, cleavers, and scrapers apparently manufactured in an Acheulean style as much as 700,000 years old. Based on the stratigraphy, these artifacts are at least 130,000 to 190,000 years ago.

The significance of this discovery arises from the age of Crete itself, which has been an island for more than 5 million years. The discovery apparently indicates that ancient hominids were capable of traveling over the sea much earlier than previously thought. Further details about Dr. Strasser's discovery can be found at:


and:


**A FAREWELL UPDATE FROM PROF. YU**

Last October, Prof. Pei-Lin Yu left the Department of Anthropology to seek new challenges in Montana. She was hired by the National Park Service and works in the Rocky Mountain Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit (RM CESU) as their cultural specialist. Their link is http://www.cfc.umt.edu/CESU/.

The RM CESU is a brokering system which identifies needs for research or technical expertise in national parks and other agencies and connects them with interested universities which possess the needed expertise. Their geographic region covers all the parks in Colorado, Wyoming, and Montana and involves many fields of expertise, including archaeology, anthropology, sociology, planning, geology, paleontology, and history. Last year the RM CESU managed almost $11 million in projects.

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**Winter Field Research in Missoula**

One drawback of being in Montana is the difficulty of conducting fieldwork between November and March. But the Prof. Yu reports that the University of Montana anthropology department has been really welcoming. She is now an affiliate faculty member of both the anthropology department and the College of Forestry, and she has given several talks on CRM, gender in hunter-gatherer studies, and ethnoarchaeology. She also is teaching kickboxing again at the local YMCA and plans to start a class at the student recreation center.
Prof. Yu reports that Missoula is a fascinating place. The inhabitants are an interesting blend of hippies, students, cowboys, and Forest Service personnel. Among the city’s facilities are three breweries (Kettle House, Bayern, and Big Sky), the last of which is the source of Moose Drool Brown Ale. There also is a big smokejumper base there, and Prof. Yu is considering regaining her firefighting red card again. Apparently archaeologists are needed along the fire lines.

On a personal note, Prof. Yu misses everyone here and looks forward to seeing friends and colleagues again when the Society for American Archaeology Annual Meetings are held in Sacramento in 2011. She also hopes to return for the SJO-91 reburial. Anyone interested in emailing her is invited to do so at the following address:

anyikui@hotmail.com

BISHOP CLOSES OUT EXHIBIT WITH TALKS, FILMS
Prof. Joyce Bishop followed a successful opening of her exhibit of Mexican ritual masks at La Raza/Galería Posada in mid-town Sacramento, (see previous newsletter) with a series of public programs during October and November of fall semester. They included a curatorial talk by exhibit curator Bishop, two evenings of films on Mexican ritual dance after which she led group discussions, and a talk by Larry Hoover, the owner of the mask collection, as well. Additionally, in September, Dr. Bishop hosted as guests of the university, mask maker, Fidel de la Puente Basabe of Teloloapan, Guerrero, and his wife, anthropologist, Ann Warren Johnson, both of whom spoke in CSUS anthropology classes.

The exhibit, which ran from September through December, attracted student groups from the public schools weekly throughout the season. Teachers were encouraged to use educational materials prepared by Dr. Bishop both before and after the student visits. "Response from the educational community was enthusiastic and gratifying," she remarked. "As one of the oldest Chicano cultural centers in the U.S., LRGP was the perfect venue to bring these significant examples of contemporary Mexican indigenous ritual life to the Sacramento public."

STUDENT NEWS:
SAS SETS SCHEDULE, SOLICITS SPEAKERS, NEXT YEAR’S OFFICERS
The Sacramento Anthropological Society meets regularly in MND 4003. A schedule of future meetings can be found on p. 4.
Among its activities, SAS is setting up a lecture series to give students a broader view of anthropology and to introduce students to professors they might not have encountered in classes. Anyone interested in giving a lecture should contact Kevin J. Perry at SAS. A typical lecture will be about 40 minutes followed by a brief period for questions and answers.

One speaker already scheduled to make a presentation to SAS. Benjamin Hanowell, an alumnus and former SAS officer, is currently a graduate student at the University of Washington. He will be visiting Tuesday, April 13 to give a talk about his research studying migrants’ remittances.

At the end of the same week, on Friday, April 16, SAS will hold its annual conference. This year’s theme is “Bridging the Gap”. According to the original email soliciting submissions, “This is a great opportunity to gain experience in front of groups as well as an impressive addition to your CV.” Each talk will be 10-15 minutes long and may include Powerpoint slides.

Finally, SAS is seeking students interested in serving as officers for the 2010-2011 academic year. It is helpful for new officers to learn about their jobs from their predecessors before the old officers graduate or disappear from campus. If you are interested, contact Vanessa or Alexis at SAS at their email address (sacanthsoc@gmail.com).

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GRADUATE STUDENTS COMPLETE THEIR DEGREES
The Department of Anthropology wishes to congratulate the following students who completed their M.A. degrees since the summer 2009. Nice work and good luck!

Natasha Storms
Bridget Wall

THE DEPARTMENT ENSURES THAT REQUIRED COURSES ARE AVAILABLE EACH SEMESTER
Continuing its commitment to help students complete their majors and graduate more quickly, the spring course schedule (see last page) includes at least one course for each upper division major requirement in the current catalog.

The schedule also has been designed to reduce overlaps in time. Majors should be able to take all the classes they need.

This class schedule is still preliminary and subject to change depending on budget and other circumstances. Nonetheless, it lists the courses which the department currently intends to offer and should aid planning for next year.
ANTHROPOLOGY Upper Division Majors Classes

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