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NOTICE OF FIFTH
ANNUAL MEETING

The Fifth Annual Meeting of the Alaska Anthropological Association will be held at the Anchorage Westward Hotel on Friday March 17th and Saturday March 18th 1978. Dr. Robert McKennan, Professor Emeritus of Anthropology at Dartmouth College has agreed to be our main speaker and share with us his thoughts on northern Athapaskan studies with which he has been concerned since 1929. Paper titles, abstracts, proposals for Symposia, and the like should be sent to Douglas Veltre in accord with the schedule printed in the Call for Papers on the last page of this newsletter. Preliminary indications are that a number of anthropologists with Alaskan interests who live outside the state will be coming to this meeting and that the sessions should be interesting and productive. All members of the Association (and other interested parties) are urged to make plans to attend. 1977-78 members of the Association will receive further notices concerning registration, accommodations, etc. as this information becomes available. This year we hope to make copies of the abstracts of papers presented at the meeting available to all members who request them in writing, whether or not they can attend the meetings. Plan now to be with us in March.

NOMINATIONS FOR ASSOCIATION
OFFICERS DUE

All 1977-78 members have the privilege of nominating individuals for the three seats on the Board of Directors which become open this year as well as President of the Association. William Workman has served the constitutionally mandated two year maximum term in the latter position and must be replaced. Board members whose seats are open for election this year are Richard Scott (UA-Fairbanks) and Kerry Feldman (UA-Anchorage) who have held two year terms of office and Steve Langdon (UA-Anchorage) who was elected to the one year term last year. Board Members may be reelected. To be honest about it, last year's pace of nominations was something less than brisk and we hope to do better this year, especially with so many offices at stake. To exercise this important role in Association affairs just clip the appropriate section of the last page of this newsletter, indicate your three choices for the

for the Board and one choice for President, and mail to Linda Ellanna, AAA Elections Committee, Anchorage Community College, 2533 Providence Drive, Anchorage, Alaska 99504. Nominations should be received as soon as possible and will be closed on February 1, 1978.

Upon close of nominations the Elections Committee will list the top six candidates for the three board seats and the top two candidates for president on the official ballot which will be circulated by mail to the 1977-78 membership with appropriate biographical information. Before their names are placed on the ballot, all nominees will have to indicate their willingness to serve if elected. The top two vote getters for the Board seats on the final ballot will be elected to the two year terms. If for some reason an elected candidate cannot serve, the office will devolve upon the next high vote getter. ALL MEMBERS ARE URGED TO EXERCISE THEIR RIGHT AND RESPONSIBILITY TO NOMINATE AND VOTE IN THESE ELECTIONS. Terms of the new officers will begin at the end of our Annual Meeting this March.

THE MEMBERSHIP YEAR

As noted at the end of our last Newsletter, it was decided at the Fairbanks meeting last spring that henceforth the membership year will run from the first day of the Annual Conference in March through the day preceding the Annual Conference of the next year. This will simplify our record keeping, allow people to pay their dues at the Annual Meeting, and confer other desirable benefits. Membership dues for 1977-78 are \$5 Regular/Institutional, \$3 Student. Officers elected in one membership year will take over their duties the day following the Annual Meeting. Those with one year terms will serve through the Annual Meeting of the year following their election.

NOTICE OF DUES CHANGE

Confronted by an almost empty Association treasury and realizing that the continued financial existence of the Association cannot continue to be tied directly to the balance sheet for the Annual Meeting, the Board of Directors at their annual meeting in Fairbanks authorized an increase in dues for the regular members of the Association. Effective in the 1978-79 membership year, the annual dues of Regular and Institutional members will be raised from \$5 to \$10. Student membership will remain at \$3. This dues increase should not only put the Association on a solid financial footing, but it should allow us to increase our service to the membership. We hope to increase the appearance

of the Newsletter to a minimum of two numbers during the membership year. We also propose to make the abstracts of papers presented at the Annual Meeting available at no additional charge to all members who request them in writing. Other proposals to increase the effectiveness of the Association, especially vis a vis members who cannot attend the Annual Meetings, are under study. Suggestions are welcome. Since it is not our desire to build up a large "war chest" of unused funds the Directors will review the financial position of the Association periodically. If an unneeded surplus appears to be accumulating they will consider downward revision of the dues.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

As of early November the Association had 113 active members (those who have paid their dues for 1977-78). A large number of individuals who were active members in 1976-77 will soon be invited to make their membership current. Substantial volunteer work by Chris Rabich and Karen Workman allowed us to convert our membership list to cards, a great aid in keeping it current. Some problems may remain to be ironed out. If you have any questions about your status please communicate them to William Workman. Address changes are also solicited.

As of early November the Association had 108 individual and 5 institutional members. Eighty (c. 70%) of these members were from Alaska, 26 from the Lower 48 States (c. 23%), 4 from Canada, 2 from Japan and one from Scotland. It appears that we should be able to enroll more Canadians who share our interests. Within Alaska 34 members (c. 43%) are from Anchorage and 26 (32%) are from Fairbanks while we have three members in Juneau and two in Kodiak. The other 15 members come from almost as many communities. It appears that we still have a long way to go to reach and enroll our potential clientele, especially if one recalls that 165 individuals registered for the Fairbanks Meetings last spring.

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN AT THE 1977 BUSINESS MEETING

As a courtesy to members who could not be present we present here some of the high(?) points of the 1977 Business Meeting of the Association. Believing that the scientific presentations at the Annual Meeting are among the most worthwhile of the activities sponsored by the Association we would like in the future to publish summaries and session highlights in this Newsletter contingent upon cooperation of session moderators and other volunteer reporters.

1. President Workman in his de facto capacity as Secretary-Treasurer

presented a partial financial statement, indicating that the Association had \$864.04 in income and \$788.37 in expenditures during the previous year, leaving a munificent \$75.67 in the Association coffer.

2. Board action regarding the change in the membership year and the increase in dues for regular members effective in the 1978-79 membership year were reported (see above).

3. Further Association support for funding of the new University Museum building on the Fairbanks campus was solicited and obtained. (Note: funding for this project was finally obtained and work proceeds.)

4. Chairman Harvey Shields of the Archeological Advocacy Committee presented a series of related resolutions to the effect that an Archeological Advocacy Committee consisting of five members (at least two agency and two academic archeologists) should be constituted to promote the conservation of archeological resources, to aid agency archeologists, and to take actions for legislation favorable to the preservation of the archeological resource base. The resolution passed.

5. A resolution was passed requesting that authors of papers presented at future meetings be requested to donate at least one copy of their paper to the Association. These papers are to be placed on file in the University of Alaska archives for future reference by interested parties.

6. A resolution was passed putting the Association on record as urging the Congress of the United States to insure that the opportunity continues to exist for rural Alaskans to follow a subsistence lifestyle using resources on federal lands. Data collected by anthropologists and others should be used in developing and implementing a Congressional subsistence policy. The President was instructed to widely disseminate this resolution among appropriate governmental bodies and the news agencies. (Copies of the full text of this resolution are available upon request from W. Workman.)

7. Results of the 1977 elections were announced. Steve Langdon (UA-Anchorage) was elected to a one year term on the Board of Directors and William Workman (UA-Anchorage) was reelected President.

RAPPAPORT KEYNOTE ADDRESS AVAILABLE

Copies of the keynote address "Adaptation and the Structure of Ritual" given at the last meeting by Dr. Roy Rappaport of the University of Michigan are available from Kerry Feldman, Anthropology, CAS, UA-Anchorage, 3221 Providence Drive, Anchorage. Please send \$1 with your request to cover costs of reproduction and mailing.

PEOPLE

(Editor's Note: It is my belief that this department has some value in allowing all of us to keep up with the peregrinations of our mobile colleagues. To date almost all entries in this section have been derived from the sometimes faculty memory of the editor. Contributions from concerned individuals are need-

ed if this section is to be complete enough to be of value and such are solicited.)

Jean Aigner of the University of Connecticut is a visiting member of the faculty of the Anthropology Program, UA-Fairbanks.

Nancy Davis, formerly faculty member at ACC and UA-Anchorage, has established a consulting firm (Cultural Dynamics) in Washington, D.C. She can be reached at 13115 Larkhall Circle, Washington, D.C. 20022.

John Lobdell has returned to the anthropology faculty at ACC after a year's absence at the University of Tennessee where he completed class work and examinations for his doctorate.

Robert Mack, also a member of the ACC faculty, is on leave for the 1977-78 academic year. He is spending the first semester doing course work at Arizona State University in Tempe, Arizona.

Michael Nowak of Colorado College has taken a year's leave from that institution and is working for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Anchorage. He conducted fieldwork on Kodiak this summer and is currently analyzing the results. Michael Yarborough is now working for the same agency.

We incorrectly reported the zip code of Frederick Hadleigh West in his new job at Williams College in our last Newsletter. His correct address is Laboratory of Prehistoric Archaeology, Williams College, Williamstown, MA 01267.

RESEARCH REPORTS

Following is the information available to me on anthropological research in Alaska in 1977. I know of at least nine other archeological projects, some of major scope, and doubtless there was activity in cultural and physical anthropology as well. We solicit and need brief reports on all anthropological field projects in the state as well as information of general interest on innovative laboratory projects, significant new radiocarbon dates, and the like. Researchers whose work is not described here are urged to send a brief account of their work to the editor for inclusion in the next newsletter to be published this spring.

NORTHWEST ALASKA

Anne Shinkwin (UA-Fairbanks) returned to Point Hope under contract to the North Slope Borough who received funds from the National Trust for Historic Preservation to gather data on the historic village site of Tigara which has been abandoned for a new village site located 1½ miles to the east. These data, along with information on other cultural resources in the area, form the basis for a cultural resource preservation plan which is currently being reviewed by Point Hope as a plan-

ning document for the village. In connection with this project, Shinkwin received a small grant from the Arctic Institute of North America for a study of the traditional sod houses at Tigara. Marti Zimmerman, a student at UA-Fairbanks, worked with Shinkwin on this project.

Elizabeth Andrews, Sharon Fetter and Greg Zimmerman (UA-Fairbanks) received a grant from the Geist Fund to study the application of remote sensing data to research design at the sites of Ipiutak and Jabbertown. This involved a field test of a model designed in the laboratory from color infrared photographs of the area.

Jean Aigner and Patricia Book (UA-Fairbanks) undertook two clearance jobs for the North Slope Borough this fall. At Barrow they evaluated the remains of the Utkiavik site which is being eroded and is in danger of destruction due to local development. At Anaktuvuk Pass an intensive survey of the area into which the present runway is to be extended revealed no impacted sites.

GULF OF ALASKA

John Lobdell (Anchorage Community College) and William Workman (UA-Anchorage) directed excavations at a rich Eskimo village (SEL 033) on Chugachik Island in Kachemak Bay between mid-June and early August 1977. This was a joint ACC/UAA summer field school funded by a grant to Fred Toliver (Community Services, ACC) by the National Endowment for the Humanities. Thirteen students, a full-time lab supervisor (Theresa Thibault) and a skilled volunteer (Robert Mack, ACC) took part in the excavations. A number of visitors inspected the work in progress. This rich midden site yielded a large number of artifacts and abundant faunal remains (c. 3500 catalog entries in all). Among the artifacts were a large number of bone and antler implements, with projectile weapon tips (especially arrowheads) being well represented. A cache of six arrowheads found in one level in a 1x1 meter area probably are the handiwork of a single artisan. A wooden labret and several other wooden artifacts were found in a water-saturated area of the site. Other noteworthy finds include three carved art objects, one, a human face of top of a large segment of walrus tusk, obviously trade material. Many substantial postholes were found sunk into the subsite sediments at the north end of the site. No complete human burials were found although there were a number of isolated elements and several articulated skeletal segments. Preliminary observation of the fauna indicate the presence of a large number of waterfowl, bottom fish, sea mammals (including porpoise) and invertebrates. Land mammals were less abundant.

Available data on the 1974 test excavations at this site indicate that it was occupied by Kachemak Tradition Pacific Eskimos during the spring for a span of c. 600-800 years late in the First Millennium B.C. and early in the First Millennium A.D. (see papers by Karen Workman, D. Yesner and W. Workman in APUA 18(2)). Preliminary observations on the

much larger 1977 collections indicate that the general conclusions drawn on the basis of the 1974 tests are sound, but the sample of cultural and paleoenvironmental data has been greatly expanded. Karen Workman is analyzing the cultural material from the 1977 work and John Lobdell is working on the paleoenvironmental information.

ALEUTIAN ISLANDS

1977 excavations at the Amaknak Bridge site near Dutch Harbor proved it to be a large and significant midden. Excavations at the site (UNL-050) were directed by Glenn Bacon for the University of Alaska Museum under contract from the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities. Five weeks of excavation yielded over 2,000 stone, bone and ivory artifacts. Chipped stone artifacts are predominant and there are some burins. In addition a weak blade technology and possibly pottery were present. Radiocarbon dates are not yet available but the excavator estimates the age of the site as between 3,000 and 7,000 B.P.

Douglas and Mary Veltre (Anchorage Community College) conducted an archeological survey in the village of Atka during June 1977 for the Public Health Service. Testing of the village revealed only one small portion of a partially eroded precontact site in addition to several recent Russian Orthodox cemetery areas. It appears that the proposed water and sewer system for the village will be able to avoid these locations completely and further archeological excavations should not be necessary.

SOUTHEASTERN ALASKA

A survey by Jean Aigner (UA-Fairbanks) of two proposed Texaco drill sites in the Samovar Hills (Malispina Glacier area) located no prehistoric or historic sites.

INTERIOR ALASKA

The Eagle Historic District was the focus of a project funded by the Bureau of Land Management whose goals were an inventory of resources in the area, excavations at the Quartermaster's Stables at Fort Egbert (which are being restored) and historic research focused on Fort Egbert. Seventy-four sites were located in the survey and the data have been analyzed in terms of land use through time in the Eagle area. Fort Egbert was intensively surveyed and recommendations have been made for each building concerning its importance to archeology and the public. Anne Shinkwin (UA-Fairbanks) directed the project. Elizabeth Andrews and Russ Sackett were field supervisors. Mary Kroul was responsible for the historic research.

GENERAL

Timothy Dilliplane of Brown University has initiated a study of the chronology and function of wire nails in Alaskan historic sites. (Editor's Note: This item was omitted from the Spring 1977 Newsletter.)

UPCOMING AMQUA MEETING

The American Quaternary Association will hold its Fifth Biennial Meeting at the Edmonton Plaza Hotel September 2-4, 1978. The theme of the meeting, of obvious interest to northern prehistorians, is The Ice-Free Corridor and the Peopling of the New World. The novel conference structure, designed to promote discussion and exchange of ideas, consists of eight plenary sessions, each with a chairman, an invited speaker and several invited discussants. Discussion from the floor is a vital part of the process.

The topics for the sessions are 1) Geology of the Ice-Free Corridor; 2) Paleoecology of the Ice-Free Corridor; 3) Faunal Exchanges between Siberia and North America; 4) Bison and Man in North America; 5) Elephant and Man in North America; 6) Perspectives on Early Man; 7) Clovis Culture; and 8) Holocene Peopling of the New World. The main speaker will talk from 20-30 minutes. Following the formal presentation each discussant will be called upon to briefly comment on the talk. After this, the discussion is open to the floor. Each session will be 1½ hours long. The meetings are to be preceded and followed by guided field trips. Interested parties should contact Dr. Nathaniel Rutter, Dept. of Geology, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta for further information.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS OF INTEREST

Don. E. Dumond has given The Eskimos and Aleuts their due in a recent publication by that title in the prestigious Ancient Peoples and Places Series (Thames and Hudson, London and New York). This clearly and concisely written, abundantly illustrated, book belongs on the shelf of everyone interested in northern culture history. Available at bookstores or from Thames and Hudson, 500 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY Price \$12.95.

Problems in the Prehistory of the North American Subarctic: The Athapaskan Question (J.W. Helmer, S. VanDyke, and F. Kense, editors) will be published soon by the University of Calgary Archaeological Association. The volume contains 27 papers dealing with the archeology, physical anthropology, linguistics and ethnohistory of the Alaskan and Canadian Athapaskans presented at last year's large and successful conference in Calgary. Copies of Publication No. 8 may be ordered from the Archaeology Association, Department of Archaeology, University of Calgary, Calgary, Alberta T2N 1N4, Canada. Cost is \$7.50 in Canadian funds. Please add 60¢ per book to cover mailing and handling on U.S. and Canadian orders, 75¢ per book outside North America. A word of apprecia-

tion forwarded through University channels for the student organizers and editors of these useful and ambitious conferences and publications might also be in order. (See previous Newsletters for a discussion of earlier volumes in this series.)

Richard Pierce's Limestone Press (Box 1604, Kingston, Ontario, K7L 5C8) has released another volume needed by those interested in southern coastal Alaska. This is G.I. Davydov's Two Voyages to Russian America, 1802-1807 (translated by Colin Bearne, edited by R.A. Pierce). This book, available here for the first time in English, describes Davydov's journey across Siberia to Kodiak Island in 1802-04 and provides a valuable description of Kodiak Island and Aleut culture. 257pp with maps and illustrations, index. \$15.50 Canadian or U.S. funds, postage prepaid on cash orders.

Available from the same source are Publication No. 6 (R.V. Markova's Russians on the Pacific, 1743-1700; a Soviet scholar's account of the discov-

ery of the Aleutian Islands - \$9.50); No. 7 (Documents on the History of the Russian-American Company - \$9.50); No. 8 (R. Pierce's Russia's Hawaiian Adventure, 1815-1817 - \$5.50 softbound or \$9.50 hardbound); and a reprint of H.W. Elliot's The Seal Islands of Alaska (a classic account of the Pribilof Islands and early fur sealing), large format, \$16.50.

Scholars and others interested in Alaska Native languages are reminded of the existence of a substantial number of publications and texts in these languages published by the Alaska Native Language Center. Address inquiries to Dr. James Kari, Alaska Native Language Center, University of Alaska, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701.

(Contributions are solicited from the readership bearing on new or valuable publications, preferably with bibliographic details, prices, and sources where orders may be sent.)

5th ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE ALASKA ANTHROPOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

MARCH 17 & 18, 1978

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**** CALL FOR PAPERS AND SYMPOSIA ****

PAPERS will be allowed a maximum of 20 minutes (including discussion).

** Deadline for submission of paper titles and abstracts is 1 February 1978.

SYMPOSIA suggestions and specific proposals, including organizer, participants, and time required will be appreciated.

** Deadline for submission of proposals is 15 January 1978.

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ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS may also be scheduled. If you are interested in organizing and moderating such a session, contact the program committee at the address below by 15 January 1978.

I would like to present a paper titled: _____
(In the space below, please provide an abstract of your paper which is suitable for program publication.)

What audio/visual equipment will be required? _____

I would like to suggest/propose (specify) the following symposium: _____

Symposium organizer: _____

Symposium participants: _____

Length of time requested for symposium: _____

What audio/visual equipment will be required? _____

Please address all replies concerning papers, symposia, and round table discussions to:

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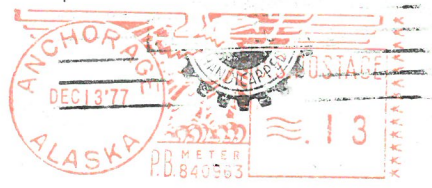
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