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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The last few weeks have been busy ones for those of us on the Iowa City scene. I reported for work on May 19, and with the help of the existing staff, began the task of reorganizing the Office of the State Archaeologist.

This activity was soon disrupted by the receipt of some good news and bad news on the same day. The bad news came first. That was that due to expansion of the math department in MacLean Hall, the Office was to be relocated. I was shown an old house first, but saw many fire and security problems there. There were some other suggestions, including a move to the Oakdale Campus, but finally through the understanding and fine cooperation of the people in Facilities Planning we have been assigned to the East Lawn building on Iowa Avenue and Gilbert. These quarters will be a real improvement over our present location and we feel very fortunate. Hopefully we will move in about a month.

The good news had to do with the Office budget. We have been effectively doubled over past years and have been given funds to hire a full-time secretary and an Assistant State Archaeologist. At present, the Assistant's salary line is being broken down into three or four part-time jobs, thus enabling us to develop in several directions at once.

The reason I have gone to the trouble of describing the recent developments in the Office is to make the membership aware that steps are currently being taken that will allow the Office to involve itself in many different projects that will have bearing on the IAS--both in terms of the development of its membership and the attainment of its goals. It is premature to detail the experimental programs that will be undertaken either on behalf of the Society or in cooperation with it, as we are still in the developmental stages.

It is our intention, however, to staff a Public Education Unit in the Office with a Field Representative and one Public Information Officer. When these positions are filled we plan to become involved in a publicity program in an effort to make the Office and the IAS more visible. A report of progress in these areas will be included in the next issue of the Newsletter.

In other late news, an emergency project has been undertaken on the State Hospital grounds at Glenwood. Since no federal funds were involved in the construction project, the Social Services Department provided \$3,000. for salvage at the site. The matter is being handled as a cooperative effort by the State Historic Preservation Office and the Office of the State Archaeologist with the intention of developing a model for other state agencies to follow under similar circumstances. The project will be concluded with the publication of a report on the site.



Finally, a word about THE CONFERENCE ON THE FUTURE OF IOWA ARCHEOLOGY held at Luther College June 21-22. The meeting was attended by seventeen career archeologists and provided a format for the discussion of many urgent archeological issues. Don Spears and Gary Valen represented the IAS at the meeting and Gary's impressions are reported in this issue of the Newsletter.

Your officers and directors join me in soliciting your thoughts and suggestions on how our Society might be improved. Let us know what you would like to see done. Also, see if you can sell an IAS membership to a friend. This is the year we are going to double our membership! Best wishes to all.

DUANE ANDERSON
PRES., IAS

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July 10, 1975

Dear Fellow Members of the Iowa Archeological Society:

I just returned from a meeting of career archeologists at Luther College where I, along with Don Spears of Ottumwa, was asked to represent the lay sector of the Society. Duane Anderson, the new State Archeologist and Adrian Anderson, the State Historic Preservation Officer, called the conference in order to establish goals and procedures for the future of Iowa Archeology. I am writing this letter rather than an article or editorial because I want to convey my personal excitement about the discussions at Luther. For several years I have watched the archeological programs in our neighboring states and dreamed of a day when Iowa would have a working professional system to locate, interpret, and preserve its historic resources. I can report to you that giant strides have been made to achieve this goal.

All of this came about with some pain. Anytime you sit in a meeting from 8:00 in the morning until 9:30 that evening, there is bound to be some lingering ailments. Archeologists, after all, are accustomed to being on their knees — not other parts of their anatomy. The serious discussions were laced with humor and camaraderie. Duane Anderson did what he could to keep order. The male chauvinistic group selected the only female, Nancy Osborn of Iowa State University, to be the secretary. Her heroic efforts to commit our thoughts to paper should earn her first nomination in Iowa's Archeological Hall of Fame. David Baerreis of the University of Wisconsin provided philosophical support as a combination devil's advocate and synthesizer of our fragmented ideas.

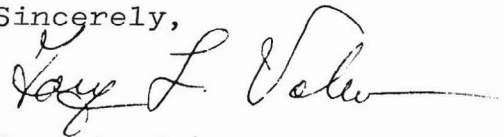
Important questions were debated and discussed at the conference. We waded through such thorny topics as Iowa's burial laws, the need for popular publications, training of students and lay persons, cultural resource management, and a unified numbering system for sites in the state. These deliberations did not always lead to specific action, but many suggestions were handed to the state archeologist and others for consideration and possible implementation. I believe the most significant accomplishment

of the conference was the determination by those present to unify all our attempts to upgrade the quality of Iowa's archeological programs. This means that any archeologist working in the state would cooperate and share information with the rest of us. In addition, a major effort will be made to interpret the findings of archeologists for the general public.

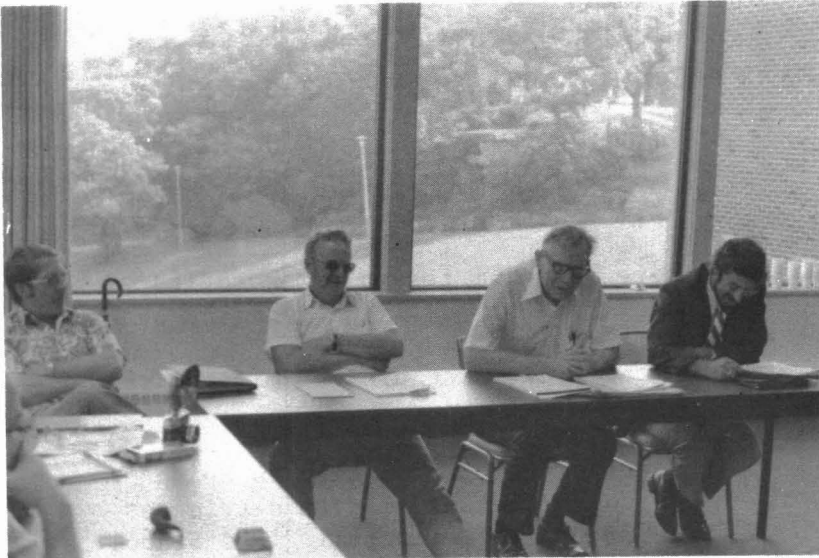
The facilitations of these goals will be the concern of a new organization called the Iowa Archeological Association which was created at the Luther gathering. Although the final details are not yet complete, the purpose of the group is to provide advise and direction for archeology in the state. Its membership will be comprised of any scholar with an interest and some degree of skill in archeological techniques and research. This means that lay persons may be included in the organization. It was the consensus of the group that the I.A.A. will work through the Iowa Archeological Society to implement its goals and procedures. After listening to the discussion on this matter, I am convinced that the I.A.A. will be an asset to the aspirations of all of us in the I.A.S. It will provide leadership to those of us in the lay sector who aspire to learn more about the prehistory and history of the state.

These are exciting times for anyone with an interest in Iowa archeology. We are beginning to see progress in areas that have been neglected too long. Specifically, an attempt is being made to unify the widespread research in the state. We have a commitment from the career archeologists to make their findings available to the public. As I.A.S. members, we can only benefit from the increased knowledge and activity in a field we have chosen to pursue through our membership in the Society. If you have any questions about the Luther conference, please address them to myself or other participants.

Sincerely,



Gary L. Valen



Participants at the Luther Conference listen with rapt attention to Professor Baerreis as he attempts to unravel "another fine mess we got ourselves into."

Special thanks to Clark Mallam and Luther College for the excellent facilities for the conference.

IOWA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY SUMMER FIELD TRIP TO SAYLORVILLE RESERVOIR - 27 JULY 1975

The Iowa State University Archaeological Laboratory will host a field trip to selected archaeological sites in Saylorville Reservoir for members of the Iowa Archaeological Society on Sunday, 27 July 1975. The field trip will give IAS members an opportunity to see the Saylorville Reservoir under construction, to visit several selected archaeological sites, and to observe I.S.U.'s investigative program in the reservoir. This program is co-sponsored by the National Park Service, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the State Historic Preservation Program.

Weather and construction schedules permitting, the schedule for the field trip is:

10:00- MEET AT THE FIRE STATION/CITY HALL AT POLK CITY: large white frame building on the
10:45AM northwest side of the town square. (NOTE: POLK CITY IS ca. 12 MILES NORTH OF
DES MOINES. TAKE HIGHWAY 415 NORTH OF I-80)

ORIENTATION: Discussion of Saylorville Reservoir, the intensive archaeological survey strategy, assessment of environmental impacts, nomination of reservoir to National Register as an archaeological district, the mitigative program (preservation, monitoring, testing, and full-scale excavation).

10:45- VISIT TO ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES IN RESERVOIR

- 12:15
1. 13PK144 (the "Saylorville Five" mound site). Five burial mounds in the alignment of the main dam. These mounds, located near the reservoir administrative and visitor's center now under construction, will be preserved and hopefully integrated into the interpretive program planned by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.
 2. 13PK165. A late Woodland site which is being extensively excavated prior to its destruction by construction haul roads linking the main "borrow" areas (quarries) to the east end of the main dam.

12:15- LUNCH AT BIG CREEK LAKE RECREATION AREA (EAST SIDE OF LAKE, NEAR BOAT RAMP).

1:30

B.Y.O.L. (BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH)

1:30- VISIT TO ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES IN RESERVOIR

3:00

3. 13PK111 (Klein's Kleinesfeld). This site is being tested prior to its destruction for the building of a parking lot and adjoining swimming beach (McBride Beach) for recreation along the edge of the permanent conservation pool. Testing, small-scale excavation and monitoring are the mitigative actions planned for this site.
4. 13PK149 (Darr es Shalom site). This Woodland occupation site is being investigated as part of the mitigative program in addition to serving as the main training site for the I.S.U. Summer Archaeological Field School. Situated at a low elevation, 13PK149 will be permanently inundated by the reservoir conservation pool.

NOTE: a. Hot sun is known in this part of Iowa (you may want to bring a broad-brimmed hat)
b. Poison ivy waxes luxuriant (suggest you clothe your entire bod)
c. Mosquitos have been sighted on occasion (you might want to bring some 6-12 along)
d. We'll be tramping and hiking a bit (bring your sensible walking shoes)

Other than that, Mrs. Lincoln, you'll enjoy the play. Archaeology is fun! Come join us in Saylorville on the 27th!

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY'S 1975 ARCHAEOLOGICAL PROJECT IN SAYLORVILLE RESERVOIR

David M. Gradwohl
Iowa State University
Ames, Iowa

Iowa State University is continuing its archaeological program in Saylorville Reservoir which has been undertaken under the auspices of the National Park Service, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the State Historic Preservation Program. The intensive systematic archaeological survey, which followed procedures established in the Ames Reservoir archaeological project, has been completed. The survey, begun in 1973 with the survey and reporting of reconnaissance units 1 through 4, now includes an inspection of all other reconnaissance units (5 through 20) in the Saylorville and Big Creek project areas. As of 1 July 1975, 340 archaeological sites have been designated in the project area. This summer's archaeological work is concentrated in the lower reservoir area where the main dam is being completed and where initial inundation may occur during the late summer and fall. An attempt is being made to "monitor" all construction areas (the "borrow" areas, road construction, building of recreational facilities etc) whether these loci are actually those of designated sites or "site survey units". Other sites are scheduled for testing and/or wide-scale excavations.

As of early July, three sites are being excavated: 13PK165, a Late Woodland site at which excavations were begun late last summer, is being explored by additional test pits. Diagnostic artifacts from 13PK165 are illustrated here in Figure 1 and Figure 2. This site will be completely destroyed by construction haul roads later this summer. The area will also be subject to inundation and wave action from the permanent reservoir conservation pool. Testing and limited excavations are under way at 13PK111 (Klein's Kleinesfeld). Limited materials suggest a Woodland cultural affiliation. During July, the Iowa National Guard unit will construct a parking lot and other facilities associated with a swimming beach (McBride Beach) which will serve as a recreational area at the edge of the conservation pool. The site (and McBride Beach) will be subject to temporary inundation as the reservoir rises to the maximum flood control pool. Larger-scale excavations are in progress at 13PK149 (Darr es Shalom site), a site located at the confluence of the Des Moines River and Big Creek. Surface materials are indicative of a Woodland occupation site. As of early July, several features have been designated but not yet excavated, pending further stripping of the plowzone from the site. Investigations at 13PK149 were somewhat delayed due to Mother Nature's inundation of the Des Moines Valley in the late June flood. In that regard, I.S.U. chalked up another "first": the equipment was removed from the site by boat as the flood waters encroached upon the excavations. The retreat operation was skillfully commandeered by Dr. John Bower -- a good civilian use of his previous naval experience! Fortunately the Des Moines River did not crest over the site, and the ISU crew is again back at the excavations.



David M. Gradwohl, Iowa
State University

Thanks to Dave, John Bower,
Nancy Osborn, and Associates
for the invitation to Saylorville
and hosting the 1975 Annual
Meeting of the Society!

Personnel involved in the 1975 Saylorville Reservoir archaeological project are:

STAFF:

Dr. David M. Gradwohl, Director & Principal Investigator
 Dr. John R.F. Bower, Field School Director
 Ms. Nancy M. Osborn, Co-Principal Investigator
 Mr. Stephen Lensink, Field Supervisor (Sheldon, Iowa; University of Iowa)
 Mr. Robert Timberlake, Field Supervisor (Bedford, Iowa; I.S.U.)
 Mr. John Broihahn, Field Assistant (Platteville, Wisconsin; I.S.U.)
 Mr. Bill Femrite, Field Assistant (Mandan, S.D.; I.S.U.)
 Mr. Marc Mills, Field Assistant (Pella, Iowa; I.S.U.)
 Mr. Mike Portwood, Field Assistant (Boone, Iowa; I.S.U.)
 Mr. Rick Watson, Field Assistant (Des Moines, Iowa; I.S.U.)

FIELD CREW MEMBERS (* registered in I.S.U. Summer Archaeological Field School)

Mr. Larry Abbott (Ames, Iowa; I.S.U.)
 Ms. Charlene Bennett (Dodgeville, Wisconsin; U. Wisc/Platteville)
 Mr. Art Bettis (Sioux City, Iowa; I.S.U.)
 Ms. Barbara Burton (Ames, Iowa; I.S.U.)
 Mr. Irving Canfield (Kelley, Iowa; I.S.U.)
 Mr. Richard Cech (Des Moines, Iowa; Reed College)
 *Mr. Frank D'Angelo (Cicero, Illinois; I.S.U.)
 *Mr. James Dehner (Burlington, Iowa; I.S.U.)
 Mr. James Farwell (Decorah, Iowa; Luther College)
 *Mr. Michael Finn (Iowa City, Iowa; Univ. of Iowa)
 Mr. Mervin Floodman (Zimmerman, Minnesota; St. Cloud State College)
 Mr. Tim Frankenberger (Topeka, Kansas; I.S.U.)
 *Ms. Nancy Griffith (Des Moines, Iowa; I.S.U.)
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 Mr. Jeff Harder (Moline, Illinois; Univ. of Iowa)
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 Ms. Debi Jones (Newton, Iowa; I.S.U.)
 Mr. John Kean (Elmhurst, Illinois; I.S.U.)
 *Ms. Emilie Lawrence (Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Univ. of Iowa)
 Mr. Dirk Marcucci (Monmouth, Iowa; Univ of Iowa)
 Mr. John Mason (Ames, Iowa; Bowdoin College)
 Mr. Mark Metzler (Ames, Iowa; I.S.U.)
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 Ms. Coleen Nutty (Ames, Iowa; I.S.U.)
 *Mr. Tim Parrish (Ames, Iowa; I.S.U.)
 *Mr. Mike Parry (Ames, Iowa; I.S.U.)
 *Ms. Barbara Placek (Omaha, Nebraska; I.S.U.)
 Ms. Sharron Santure (Madison, Wisconsin; Univ. of Wisconsin)
 *Ms. Delia Schuster (Ames, Iowa; I.S.U.)
 *Mr. Rick Sumner, Jr (Waverly, Iowa; Univ. of Iowa)
 Mr. Randy Thies (Garden City, Kansas; Washburn University)
 Ms. Cindy Thomas (Waterloo, Iowa; Univ. of Iowa)
 *Ms. Nancy Tremmel (Sheldon, Iowa; Univ. of Iowa)

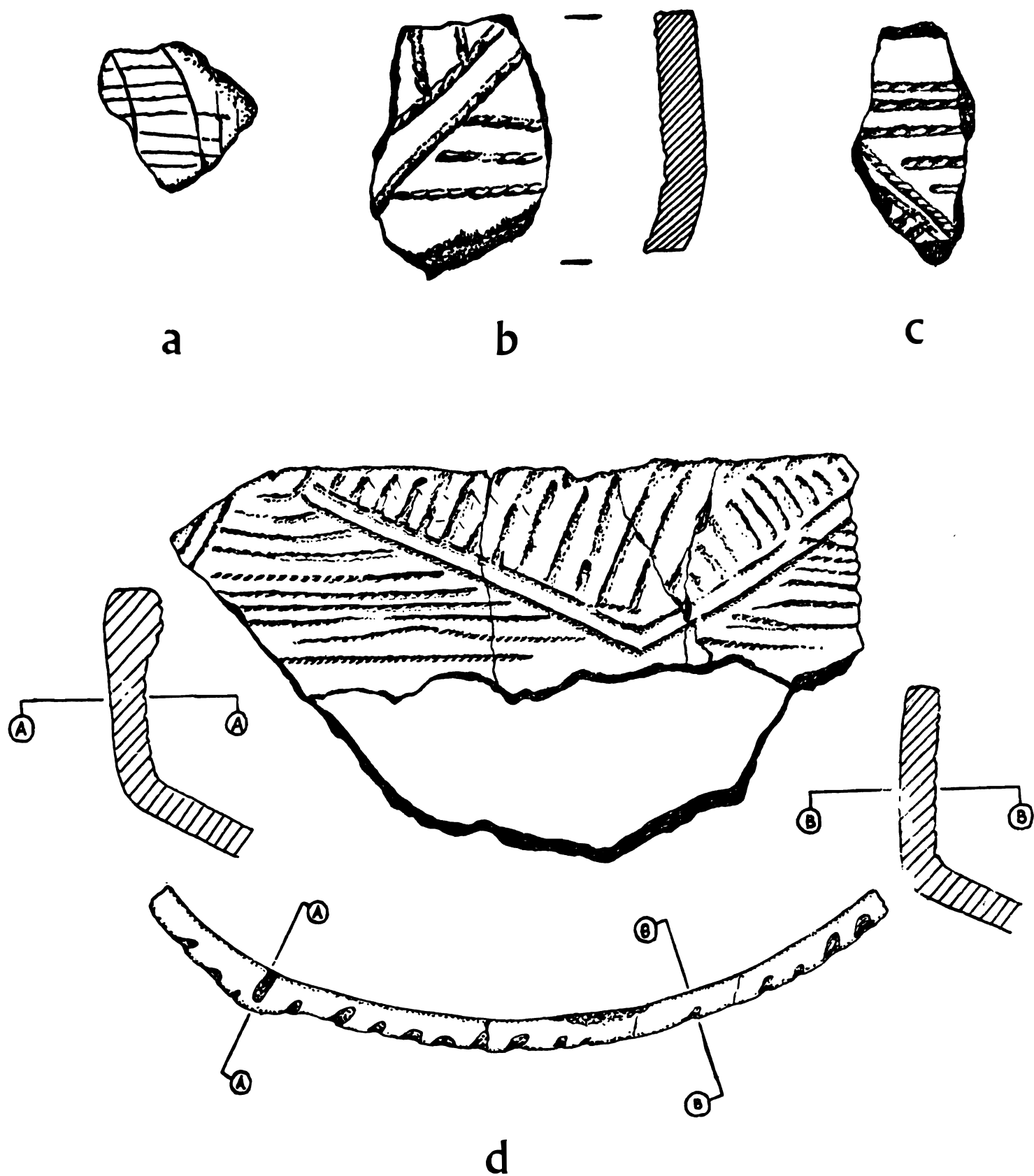


FIGURE 1. SELECTED CERAMICS FROM 13PK165. (Drawings by M.M. Mills).

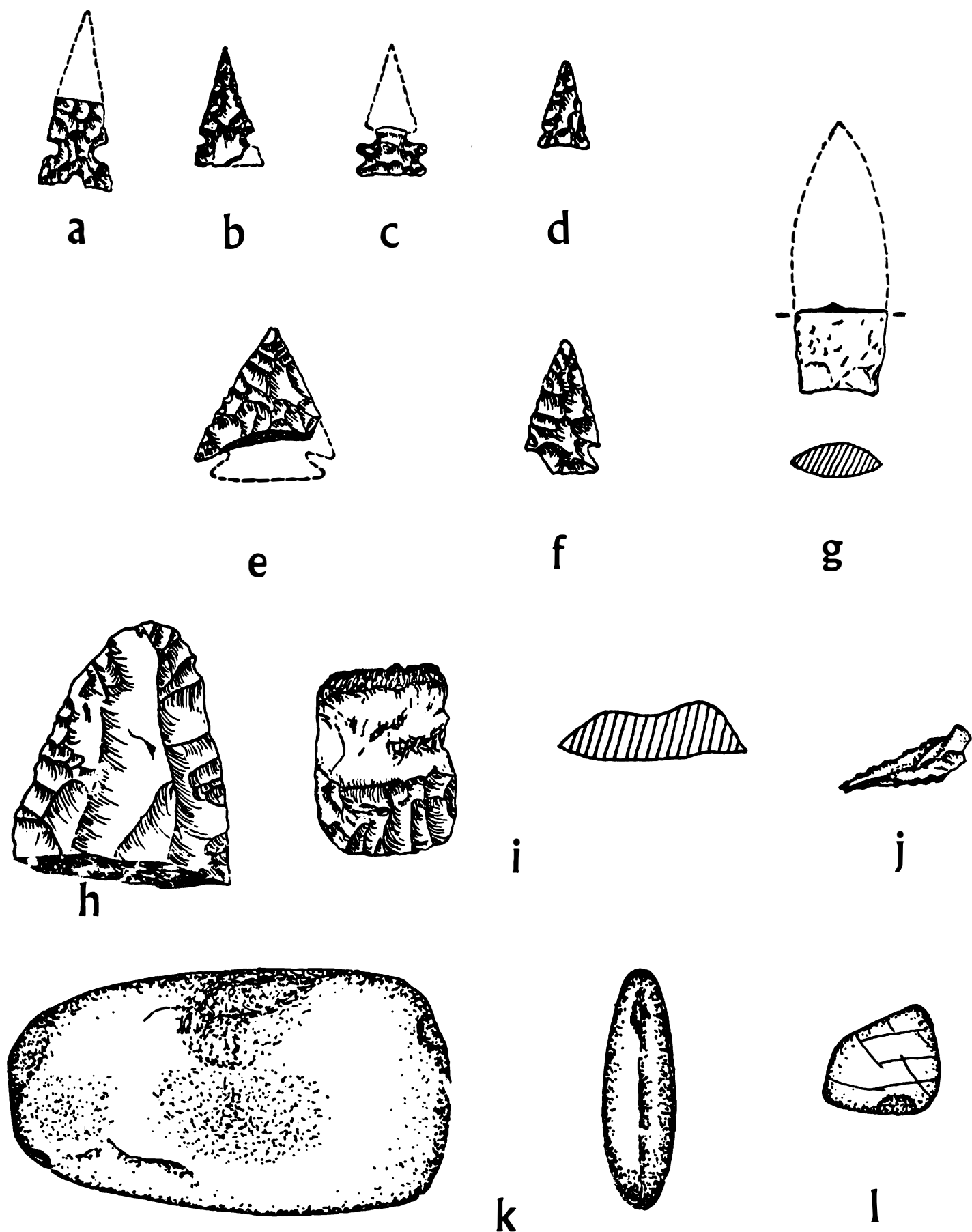
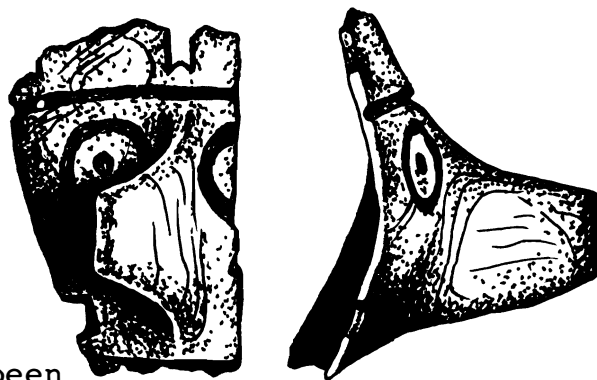


FIGURE 2. SELECTED LITHIC ARTIFACTS FROM 13PK165. (Drawings by M.M.Mills).

THE MANUFACTURE OF LONG NOSED GOD MASKS AND OTHER ITEMS FROM MARINE SHELL

Duane Anderson

During the summer of 1974, Jim Hass, Peterson, Iowa, found a Long Nosed God mask on a Mill Creek site (13CK1) in Cherokee County (right). Although some similar masks have been found on Mississippian sites in Tennessee, Louisiana, Alabama, Florida, Illinois and Wisconsin, the form has not been previously reported from Iowa.

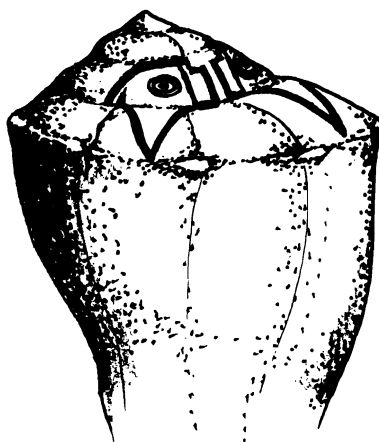


Since the Mill Creek Culture has long been known for it's Mississippian relationships, the discovery of the Iowa mask did not come as a total surprise. Typically, Long Nosed God masks have a shield shaped face, with large circular eyes, small pupils and a slit mouth. A horizontal line separates the forehead from the head-dress, which is generally notched at the midline and stepped on the sides. All known masks are made either of native copper or marine shell and seem to date from A.D. 1000-1300. The manufacture of shell masks and other items is the topic of this article.

After Jim Hass made his discovery, Pat Williams, Lennis Moore and I selected a large whelk shell (below, left) approximately 13 inches in length and sketched the nose and one side of the face of a Long Nosed God on the top of the shell (below, center).



The top of the shell was then detached making it possible to sketch the other half of the face on one of the central whorls inside the shell (below, right). A mask preform was then cut from the shell following the outline (see top, next page).

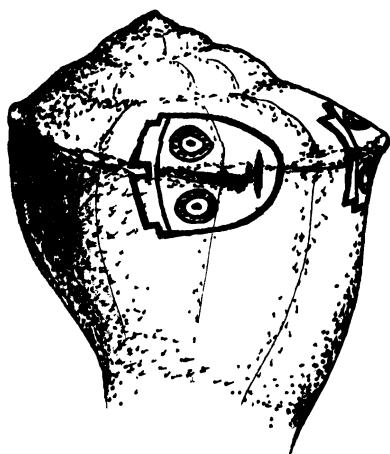
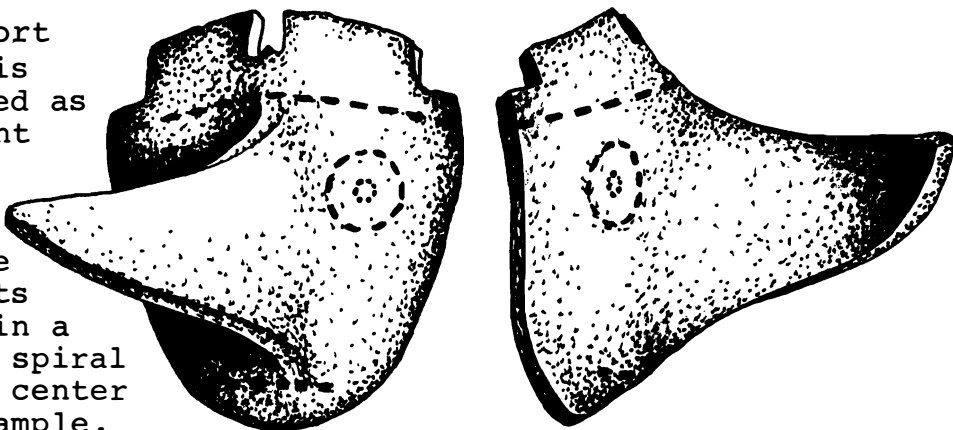


It is likely that two pairs of Long Nosed God masks could be produced from a single shell if properly laid out in advance. It was noted after the shell had been experimentally cut that Short Nosed Gods of the kind found in Illinois near Cahokia could be made by sketching the mask on the shoulder of the

shell (below). A Short Nosed God mask of this type was then produced as part of the experiment (below).

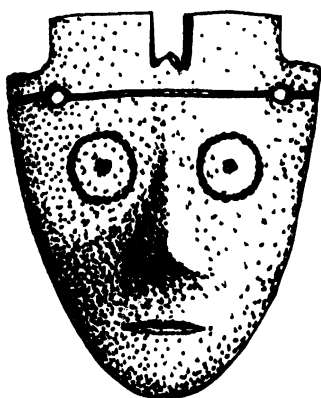
Once the masks had been cut from a large whelk, the by-products could be put to use in a variety of ways. The spiral shaped column in the center of the shell, for example,

could be shaped into a long pendant (below, right), or drilled and cut to form "Barrel-shaped" or "Cherrio-shaped beads of the kind common to Mississippian sites.



In making items of whelk shell experimentally, no attempt was made to replicate specific methods of aboriginal manufacture, as the purpose was simply to determine the placement of masks on natural shells. Tools utilized in the study included a table saw with masonry blade, steel file, sandpaper and an electric drill.

In a recent article, D. F. Morse (*Arkansas Archaeologist* 13:3-4) reported experimenting with aboriginal tools in making beads from whelk shells. He used a method of grooving and snapping the shell to rough out pieces and incorporated such tools as stone knives, sandstone abraders and a drill into his study. Fresh shell is quite hard and difficult to work.



What were Long Nosed God masks used for? The ritual function is not known, but they were apparently worn as ear ornaments by important religious personages. This idea is based on a platform pipe from Spiro Mound in Oklahoma depicting a seated figure with mask ear ornaments resembling those discussed here. This placement on the body is born out by the discovery of a skeleton in a mound in St. Louis where a pair of Long Nosed God masks made of copper were found--one on either side of the skull.

Whatever the original function of such items might have been, Jim Hass' discovery of a Long Nosed God mask on a Mill Creek site in Iowa is important. It greatly expands the distribution of an interesting art form, while at the same time, it tends to emphasize the degree and intensity of Mill Creek relationships with the Mississippian heartlands, indicating that the Mill Creek peoples participated in religious beliefs widely held across much of the eastern United States. We are grateful to Jim for reporting his find!



MINUTES - 25th ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

The 25th Annual Business Meeting of the Iowa Archeological Society was held at the Memorial Union at Iowa State University, hosted by the Department of Anthropology, on Saturday April 26, 1975. The meeting was called to order at 1:20 p.m. by President Duane Anderson.

The Minutes of the last meeting were not read as they appeared in No. 74 of the Newsletter. The Minutes were approved.

The financial report was given by Mrs. Thornton and was as follows:

1974 balance in checking-----	\$ 723.60
receipts-----	3082.57
disbursements-----	2240.61
balance 1975-----	841.96
Money in savings-----	682.53

Mrs. Thornton also gave the membership report stating that there are presently 189 active members, 73 libraries, 5 sustaining and 11 life members for a total of 278 members. This was 42 more than last year. Ray Mittlestadt moved that the financial report be approved, A. K. Fisher seconded, motion carried.

The need for Restated Articles of Incorporation and new Bylaws was given by the President. George Horton, Chairman of the Membership Committee, reported that the committee had decided to leave the dues structure as it appeared in the suggested Bylaws mailed to the membership. Jeff Marck moved, Herb Sovereign seconded that the following membership categories be accepted: Voting members: Active \$5.; Sustaining \$15.; Benefactor \$1000. - Non-voting members: Institutional \$5.; Junior \$4. Motion carried. Eugene Newhouse moved, Richard Slattery seconded that the Restated Articles of Incorporation presented to the membership be accepted and that the six Trustees presently holding office complete their terms as Directors under the new Articles. Motion carried. James Reysack moved, Ray Mittlestadt seconded that the new Bylaws be accepted. Motion carried. (Copy of Articles and Bylaws attached.)

The report of the nominating Committee was given by James Reysack, Chairman. It was as follows:

President - Duane C. Anderson, Iowa City
Vice-President - Adrian Anderson, Iowa City
Secretary - Patricia Williams, Cherokee
Treasurer - Mrs. Phil Thornton, Storm Lake
Directors 1977-78 - Marilyn Mittlestadt, Ft. Dodge
Richard Slattery, Davenport
Don Spears, Ottumwa

There were no nominations from the floor. It was moved by Gary Valen, seconded by Loren Horton that the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot for the slate of officers. Motion carried. It was also suggested that the Newsletter Editors Gary Valen and Betsy Lyman, and the Journal Editor Clark Mallam, be re-elected under the new Bylaws. James Pilgrim moved, Dale Henning seconded that the Editors continue in their current capacity. Motion carried.

The Goals Committee Report was given by Patricia Williams, Chairman. The report (attached) was discussed and the need for goals for the Society was explained. Clark Mallam moved, John Tandarich seconded that the goals be accepted as read. Motion carried. Irv Canfield volunteered to assist with publicity.

The Publications Advisory Committee report was given by Don Spears. It was pointed out that the Journal is presently the Society's contribution to scientific knowledge, but that there is a need for a more popular publication. As presently envisioned, the publication would be a general archeological manual for the collector and lay archeologist.

John Tandarich presented the report of the Awards Committee. It was suggested that an award called the Charles Keyes-Ellison Orr Award be instituted by the Society (full description attached). Loren Horton moved, Nancy Osborn seconded that the report of the Awards Committee be accepted and the Award be established. Motion carried. The Directors will determine how and to whom the award shall be given.

Awards Committee member John Tandarich read the names of the following Charter Members of the Society who still belong: Recognized were Dr. Dale Henning, Dr. David Baerreis, Dr. A. K. Fisher, Dr. H. P. Field, Dr. Carl Chapman, W. D. Frankforter, Frank Soday, Mr. & Mrs. Edward Mittendorf, Henry Hamilton and Glenn Speight. Also recognized were Mrs. Harry Orr and Mrs. Florence Carter for their timely donation of papers and photographs of Ellison Orr to the State Historical Society and to Dr. Margaret Keyes for her donation of papers of Charles Keyes to the University of Iowa Archives. Wilford Logan and Reynold Ruppe' were recognized for their contributions to the early formation of the Iowa Archeological Society, and finally, Mrs. Ruth Thornton was recognized for her 17 years of service as Secretary-Treasurer of the Society and was given a replica of a missionary cross as a token of our appreciation.

Retiring Journal Editor Dale R. Henning reported that Volume 22 should be out to the membership within a month. Incumbant Journal Editor R. Clark Mallam reported that he wants to issue two copies of the Journal per year, but in order to do this, he needs to receive articles on the activities of our membership. He also expressed the desire to help develop the special issue suggested by the Publications Advisory Committee.

John Tandarich presented a petition from members of the IAS living in the Iowa City area, wishing to form a chapter of the IAS. A. K. Fisher moved, Jim Pilgrim seconded that the chapter be accepted contingent on the election of a slate of officers.

The president announced that the meeting would be reopened Sunday to read the resolutions into the minutes and to determine the place of the next annual meeting.

Dr. Carl Chapman spoke briefly on legislative bills now pending before Congress which need support. He suggested that we write a letter urging full funding of the National Park Service Historic Preservation Act.

The Newsletter Editors' report was given by Gary Valen. He stressed the need for more input from the membership.

The President declared the meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

On Sunday April 27, the Business Meeting was reopened in order to complete two items of business.

First, Richard Slattery read the report of the Resolutions Committee into the minutes as follows:

1. We wish to thank Dr. and Mrs. Waldo R. Wedel for being our special guests at the 25th Annual Meeting of the IAS. Their presentations were both most informative and memorable.

2. We wish to commend David Gradwohl, Nancy Osborn and others at Iowa State University for their efforts in organizing and hosting the best Annual Meeting on record.

3. Special thanks go to the Department of Sociology and Anthropology the Archeological Lab and the Graduate College for helping finance the 1975 Annual Meeting. Without their assistance the program would not have been nearly as well developed.

4. Our congratulations are extended to the Department of Anthropology at ISU for completing 10 successful years. We hope that the Department will continue to prosper and grow with it's excellent program.

5. The IAS wishes to thank the ISU information service and the Des Moines Register for providing press coverage of the 25th Annual Meeting.

6. The IAS will prepare correspondence to Senator Byrd indicating support of the National Park Service Historical Preservation Program.

7. The members of the IAS wish to extend their appreciation to the Charter Members of the Society for their contributions to the historical beginnings of the IAS.

8. The members of the IAS wish to extend their appreciation to Duane Anderson for his past and present service to the Society and extends congratulations and a vote of confidence to him in his new position as State Archeologist.

9. The IAS wishes to express its condolences to the families of individuals who passed away during the previous year, especially to the families of Dennis James, Mt. Ayr and Henry Reager, Primghar.

Second, the location of the next annual Meeting was discussed. Betsy Lyman volunteered the services of the Brenton Student Center at Simpson College in Indianola. Don Spears moved, John Tandarich seconded that the next Annual Meeting be held at Simpson College. Motion carried.

Respectively submitted,

Patricia Williams

Patricia Williams
Secretary



Members of the Iowa Archeological Society at the annual meetings in Ames

Note the group standing at the right of the picture. Mildred Mott Wedel is the woman standing second from the right. Waldo Wedel is the man on the left side of the group. Both of them were the principal speakers at the meeting. (See letter below)

Members of the Iowa Archeological Society:

Waldo and I would like to express our gratitude to the Iowa Archeological Society for inviting us to participate in its 25th annual meeting, and our appreciation of the many courtesies you showed us. It was a pleasure to meet old friends and to become acquainted with those of you we had not met before. We were dlighted to see the healthy enthusiasm for archeological work in Iowa and send you our best wishes for satisfactory accomplishment of your varied projects. Be assured that although we live a distance away, we keep ourselves informed on what you are doing and read with interest your publications.

Sincerely yours,

Mildred Mott Wedel (Mrs. Waldo R.)
Department of Anthropology
Smithsonian Institution

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GLENWOOD EXCAVATION 13ML155 (Submitted by Don Spears)

A building project on the grounds of the State Mental Health Hospital in Glenwood recently revealed a partially destroyed Glenwood Focus House. The Office of State Archaeologist was notified and a salvage project was set up with the Department of Social Services (Iowa) for the removal of the archeological remains. A crew from the University of Iowa under the direction of John Hotopp conducted the excavation. A treasure trove of "goodies" was found.

Clint Levings, a contractor from Tarkio, Missouri, delayed work on the site until all the material could be recovered. He is to be commended for his interest and cooperation. In addition to John Hotopp, the crew from Iowa City included Dave Cook; Nancy Eberhard; Kay Lakin; Lise Tatum; Jennifer Bardwall; Edna Danial; Elka Grisham; and Marchia Hotopp. They were joined by Anton Till, Fairfield; D.D. Davis, Glenwood; Denny Miller, Silver City; and Don Spears, Ottumwa.



WHAT IS IT?

Recently Dick Smith found a large arrowhead-shaped sandstone rock while plowing on his farm south of Mt. Pleasant in Henry County. Archaeologists hesitate to call it an "artifact" since definite indications of human manufacture could not be found. The shape, however, is suggestive of the small unnotched points found in the region and the sandstone slab appears to have originated some distance away. The discovery has led to much local speculation which cannot be resolved satisfactorily at present. Anyone with knowledge of similar finds should report them to the Newsletter editor. The object shown at the right of the photo is a 13½ lb. celt found in the same locality. Dick and his family have been collecting artifacts from the area of their farm for a number of years and has kept a detailed catalog of data pertaining to his material.

Photo by Virginia Sheets, Mt. Pleasant

When it rains it pours ! This issue has been an editors dream. There is too much material to include in one Newsletter. We have set another record with 16 pages. Please be assured that if your item does not appear in this issue, it will be included in the October publication. Thanks to all for your cooperation.

One of the items that we had to leave out was a book review on Duane Anderson's new book, Western Iowa Prehistory. We will include more information in the next issue, but you should know the book is available from the Iowa State University Press, Ames, Iowa 50010 for \$3.95.

We hope to see many of you at the field trip to Saylorville on the 27th. Many of us have pushed for summer expeditions, so it is important that we support this one.

Also a reminder that dues are now \$5.00 Active, \$15.00 Sustaining, \$1000 Benefactor, \$4.00 Jr., and \$5.00 Institutional.

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