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BIOGRAPHIES OF NOMINEES FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Kevin Crisman

A third-year Anthropology student at the University of Vermont, Kevin has been a member of the VAS since 1977. We worked on the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation's 1977 Chittenden County Archaeological Survey, was a member of the field crew during the University's 1978 excavations at the Winooski site, and spent this summer doing contract archaeological surveys with UVM's Cultural Resource Management Program. This past spring Kevin prepared descriptions of Winooski site stone artifacts; his plans for this fall include a Department of Anthropology Readings and Research project on the Boucher site, the Early Woodland Period cemetery in Highgate, Vermont.

Muriel Farrington

Muriel became involved in Vermont-oriented archaeology in 1978 when she worked on UVM's cultural resource assessment for the Black River Hydroelectric Project. Before moving to Vermont, she was active in the Archaeological Society of Virginia, serving as its newsletter editor, Annual Program Chairperson, and Appomattox Chapter President. She directed excavations at Virginia's Kiser site, and assisted on a number of other digs. In her most recent archaeological activity Muriel assisted Barbara MacMillan in teaching a Dartmouth College site survey field school.

James Griffin

Jim is President and Chief Executive Officer of Central Vermont Public Service Corporation and its affiliate, Connecticut Valley Electric. He is President of Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corporation, Chairman of Vermont Electric Power Company, and serves as a Director of each of these companies. Jim received a B.S. and M.S. from Pennsylvania State University. His present and past activities include service as Director of the Vermont National Bank, Trustee of New Industries, Inc., member of the National Survey Management and Conservation Committee of the National Association of Manufacturers, Trustee of Green Mountain College, Director of the Vermont Heart Association, and Executive Board member of the Green

Mountain Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Jim has been a member of the VAS Board of Trustees since 1976, and has been the Society's President for the past year.

Lauren Kelley

A 1976 University of Vermont graduate, Lauren received her initial archaeological training through Northwestern University at the Koster site in Illinois. Following volunteer work at the Smithsonian Institute, she taught ninth-grade Social Studies at Colchester High School for several years, including archaeology in her classes' studies. She returned to Illinois to serve as the Northwestern University Archaeology Program's Education Director for field schools. Now back in Vermont, Lauren has recently entered UVM's graduate program in Education; she is the initiator of "Project Outreach", and up-coming public archaeological education program, and will be the evening speaker at the October 20th VAS Annual Meeting.

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WOLSTENHOLME TOWNE- an early Colonial discovery

By Joseph T. Popecki

SERENDIPITY! Finding, unexpectedly, a happy event. It doesn't happen very often. This summer, while visiting number one son, Matthew, in Williamsburg, we had that experience. Matt had worked all summer with the Virginia Shakespeare Festival and had little time for real sightseeing in the area. He was insistent that we must visit Carter's Grove Plantation on the James River. It has often been described as the most beautiful of colonial homes.

Touring that remarkable structure, our attention was directed to the half-mile stretch between the house and the James River. There, we were told was a project jointly sponsored by the U.S. Park Service and the National Geographic Society. The land is owned by Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, whose archeologist is the renowned Ivor Noel Hume. Now my ears began to twitch.

Near the house, we were given an introduction to the project by one of the Park Service girls who had worked the previous summer in the "digs". Then we were led down to an area not more than 300 yards from the shore where the results of two seasons' work were clearly visible.

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1 ◊ NOMINEES

Charles Paquin

Charlie graduated from the University of Vermont in 1979 with a major in anthropology. In addition to his UVM coursework, he participated in a Virginia Commonwealth University experimental program in Living Archaeology, publishing a paper on his experiences with ceramic manufacturing and cooking at the experimental site. Charlie is an accomplished flintknapper; examples of his stone tool replicas are currently on loan to Vermont schools and on exhibit in the Vermont Historical Society Museum. His archaeological field and laboratory experience includes the excavation of a Boucher site burial and work at the Winooski site in 1978. Charlie has been quite busy in the past few years demonstrating and teaching flintknapping, and lecturing on Amerindian life.

Joseph Popecki

One of the VAS's founding fathers and the organization's first President, Joe has been extremely active in the Society; he is an incumbent member and has been the VAS Treasurer for 3 years. He has served as the Chairperson of the Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and Citizens for a Quality Life. He is the production manager of THAT PAPER, NORTH BURLINGTON NEWS, and the Commissioner representing Burlington on the Chittenden County Transportation Authority, serving as Chairperson on that Board. Joe is the Director of the St. Michael's College Library, and has been President of the Vermont Library Association, as well as a member of the Advisory Panel of the New England Library Board. He is also a member of the Vermont and Chittenden County Historical Societies.

ESA FEDERATION PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE THROUGH VAS

The Society has recently begun selling publications of the Eastern States Archaeological Federation on consignment. We have copies of the Federation's Archaeology of Eastern North America (AENA), Volumes 1-6 (1973-1978), and can order volume 7 if there is sufficient interest. We have also received copies of two anthropological/archaeological bibliographies, put out by ESAF in 1963 and 1977. These are useful reference books, and the 1963 bibliography is free of charge to purchasers of the 1977 volume.

The VAS is one of several dozen member societies in ESAF, which represents an inter-related group of archaeological societies in the eastern United States and southeastern Canada. Individuals may obtain ESAF News, the ESAF Directory with the names and addresses of the officers of each member state's society, current publication offers, meeting announcements, and business notices.

Individual ESAF membership costs \$10 per

year. This year's AENA is priced at \$10, and will probably cost more next year, so an individual membership in the Federation could in the long run save you money.

Bill Bayreuther is handling sales of the ESAF publications; he'll have a table set up at the VAS Annual Meeting with an exhibit of the publications, which will be available for examination and sale.

For those VAS members interested in individual ESAF membership, the folks to contact can be reached at: Eastern States Archaeological Federation Business Office, American Indian Archaeological Institute, Box 260, Washington, CT 06793.

Our consignment sale of ESAF publications nets the VAS ten percent of total purchase price; by buying the publications from Bill at the Annual Meeting (or at the Department of Anthropology, Fifth Floor Williams Hall, UVM) you can read up on archaeological research in other states and Canada, and help the Society at the same time.

AENA: a short list of topics and prices per volume.

Vol. 1 (1973) Paleo-Indians in New Jersey, Tennessee, Virginia and Ohio (134 pp), \$4.00.

Vol. 2 (1974) Carbon-14 calibration; Early Archaic; archaeology of the Boston area (98 pp) \$4.00.

Vol. 3 (1975) Coastal Delaware Ecology; Late Woodland pottery in the Northeast (140 pp), \$4.

Vol. 4 (1976) Adena revisited in New Jersey, Delaware, West Virginia, and New Brunswick (128 pp), \$4.00.

Vol. 5 (1977) Currituck Beakers; Western Connecticut ecology and sites; Ulus (143 pp), \$4.00.

Vol. 6 (1978) Bear Waller sites; Pleistocene humans in Florida; New Archaeology (94 pp), \$7.

Vol. 7 (1979) Errett Callahan discusses flintknapping; mammoths and mastodons (213 pp) \$10.00.

Bibliographies

An Anthropological Bibliography of the Eastern Seaboard, vol. II (2,500 listings), Guthe and Kelley, editors (1963) - \$1.00 (free with volume below).

Archaeological Bibliography for Eastern North America (about 8,000 listings), Moeller and Reid, editors (1977) - \$7.00.

UP-COMING EVENTS IN BI-MONTHLY SEMINARS SERIES

Excavations at the Boucher Burial Site, Highgate, Vermont: presented by Louise Basa; Thursday, September 27, 7 PM; Rutland Free Library, Rutland (co-sponsored by the Rutland Historical Society).

Site Survey Workshop: presented by University of Vermont Department of Anthropology staff and students; Thursday, October 11, 7 PM; Bellows Falls High School.

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TWELFTH ANNUAL MEETING

HOLIDAY INN, SOUTH BURLINGTON

PROGRAM

1:00 - 1:30 PM

Registration

1:30 - 5:00 PM

Afternoon Program

- President's Report - James Griffin.
- Treasurer's Report - Joseph Popecki.
- Secretary's Report - Marjory Power.
- Newsletter Editor's Report - William Bayreuther.
- State Archaeologist's Report - Giovanna Neudorfer.
- Archaeology and Geomorphology - Peter Beblowski.
- Cultural Resource Management in Vermont: An Overview - Peter Thomas.
- A Case Study in Predictive Modeling - Gina Campoli and Prudence Doherty.
- Plowed Fields in Middlebury - Brian Robinson.
- VT-Ch-127: Early and Middle Woodland Period Activity near the Winooski River Falls - William Bayreuther.
- Announcement of Board of Trustees Election Results.

5:00 - 6:00 PM

Cocktail Hour

6:00 - 7:15 PM

Dinner

(Reservations must be returned to the Society by October 10, 1979)

7:30 PM

Evening Speaker

Lauren Kelley, Graduate Student, Department of Education, University of Vermont - "Project Outreach: A Program to Develop Public Awareness and Involvement in Vermont's Archaeological Resources."

BRING A FRIEND

2 ◊ SEMINARS

Maritime History of Lake Champlain: presented by Dr. H. Nicholas Muller; Thursday, October 25, 7 PM; Brooks Memorial Library, Brattleboro.

Underwater Archaeology of the American Brig Defence: presented by Dr. David Switzer; Thursday, November 15, 7 PM; 101 Votey Hall, University of Vermont, Burlington (note change in location)

1 ◊ WOLSTENHOLME

The digging began originally because of a curiosity about the grounds surrounding the plantation house. As a variety of artifacts was uncovered- a stoneware jug, pieces of armor, tools- Hume knew he was unto something big. Because the area had been plowed over and over, the project managers decided to bring in- you guessed it- a bulldozer! As the plow layer was carefully scraped off, a myriad of post-holes revealed themselves.

As the workers were able to distinguish between postholes of fencing, building outlines and fortification, new posts were inserted and different colors of rope began to define the various structures. Rubbish heaps told further stories of life in what has been concluded was Wolstenholme Towne, Virginia's second settlement, and the first remains of a fortified village. Jamestown preceded it, but has since been washed away by the encroaching river.

Many graves were discovered, telling the grim story of an Indian massacre, but the most interesting of all was a skeleton in a grave separated from all the rest. It was in the fortified part

of the compound, a space occupied only by the leader of the group. The skull of the hastily interred body was split by a bladed weapon, such as a spade. Physical anthropologist, Lawrence Angel has reconstructed the appearance of the living being and concludes that he was a tall, muscular man with the wrists of a swordsman... someone like Wolstenholme's lieutenant, Richard Kean, who was killed in the attack.

Researchers were helped in their reconstruction by noting the similarity of the settlement to those contemporary ones established in northern Ireland by the English. The fort itself, was oriented to the water in the belief that the Spanish constituted the greatest threat to the settlers. It was the Indians who devised a clever ruse to lure the whites into a feeling of security by their apparent friendliness. They turned on their "friends" with a vicious attack mounted with the settlers own tools and weapons.

The June issue of National Geographic contains a superb article on the excavations. It features the paintings of Richard Schlect which reconstruct, in nearly photographic detail, the appearance of the settlement. All of the detail is derived from evidence strung together by the archaeologists. The article is a dramatic demonstration of the "detective" work performed by these practitioners.

Site "C" is now being excavated and is off-limits to visitors. It is "chigger and snake" season in Virginia now and that impediment has not made life more pleasant for the workers. If you're down Williamsburg way, don't miss a visit to Carter's Grove and Wolstenholme Towne.



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