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Message from the Chair:

The 2000 Challenge

We face a challenging semester. Challenging is one of those words that bureaucrats use to mean difficult or worse. I use it in its usual sense. We have an excellent list of candidates for our endowed Chair in anthropological linguistics. Please attend the talks, talk to the candidates, do your homework. We have an excellent possibility of adding other faculty to our department through special opportunities. We are currently reviewing our options for Department Chair in light of the recent decline of our offer to Veena Das. These are all important decisions that will bring new people, new perspectives and new energy to our department.

We are now a “two house” department. The challenge this semester will be for the two houses to invent a mode of governance that will suit the overall needs of the department as well as each of its two houses. Much thought, good will, compromise and imagination will be required to make this work. We have only one choice—accept the challenge!

It is not an exaggeration to say that this semester will be one in which important decisions will be taken that will shape the future of this department for better or worse. May the force be with us!

Seeking Funds for Faculty Research

Chair Rabinow, Sharon Lilly, and Judith Grant will be making a concerted effort this semester to beef up efforts to identify new funding sources, contact alumni for donations to the department, and contact foundations that may have interests in contributing funding for anthropological faculty research of various types.

With regards to identifying new funding sources, we welcome faculty input on suggestions of particular corporate or private funding sources that they feel might be successfully petitioned. Any input in this area would be greatly appreciated.

Concerning a fund drive focused on alumni, we are just beginning to make headway into understanding how to go about creating a successful fund drive, and identifying the steps we need to take to begin to create a climate of giving.

In terms of foundation giving, at this point, we are contacting faculty who may be interested in obtaining additional research funds, and identifying specific areas of research that may require additional funding. Once we have a clear idea what kinds of projects people would like assistance with, we can access various campus development sources and find out if there are foundations out there looking to contribute to the areas we would like to fund.

If you would like to give input to this process, please contact Judith Grant in 232 Kroeber or at judithg@socrates.berkeley.edu and arrange to meet with us sometime when we can sit down and toss around some ideas with you.

Nelson Graburn's Trip to England

Nelson Graburn spent the Christmas and New Year vacation with his family in Oxford. He visited the Pitt-Rivers Museum and talked with the new Director, Michael O'Hanlon. The Pitt-Rivers Museum has been closed for renovations for nearly a year, and expects to reopen on March 25, 2000. While retaining the classic nineteenth-century display cases, now all wrapped in dust-proof black plastic, the interior has been renovated and, taking advantage of this closure, new lighting and IT systems have been installed. The main changes involve the transformation of the glass roof panels which have been completely closed in with thick opaque insulating materials. The whole interior and roof have been repainted white and the staff enthusiastically expects to have greater climate control than ever possible and that the gallery will appear brighter and larger.

Nelson Graburn also visited the very twentieth-century Museum of London in the spectacularly modern Barbican Centre that was built on a large site north of St. Paul's Cathedral in the City of London, devastated by mass bombing in World War II. The capacious Museum, with three floors, contains many permanent mock-ups of London buildings from over the centuries as well as interpretations of geological, prehistoric and archaeological changes in the London Basin. The Museum also maintains small and large changing exhibitions. Through January there is a superb exhibition on “Eating Out in London in the Past 500 Years.” This novel exhibition, which is accompanied by an excellent catalogue, illustrates the demographic, economic, class and ethnic factors accounting for taste and consumption in London eateries since the Middle Ages. British Beef is prominently featured!

Kroeber Anthropological Society Gears up for Spring

Berkeley students are justifiably proud of the 50-year old Kroeber Anthropological Society, which currently meets once each month to plan and implement publications and programs. This spring we will be working on three issues of the KAS Papers. Working on this journal is a great way to learn about the publication process from the journal's side, rather than from the submitter's side. This valuable insight may help members when they submit their own papers to journals. We are looking for volunteers to review articles in their areas of speciality, to copy edit accepted articles, and to assist in production of the journal.

KAS will also continue to offer Friday Noon Talks this spring. We are looking for volunteers to come up with ideas for talks and to coordinate the presentations. We also need help for a variety of other projects, such as the KAS 50th anniversary celebration. We are always eager to hear suggestions for other events from our members.

To find out more about the Kroeber Anthropological Society, please come to one of our brief (one-hour) monthly meetings. For information about the next meeting, contact Lisa Bourgeault at 650.357.7448 or lisabour@uclink4.berkeley.edu

Upcoming Talks of Interest

- Thursday** Feb. 3 290 Lecture, Dr. John Rickford, Stanford
Linguistic and Cultural Caricature: Minstrelsy and Ebonics 'Humor'
5:00 p.m., 160 Kroeber
- Monday** Feb. 7 290 Lecture, Dr. Joel Kuipers, GWU
Ululations from the Weyewa Highlands, Indonesia: Speech, Song and Simultaneity
4:00 p.m., 160 Kroeber
- Wednesday** Feb. 9 Dr. Nita Kumar, Centre for Studies in Social Science (Calcutta, India)
Learning Modernity? The Technologies of Education in India
4:00 p.m., 221 Kroeber
- Wednesday** Feb. 16 Dr. Akhil Gupta, Stanford
Spatializing States: The Integrated Child Development Services Program in India
4:00 p.m., 221 Kroeber

Kroeber Anthropological Society Call for Papers

The Kroeber Anthropological Society Papers, a peer-reviewed journal, is seeking submissions from graduate students, professionals, and exceptionally talented undergraduates for upcoming journals. We accept papers from all subfields of anthropology. In addition to articles of theoretical interest, the Society welcomes descriptive studies putting factual information on record and historical documents of anthropological interest. Submitted papers should not exceed 30 typewritten, double-spaced pages and should conform to the style used by the American Anthropological Association. The author's name must appear only on the cover page, which will be detached prior to review. Two paper copies and one computer copy of the manuscript should be submitted. Computer copies should be on 3.5 in. floppy disk, and text should be in WordPerfect, Microsoft Word, or plain (ASCII) text format. E-mail submissions are acceptable, but should be followed up with regular mail.

All inquiries and submissions should be sent to:

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In Memoriam: John P. Plant

On January 7, John Putnam Grant, an alumnus of UC Anthropology's masters in anthropology program, died in London after suffering a stroke. Mr. Grant was the director of the U.S. Agency for International Development mission in Bulgaria. An AID officer for the past 15 years, Mr. Grant had been in Bulgaria since January 1999 as chief of the AID mission. Earlier he was in Washington as chief of AID's office of private and voluntary cooperation, and before that he had been an AID official in Togo and New Delhi. Before joining AID, he was chief of the Latin American and Caribbean Program for Save the Children, a private, nonprofit organization. Mr. Grant also had been director of Save the Children in Mexico.

Conference on Andean Archaeology

The Institute of Andean Studies held its 40th Annual Meeting on January 7-8, 2000, in the Andersen Auditorium of the Haas School of Business on campus. The meetings of the Institute are conferences for the exchange of information on new developments of Andean archaeology and related subjects; this one had a program consisting of 24 papers, and 166 people were registered to attend.

The Institute of Andean Studies was founded in 1960 on the initiative of John H. Rowe as part of an effort to establish the leadership of Berkeley in Andean archaeology. It publishes a journal called *ÑAWPA PACHA* ("Antiquity" in the Inca language), the only series in the United States entirely devoted to this field.

Rowe gave a paper at this conference on "The Politics of Standardization in Imperial Inca Arts and Crafts," in which he argued that the Incas developed new styles in their arts and crafts to serve as symbols of their new imperial power. These styles had to be standardized so as to be immediately recognizable as Inca. Other papers by Berkeley Andeanists were given by Christine A. Hastorf, who reported on the architectural sequence at Chiripa, Bolivia, and by Jean-Pierre Protzen of the Department of Architecture who discussed ancient architectural models.

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Belated thanks to all those who worked on making the Anthropology/Museum holiday party the success it was. **Sharon Lilly** gave her usual 150%, lining up a caterer, planning, shopping, carving little lemons, planning some more and then doing a lot of worrying. **Robin Stephenson** had the most ideas and enthusiasm of anyone ever—and this is a good thing! Robin thought of the martinis. **Vicky Garcia** did an incredible amount of behind-the-scenes work calling businesses all around the Bay Area asking them if they would like to donate to the party's raffle—and just try to say no to Vicky—so we had all these prizes to raffle off. **Professors Rabinow** and **Kirch** were gracious MC's although for some reason Pat Kirch got all the fun romantic gifts to call out while Paul called out the "mug with pencils set." Paul did get to inform **Steve Shackley** that in a month, Steve would be called upon to perform the dance steps he learned in his 4 weeks of free lessons. That month is up so we should be seeing Steve promenading up and down the halls any day now. Thanks to **A.U.A.** for arranging for the music at the party and to **all those people** who volunteered to clean up. We don't know all your names, but what a nice gift you gave others in the department. . . . Speaking of the halls of Kroeber, we were voted one of the dirtiest buildings on campus. We like to claim distinction wherever we can. . . . Please note that the department web address has changed. It is now: <http://anthropology.berkeley.edu> and not that godawful <http://ls.berkeley.edu/dept/something/dept.again?> thing that no one could ever remember so you couldn't say to anyone, "check out our website," because then they would ask the address and there would be that embarrassing silence. . . . And last we end with two quotes from two always quotable professors: **Gerald Berreman** who said, "I think we can all be proud that the department was completely Y2K compliant with the disturbing exception the nature of which I'm not at liberty to reveal." . . . and **Herb Phillips**, who upon being asked if he had a copy code, said, "I don't teach classes but I still have students. I still write letters of recommendation. That's the last thing I do before I die, write a letter of recommendation."