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Editor's note

As happens each year around this time, this issue is largely taken up with the Society's audited financial statements – a requirement of the OAS constitution. So, no room for any big-ish articles, although David Arthurs did send me one just before the deadline!

The OAS occasionally receives books for review. If you'd like a chance to read the latest archaeological literature and then write up an informal review for Arch Notes, tell Ellen at the OAS office.

You may wonder how I obtain the news and information contained in our Miscellanea section. Some of it comes from news releases or newsletters sent to me or to the OAS office (for example, the OHS Bulletin and Kewa), some of it comes from archaeological newsletters that I subscribe to personally (like the CAA and SAA newsletters). Because it is not really feasible for me to actively track down items of interest, I'd like to ask your help to make the Miscellanea section bigger, more balanced and more complete. When you come across something you think other members should know about, please cut it out or photocopy it and send it to the OAS office.

Last time I asked whether there was anyone who could help me collect titles and abstracts of theses related to Ontario archaeology. There must be some grad students in the membership who could get that information from their graduate secretaries, right...?

A reminder about the bibliography that Alexander von Gernet and his graduate student are putting together: if you haven't yet sent them the bibliography section of your CV, please do so soon!

I just noticed that I forgot to change the footers for the last issue – these say Arch Notes N.S. (for new series) 1(2), whereas it is actually 1(3). This could cause some confusion in citations...

As always, if you have any suggestions or questions about Arch Notes, please call me between 9:00 am and 18:30 pm on weekdays.

Suzanne

OAS news

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Becoming the OAS president can change your life - or so it seems to me. I recently moved from one end of Bolton to the other, into a new building surrounded by clay and construction. One visual oasis amidst the muck was a mysterious green space about the length of our backyard, replete with lilac bushes. What made it mysterious was the fact that here was a fenced in patch of green in an area where all other signs of life had been removed. My wife Angie suggested someone might be buried there (visions of Poltergeist and Pet Sematary danced inside my over-active imagination), which was confirmed by calling Caledon's diligent heritage officer, Heather Broadbent. Our below-earthly neighbours were among the first settlers in the area. coming to Bolton in 1819 (perhaps they owned the first donut shop). No one yet knows how many family members are buried there. This kind of stuff did not happen to me before I became president of the OAS.

On a more serious note, like other heritage organizations we have experienced and will continue to experience serious cuts to our **funding**. What does this mean to us? First, it means that we can't pay Ellen what her work is worth. Right now she is being paid a part-time wage for doing full-time work. That also means that she can't be in the office all the time. With the next cut, Ellen could be even more part-time, or worse.

The other aspect of the budget problem is **Ontario** Archaeology, our refereed journal. It is a big ticket item for us and our SSHRC grant will soon run out. How do we continue to pay for OA? One suggestion put forward is that it should be paid for by its own sales. What that could mean is that those who don't want to receive OA would pay the regular annual membership fee, while those who want to receive it would pay an additional amount, making a different class of member. The Ontario Historical Society does something like this. We could also sell OA directly to those who want it. I would like people to send suggestions as to what they think should be done to continue to produce our academic showpiece. This topic will be discussed at the Annual Business Meeting in beautiful downtown Kingston this fall.

As you will read elsewhere, the OAS now has its own e-mail address. Thanks go to the hard-working efforts of Joe Muller. It won't be long now before we get a Web page. This is costing the OAS nothing; however, it is severely filling up our computer (which would be classified as Middle Archaic). If anyone has any ideas as to how we can upgrade our computer, or knows how to obtain a more powerful and new model for us, please contact Ellen or Mike Kirby.

Congratulations to Henry van Lieshout for successfully running an OAS trip to Israel and Jordan. The trip was not only enjoyable for the 23 OAS members who took part, but it also showed a significant profit. As our treasurer, we expect nothing less from him!

Congratulations also go to Marti Latta for the successful public launching of her field school at the log cabin site in Scarborough, near the Guild Inn.

Peter Hamalainen will be running Passport to the Past archaeology programs on weekends for the OAS. I encourage OAS members to visit either Marti or Peter as they attempt to discover just who built the cabin, and when John Steckley !!

A reminder: payments to the OAS can now be made

Welcome new 0.45 members (May-July 1996)

Sandra Atkins, Kendal | Karla Bondy, Hamilton | Mark Fillery, Toronto | Mary-Catherine Garden, Williamsburg VA | Lynn Chapman, Grand Rapids MI | Annette Goodeve, Belleville | Ilkiko Horvath, Scarborough | Wendy L. Martin, Toronto | Kimberley E. Monk, Toronto | Peter Pulsifer, East York | Roberto Quesnel, Ottawa | Jill Smith-Brodie Family, Orangeville | Jeremy Solomatenko, Prescott | Wood Family, Bracebridge |

by VISA and MasterCard.

Thanks to John Peters, Senior Analyst, Aboriginal & Northern Affairs Branch at Ontario Hydro, for promoting the Society at a recent Hydro event.

OAS can now send and receive messages via e-mail. Our address is oas@io.org.

Sunwise Protective Clothing. Thanks to several members who ordered hats, etc. from Sunwise through the OAS. Remember, your orders help support the Society. Apologies to those members who did not receive a Sunwise brochure with their last Arch Notes. We ran out and could not get additional brochures at the time. We have since received more, but could not mail them with this issue. Recent communication with our service representative at Canada Post reconfirmed their regulations about inserting ad mail with our newsletter - we can't do it and will be in violation of our agreement with them as far as the discount rate goes. Please contact the Society office if you are interested in receiving a brochure. Sunwise "flap-caps" will also be offered for sale during the OAS Symposium in Kingston this fall.

Notice of appointment of nominating committee. Greg Purmal has been appointed chair of the 1997 Nominating Committee. The task of the Committee is to prepare a slate of seven or more candidates for office as Directors of the Ontario Archaeological Society during the business year 1997. Greg Purmal now solicits nominations of consenting candidates for office in 1997. He also seeks two other members to serve on his Committee. Written nominations may be forwarded to the Nominating Committee, in confidence care, of the OAS office, the envelope being

marked "Attention - Nominating Committee". Greg can be reached at home at 905-880-4481. The Nominating Committee will present its slate and report to the Board of Directors and general membership at the Annual Business Meeting in October, at which time nominations may be made from the floor before closure. If an election is necessary, it will be held by mailed ballot accompanying the November-December 1996 issue of Arch Notes. This notice is intended to comply with Article VI of the Society's Constitution.

Notice of annual business meeting. The 1996 Annual Business Meeting of The Ontario Archaeological Society will be held at the Donald Gordon Centre, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario on Saturday October 26, 1996 at a time that will be announced in the Symposium program. All Society members in good standing may attend. Copies of financial statements for the preceding fiscal year and various reports will be available, and an agenda will be circulated. To ensure there is time for adequate consideration, motions submitted in writing in advance will be added to the Agenda and given precedence over those submitted verbally from the floor. Written motions intended for the agenda should reach the Society's office at least one week prior. This notice is intended to comply with Article V(3) of the Society's Constitution.

Notice to twenty-five year members. To date nine members have established eligibility for Twenty-Five Year Membership Awards in 1996. These are William D. Case, David Crundwell, Peter Hamalainen, John Pollock, Frances L. Stewart, Marjorie Tuck, Gordon and Margaret Watson, and Marcia F. Wiseman. The Award, consisting of a special Twenty-Five Years Membership Pin and an

Heritage Conservation Award

In recognition of the significant contributions made by many commercial residential developers and also landowners to the conservation of our archaeological heritage, the OAS invites nominations for the 1996 award. The HERITAGE CONSERVATION AWARD will be given to deserving recipients in the business and private sectors normally once each year. The award recognizes significant voluntary contributions to the heritage preservation and/or implementation of an archaeologically significant project that contributes heightened awareness of ethical responsibility in the community. Nominations may be made to the Awards Committee by any OAS member in good standing. Closing date for nominations has been extended to September 30, 1996.

accompanying testimonial Certificate, will be presented at the 1996 OAS Symposium Awards Lunch on Saturday, October 26, 1996, in Kingston. Those recipients unable to attend personally or by representative will receive their Awards later. Fifty-three Members have previously received the Award. Any other eligible member whose name is not above should contact the Society's office.

Two new membership levels proposed for 1997. A Professional Member and Student Member level will be introduced for 1997 if the Board's motion is ratified at the ABM. Each would receive different membership benefits, e.g. Arch Notes and Ontario Archaeology, or only Arch Notes. The termination of our funding from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada for Ontario Archaeology, our premiere refereed journal, has caused the Board to reconsider how often Ontario Archaeology is

published and in what numbers.

Three Volunteer Opportunity Bulletins for the Passport to the Past program have been mailed this year, compared with seven last year last year by the same date. If anyone requires volunteers to assist with research, lab or field work, please consider making this work a Passport opportunity. There are a number of eager Passport members available, at various levels of experience, to assist with your project. Call or e-mail the OAS office.

Returned Mail

K. DAWSON was at Thunder Bay; J. KAPYRKA was at Peterborough; K-A. LAMBERT was at Ottawa. If anyone knows where these members are now please ask them to contact the OAS office. *Ellen Blaubergs*

Ministry news

This is the list of licences issued in June and July. For more information, contact Roshan Jussawalla at MCzCR, 416 314 7123 (unless otherwise stated, licence pertains to Province of Ontario).

June 1996

Field School

John R. Triggs 96-087 Dundurn and Harvey Parks, Regional Municipality of Hamilton-Wentworth

Underwater

Ronald F. Beaupre 96-089 Lake Huron; in the South from latitude 44°, 20"; longitude 81°, 38"; in the North to latitude 44°, 25"; longitude 81°, 34" / Tim McLaughlin 96-051 North of Lat. 45°-20'-00, East of Long. 81°-20'-00, Georgian Bay

Underwater - not valid for underwater sites of aboriginal origin

Jonathan Moore 96-085 Province of Ontario

Survey & Test Excavation

Christopher J. Ellis 96-084 Southwestern Ontario / Gary W. Crawford Department of Anthropology University of Toronto 96-088 Survey and excavation along the Grand River, Brant County and in Haldimand-Norfolk (R.M.) - including AfGx-1, AfGx-3 and AfGx-134

Consulting

Alison Ariss Ariss Consulting 96-073 Southern Ontario (stages 1-3 only)

Conservation

Diane S. Delin 96-083 Arrow Lake

THE ONTARIO ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY INC.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

DECEMBER 31, 1995

AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

I have audited the Balance Sheet of the Ontario Archaeological Society Inc. as at December 31, 1995 and the Statement of Revenue and Expenses for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Society's management and my responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

Except as explained in the following paragraph, I have conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. These standards require that I plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and any significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In common with many non-profit organizations, the Society derives part of its revenue from membership fees, events and donations, the completeness of which is not susceptible to satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, my verification of these revenues was limited to those amounts recorded in the accounting records of the Society, and I was not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to assets, liabilities and members equity.

In my opinion, except for adjustments, if any, that I might have determined to be necessary, as referred to in the preceding paragraph, these financial statements present fairly, in all material aspects, the financial position of the Society as at December 31, 1995 and the result of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with general accepted accounting principles.

E Hennessey North York, Ontario

March 10, 1996

THE ONTARIO ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY INC.

Notes to the audited financial statements as at December 31, 1995.

1 Basis of presentation

The Society was incorporated as a non-profit organization on December 21, 1956 under the Ontario Corporations Act, 1953 and the Society exists to encourage individual and collective efforts to advance the understanding and practise of archaeology, and to preserve, protect and appreciate the archaeological heritage of the Province of Ontario.

2 Summary of significant accounting policies

a) Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated on the straight line method, using rates based on expected useful life, as follows:

Office equipment 10% Computer equipment 35% Display stands 20%

- b) Membership fees are recognised as revenue in the year in which they are received.
- c) Investment income is recognised in the year of maturity and, where investments mature in future years, interest earned but not yet received as at December 31, is recognised as income.
- d) All donations to the Society are allocated to the Funds of the Society, and not to general Revenue for the year, unless otherwise specified.
- e) The Society is a non-profit corporation and is exempt from income taxes.

3 Restricted and non-restricted funds

a) Ontario Archaeology Publication Fund

This is the only restricted Fund of the Society and is dedicated to provide long term income for the publication of at least one issue per year of ONTARIO ARCHAEOLOGY, the refereed journal of the Society.

Included in this fund is an amount of \$60,000 provided by the Government of Ontario in 1992. At December 31, 1995 the fund balance was \$106,815 (1994 - \$99,633) consisting of donations and accumulated investment earnings. In the year donations to the fund amounted to \$650 (1994 - \$633) and investment income was \$6,532.

b) The OAS Future Fund

The purpose of this Fund is to assist in supporting the administrative expenses of the Society in the future. Included in the Fund are accumulated Life Membership fees, donations and accumulated investment earnings. At December 31 the fund balance was \$35,942 (1994 - \$33,600). In the year donations to the Fund amounted to \$122 (1994 - \$600) and investment income was \$2,220.

c) The Awards Fund

The purpose of this Fund is to provide income for the awards program administered by the Society, and consists of an amount set aside by the Society for this purpose, donations and accumulated investment earnings. At December 31 the fund balance was \$3,696 (1994 - \$3,400). In the year donations to the Fund amounted to \$100 and investment income was \$196.

4 Investments

All funds that are not immediately required to meet the financial obligations of the society are invested in Guaranteed Income Certificates (GICs), with major Canadian banks and trust companies. The principal amounts invested at December 31 is \$168,841 (1994 - \$176,404), of which \$90,219 (1994 - \$81,449) matures after December 31, 1996. All investments are shown at face values.

Interest earned on investments during the year was \$11,598 (1994 - \$16,778) which includes \$9,428 (1994 - \$6,950) in interest earned on investments with maturity dates in future years. Interest income of \$16,778 in 1994 included interest receivable of \$6950, which resulted from an accounting policy change in that year.

The various funds of the Society were credited with interest of \$8,948 (1994 - \$12,300), and the balance of \$2,650 (1994 - \$4,478) is attributed to operations in the year.

5 Chapter financial statements

The Society does not have jurisdiction or control over the financial management of its Chapters and, consequently, Chapter financial statements are not included in those of the Society.

6 Grants

Grants are received to support outreach programs, publications and other activities conducted by the Society, as follows:

	<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>
Government of Ontario	\$31,750	\$31,750
Government of Canada	28,724	44,233
Ontario Heritage Foundation	1,500	<u>7,000</u>
Total	<u>\$61,974</u>	<u>\$82,983</u>

The Governments of Canada and Ontario have announced that grants to the Society will be reduced for 1996 and the Society expects grant reductions of about \$20,000 in that year.

7 Fixed assets

•	<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>
Office furniture	\$15,473	\$15,473
Computer equipment	14,507	14,507
Display stands	_5,023	_5,023
Total assets at cost	35,003	35,003
Accumulated depreciation	34,139	31,932
Net book value	<u>\$ 864</u>	<u>\$ 3,071</u>

Depreciation in the year was \$2,207 (1994 - \$3,989).

8 Related party transactions

Publications of the Society are produced by Associated Heritage Publishing. During the year the Society paid \$19,748 directly to this organization for part of its publication program, of which \$7,748 was committed in 1994. The Society did not complete its 1995 publications program, and a funding commitment for completion of the program has not been made. A Principal of Associated Heritage Publishing is a long standing elected member of the Board of Directors of the Society, and is its Director of Publications.

During the year the Society re-imbursed an amount of \$5,326 (1994 - \$7,605) to members and the Executive for approved out-of-pocket administrative and travel expenses. These expenses are included in Administrative expenses in the Statement of Revenue and Expenses.

9 Accounts payable and accrued liabilities

A total of \$20,721 (1994 - \$32,677) consists of an amount for educational kit production, members' deposits for an overseas tour scheduled for 1996, the unspent balance of a 1993 grant and administrative expenses incurred in the year but not yet paid.

10 Statement of Changes in Financial Position

The statement of changes in financial position of the Society has not been presented as management believes that it would not provide additional meaningful information.

THE ONTARIO ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY INC.

Balance Sheet as at December 31, 1995.

ASSETS	<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>
Current assets		•
Bank account and cash	\$ 16,652	\$ 13,292
Amounts receivable	1,200	1,200
Investments (Note 4)	78,622	94,955
Interest receivable (Note 4)	9,428	<u>6,950</u>
Total current assets	105,902	116,397
Long term investment (Note 4)	90,219	81,449
Fixed assets (Note 7)	864	3,071
Total assets	<u>\$196,985</u>	<u>\$200,917</u>
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Current liabilities (Note 9)		
Accounts payable	\$ 5,831	\$ 11,997
Unspent grants	14,890	20,680
Total current liabilities	20,721	32,677
Restricted and non-restricted funds (Note 3)		
OA Publication Fund	106,815	99,633
OAS Future Fund	35,942	33,600
Awards Fund	<u>3,696</u>	<u>3,400</u>
Total funds	146,453	136,633
Member's Equity	29,811	_31,607
Total liabilities and equity	<u>\$196,985</u>	<u>\$200,917</u>

Approved for, and on behalf of the Board of Directors

President

Treasurer /

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

THE ONTARIO ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY INC.

Statement of Revenue and Expenses for the year ended December 31, 1995.

REVENUE	<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>
Grants (Note 6)	\$ 61,974	\$ 82,983
Membership fees	21,330	22,496
Interest (Note 4)	2,650	4,478
Annual Symposium	0	3,728
Tours, net of costs	1,047	2,130
Sales, net of costs	2,390	1,535
Other income	663	2,088
Total revenue	\$ 90,054	\$119,438
EXPENSES		
Administration	\$ 54,782	\$ 56,575
Outreach programs	12,410	34,919
Publications	19, 7 71	29,431
Depreciation (Note 7)	2,207	3,989
Chapter support	600	1,000
Other expenses		0
Total expenses	\$ 91,850	\$125,914
Net surplus (deficit)	<u>\$ (1,796)</u>	<u>\$ (6,467)</u>
Surplus at beginning of year	31,607	38,083
Surplus at end of year	<u>\$ 29,811 </u>	<u>\$ 31,607</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

The OAS trip to Israel and Jordan

Henry van Lieshout

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During the last half of 1995, I approached the Board of Directors about conducting a trip to Israel and Jordan, firstly because Sonja and I intended to go there in 1996 anyway, and secondly because the OAS had never conducted a trip there before. The Board agreed, and I volunteered to make arrangements. The two-week trip was scheduled for June 1996. We knew that it would be a busy trip, having 30 items on the itinerary, excluding Amman and Jerusalem. Of these 30 items, 13 sites would be under the jurisdiction of the Israeli National Parks Board. This is an account of our adventure.

Up, up and away. Well hold on there a minute, not so fast. All 23 of us, from as far away as Winnipeg, North Dakota, Detroit, Ottawa, Sudbury, Iroquois Falls, London and other parts of Southern Ontario met as scheduled at Pearson International Airport early on Monday, June 3, 1996. Although I had arranged seating for the group, Celeste Whitney and Evelyn Wozniak decided on alternative seating and then found themselves behind a couple of boisterous kids. Hasty alternative arrangements were made to the alternative arrangement.

We left Toronto on time, landed at JFK in New York with a bump in the fog at around 1.00 p.m., and then we just sat around for hours in the 747, wondering what was causing the delay in getting airborne again. After a few hours, the back door of the 747 was opened and a food truck appeared, resulting in a few boxes of Coke being loaded. Then came the call from a food handler, "Carlos, get the snacks!" Yes Carlos – for heaven's sake – get those snacks! Shortly thereafter we were told that there was something wrong in the wing, and we could see the maintenance crews around the aircraft. From their lofty perches immediately behind the wing I appointed Helen Devereux and Vi Wilson to closely supervise the work being carried on, an assignment willingly accepted by both.

However, at about 4.00 p.m., before the snacks arrived on board, we were herded off the aeroplane into a holding area, and that's where the snacks were – sliced cake and hundreds of frozen 100 ml containers of orange juice... Soon afterwards we heard that the

mechanical problem had been traced but that the spare parts were not available at JFK; spares would be flown in during the night. We were assured that we would be on our way by 9.00 am the next morning.

Instead of spending our first night in the "Holy Land", as planned, we ended up 10,000 miles short of our destination at one of the New York airport hotels. Oh well!

Up at 6.30 am, then to JFK by bus. All the strangers on the flight are familiar faces by now, and we are airborne by 10.00 a.m. The Captain is apologetic for the delay, and expresses the hope that the problem is fixed. We wince and hope so too, but we are all much comforted when a contingent of Jewish men heads off to the back of the plane for a prayer session.

By the time we reached the coast of Europe, Catherine Dafoe and I, who were both born in the Netherlands, strained to see whether we could recognize the towns in which we were born. Yeah really, from 40,000 feet – and it was getting dark! Catherine swears she saw her place – my place is only a dot on the map and I missed it.

After an uneventful 10-hour flight we arrive in Tel Aviv at 4.00 in the morning, fully 20 hours late. Here we are met by our tour guide, Harley Stark, an Ontario born and bred archaeologist and ex-OAS member, who has been working in Israel for the last 15 or so years, and who was to make our visit to Israel a wonderful experience. Harley and one of our tour

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members, Duncan Campbell of Perth, Ontario, reminisced about the time they both worked at an Ottawa site about 15 years ago. Harley's knowledge of Israeli and Jordanian archaeology, history, geography, geology, politics, culture and the Bible would all blend to give us a unique experience in the land he was truly proud to present to his 23 fellow Canadians. From the airport we leave for our Mediterranean seaside kibbutz, about 2 hours north of Tel Aviv, for breakfast at 7.00 am and we are back on the bus at 8.00 am for a combined day 1 and 2 of the itinerary.

It turned out to be a long day, for we visited the Crusader Mediterranean port city of Acre, current excavations at Sepphoris, the Crusader built shrine and current Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation in Nazareth, the Meggido site (dating back to the days of King Solomon and the subject of James Michener's best seller, The Source), and to end the day's sightseeing, we visit the theatre, fortress and aqueduct at the Roman capital city of Caesarea, also on the Mediterranean.

We head back to the kibbutz for dinner at 7.00 and behold, at 9.00 some of the older women of our party decided to go for a stroll along the beach. If my memory is anything to rely on I think this lively group of 12 people included Jean Owens, Vi McDowell, Jean Crichton, Vera Moffatt, Maria Santi and Marion Hunter. A fitting end to a 35 hour day.

The next morning saw us at the Crusader castle of Montfort, set high on a hilltop in a lush valley, then on to Tel Dan, a site that dates back 3,000 years and barely 2 km from the Lebanese border. One of the tributaries of the Jordan river originates here, and in the cool shade of the overhanging trees was a natural pond, being enjoyed by a group of school kids. Maria Santi had the audacity to splash me with this icy water, something that did not go unrevenged – hmmmm, or do I have the sequence of the event reversed?

Later in the afternoon on to the spectacular mountain top ruins of Nimrod's Fortress, built by the Muslims in the Golan Heights and within about 5km from both Lebanon and Syria. Then on to Katzrin, site of a Byzantine city and currently an "Upper Canada Village"-type of restored village.

One evening at the kibbutz there was a discussion on

the way of life on a kibbutz, hosted by one of its elders, who happened to be a lively gentleman, if somewhat crusty – accusing anyone who asked a question of being asleep when he covered the subject earlier.

The old man told the story of how one year the milk production was below quota and one of the young women, wanting a change from her duties, volunteered to run the dairy operation. She did very well, increasing production gradually until it exceeded the quota allotted to the kibbutz. She asked the central council what to do about the excess milk, and one of the members suggested that she "take it to the nearby town of Nazareth, and set up a small cheese factory". She thought it a good idea but, "why", she asked, "would I take the milk to Nazareth when I could produce the cheese right here on the kibbutz?". "Because", came the answer, "then you could sell the product as Cheeses of Nazareth".

The following day saw us at Tel Hatzor, site of a city rebuilt 21 times, on the ancient trade routes from Egypt to Mesopotamia, then on to the Mount of Beatitudes, beautifully set in a park on one of the many hills overlooking the Sea of Galilee. Then on to Tabgha, traditional site of the miracle of the loaves and fishes, and on to Capernaum.

Then for a drive back to the Golan Heights to the site of great tragedy for the Jewish people in about 65 AD. The site is the mountain settlement of Gamla, where 9,000 civilians died in defence of their town against Vespasian, the Roman General. About 4,000 died by jumping off the cliff top citadel into the valley below rather than become slaves in the Roman army.

Down to the Sea of Galilee for a cruise across the lake to the town of Tiberius. Halfway across the lake the boat stopped and we just sat there on the calm, turquoise water while Harley read a short piece from his Bible. There was a small pilgrimage group on the boat, one that was at the same kibbutz with us the previous evening, and their leader later thanked Harley for his reading.

After a visit to the remains of Hamat (hot springs) Tiberius, we were off to Hamat Gader, right on the Jordanian border and currently the site of an alligator farm. In Roman times this was the site of a hot spring resort and consisted of an extensive complex of baths. Hot water still flows at about 45C, as some of our party can attest.

On the Sabbath we drove south long the Sea of Galilee and into the Jordan Valley. To the top of the mountain we went, to see Belvoir castle, built by the Hospitaller monastic order about 1,000 years ago. It has a magnificent view of the Jordan valley that stretches from the south of the Sea of Galilee to the northern tip of the Dead Sea.

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We arrived at Bet She'an, ancient Scythopolis, which according to Fodor's is "a jewel in the crown, and one of Israel's most extensive and fascinating digs in recent years". Indeed it is. A 30 acre site with a huge archaeological mound, said to contain 20 layers of cities. Current excavations cover the late Roman and Byzantine periods. A few OAS'ers ventured to the top of the mound and were rewarded by a view of a Philistine site at the top of the mound and a breathtaking view of the 30 acre site below; it took 3 adjoining photos of my special panorama camera to cover.

Further down the valley we had lunch in Jericho, now located inside the Palestinian Authority, where some of us recognized the distinctive odour of the camel, two of which were lounging at the restaurant entrance. Unfortunately, not much remains to be seen of ancient Jericho, reportedly the oldest city on earth. The adjoining remains of Hisham's Palace revealed a beautiful, fully intact 3,000 year old mosaic floor.

That night we were on the 11th floor of the Paradise Hotel in Jerusalem, but not before resolving the mysterious disappearance of Exy D'Souza's luggage. It was there one minute and gone the next. What gives? Turns out Walter Ellis has similar luggage and a few minutes later he returns from his room to correct the case of mistaken identity.

If you think that a trip to downtown Toronto takes forever, "you ain't seen nothin yet". The 1/10th mile border crossing, with zero traffic, takes a mere 2 hours, and is accompanied by multiple looks at passports, lots of rubber stamping at both ends of the crossing and a fat fee for the entertaining experience. You even get a new bus, new guide and new driver. All the luggage gets off loaded and then reloaded

again. Our new guide, Najeh Mustafa, was equally proud to take us on a tour of his country. He told us he'd become impoverished by his marriage a year ago which, according to Jordanian custom, requires that the man foots the bill for everything. The new wife keeps her life savings intact for personal "essentials", sometimes including a new car.

After a visit to the Amman Archaeological Museum and old Citadel, we had lunch at an outdoor establishment that overlooked the Roman amphitheatre. Despite the heat it was very pleasant, and Najeh, in discussion with the restaurant owner, declares me as his "partner", thereby exempting me from paying for my lunch.

After a visit to the Roman amphitheatre, at about 4.00 p.m., we checked into the 5 star Philadelphia Hotel in Amman. Some pioneering souls in our group are disappointed at the "easy" day, and venture back into the city to do some much needed shopping, while others enjoy the sparkling pool.

During our stay in Israel I had ordered local beers, which in this case was Macabee Beer. During previous visits to Egypt, Turkey and Greece I had followed the same principle and enjoyed local beers. At dinner I therefore ordered a "Jordanian" beer and was promptly served with a bottle of Amstel. Now, I am Dutch enough to know an Amstel when I see one, so I protested that I had ordered a Jordanian beer, but through a possible misunderstanding had received an Amstel. "No Sir, there is no mistake, Amstel is a Jordanian beer". I responded that Amstel was from the Netherlands, at which point I was proudly shown the label, which confirmed that this bottle of Amstel was brewed in Jordan.

At 8.30 a.m. the next morning we left Amman for Jerash, via a splendid, newly built, \$30 million mosque funded by King Hussein, then on to the mountain top Muslim castle of Ajlun (Ashloon in English). Lunch was at Jerash and we visited the site during the hottest part of the day. Some of the older members of the party stayed at the restaurant and sipped cold drinks and enjoyed ice cream while the rest of us strung out along the Cardo (Main Street) of Jerash, visited the Temple of Artemis, etc. etc.

Back at the hotel in late afternoon, Pat Stuart, Exy

D'Souza, Sonja and Jodi Cassady still had a compelling urge to do some more shopping at the nearby mall. Some others went downtown by cab and the word is that Joanne Gregg was the most accomplished shopper in the OAS group.

After leaving Amman we stopped off at Mount Nebo, traditional site of the burial place of Moses. Then on to Madaba and its wonderful mosaic of the holy land, and then to the Muslim castle of Kerak, before arriving at our hotel in Petra at 5.30 p.m., where we watched the sun set over the mountains from the pool deck while Christmas music (!) echoed through the lobby of the hotel. Vera Campbell was overcome by the urge to accompany the automatic piano and entertained us with a few Christmas songs. I don't know how you manage to sing and smile at the same time, Vera.

When the OAS visited Jordan in 1991, there were only 1 or 2 hotels in Wadi Mousa, the town close to the site. Only 5 years later, the site attracts 1 million visitors per year and Wadi Mousa now boasts about 60 hotels, with a further 20 under construction.

As part of the registration package for the tour, I had included a form listing places of interest that we planned to visit. All participants were asked to rank the listed places in priority, and Petra came in at #1. It was not yet high season so the site was not busy and I dare say that we were not disappointed by what we saw this day. The walk through the Siq provided visual delights at every turn, and at the end of the Siq we were rewarded with the splendour of the Treasury. We wound our way through the site and ended up for lunch at a Bedouin type of establishment where we sprawled out on the cushions for a box lunch. Three of us, Jodi Cassady, Walter Ellis and I, headed up the mountain to go to the Monastery, and some climb it was. We left the monastery at 2:00 pm and had to set a brisk pace to get back to the bus by 3:30 pm.

Aqaba is only one hour or so from Petra, and when we got there we went for a sightseeing tour of the town, stopping for a short visit to the local market, before saying farewell to our Jordanian driver and guide, and once again venturing into no-man's land to cross back into Israel. Across the bay lay Israel and Egypt, while adjoining us was Saudi Arabia.

Now it's time to go from Jordan to Israel and we

experienced the same passport stamping routine as before, but this time we had to walk and carry our luggage across the 200 yard no-man's land to a waiting Harley Stark and his bus. This is no joke with heavy luggage in the oppressive heat. The only luggage carts are on the Israeli border, so a few of us went to retrieve a half dozen carts so that some of us could at least push our luggage towards the Israeli border. Marjorie Jordan chose to imitate a piece of luggage and sit on the cart to be pushed across to the Israeli side.

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The survey I mentioned before had Masada listed at #3, and here, again, we were not disappointed. After a cable car ride to the top of the mountain, followed by 100 odd steps, we were at the summit. Here we visited the remaining structures, including the remains of Herod's palace which cascades down the northern slope of the mountain.

On to Qumran, site of the discovery of the Dead Sea scrolls. We would see these the next day in Jerusalem, where we would spend the final 2 days.

At the end of a long day from Eilat that started with the usual 6.30 am wake up call, an evening's entertainment was provided by way of a visit to the Folk Festival at the YMCA. Two mini-busses were ordered to transport the 16 that had not enjoyed enough entertainment and exercise during the day. One of the busses went to the wrong YMCA building, but eventually we all met for a very entertaining evening that got us back to the hotel at 11.15 p.m.

During the next two days we would cris-cross the city and visit most places of interest within Jerusalem and nearby Bethlehem.

Group photos were taken and then it was back to the Paradise Hotel to pack. Then on to the airport for a 2.00 a.m. departure to Toronto, via Montreal.

As Harley had noted early on in the trip, we would visit many out of the way places that are not on the regular tours of Israel, and we therefore saw a lot more than most people do. We were also fortunate to have had Harley as guide for with his wealth of knowledge, our understanding of the history of the middle east was enriched considerably. Where next? Who knows, but keep in touch.

Stories behind the artifacts (IV)

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This is the last in our series of stories that put archaeological artifacts in a people context. It is set on Whitefish Island, in the middle of the St. Mary's River in what is now Sault. Ste. Marie. As its name suggests, for thousands of years Whitefish Island was an important fishing and gathering place. Archaeological evidence from the island suggests frequent and peaceful contacts occurred between local people and those from further afield - particularly during the last four hundred years prior to European contact. Such meetings must have stirred some individuals to explore beyond the boundaries of their present world.

Worked. Each one had been a beauty once, hiding their shy smiles from the admiring glances of the young men. Now they had their families and their endless chores. From sunrise to sunset they chopped wood, cleaned nets, looked after their numerous children and performed a hundred other duties their men expected of them. In return what did they receive? More jobs, more work. If they were lucky, a word of appreciation or a tender gesture.

She watched the older women softening the leather by chewing on it, hour after hour, their teeth becoming worn down, sore and useless stumps and their mouths dry and painful in the service of their families. She had noticed how quickly her older friends had appeared to age as they gave up the delights of childhood and took on the role of wife and mother. She was determined to do something different.

From the snatches of conversation she had heard, she gathered that a large party of Huron traders was expected to arrive within a few hours. She had seen them many times before when they came to exchange their sweet ripe corn and pots full of fleshy beans for the furs, copper and birch bark her people took from the woods. The Huron were strange looking people, fierce and haughty. Their language differed from hers, but like many of her people, she had learned to understand many of their words; enough at least to know that they thought highly of themselves and looked down on her people. Her villagers in turn,

laughed at the Huron men behind their backs, thinking them weak for spending so much time planting the land instead of hunting, like real men. But although many in her village despised the Huron for their arrogance, she had noticed that it had become quite fashionable for the young men to cut their hair in the Huron fashion, and that many of the women were copying the trader's pottery in their own local clays.

Some of the men from her village had travelled south with their trading partners and had returned telling stories of huge villages enclosed by walls of log; of massive lodges stretching the length of her village, and of vast hilltops of waving corn. She found it hard to picture these things, having never travelled from her father's hunting territory, but the idea of such riches fascinated her. Somehow, she thought, I will find a way to see these things for myself. Then, if I grow fat, ugly and toothless like these old women, I will at least have some memories to dream of.

Full darkness had barely descended when the Huron arrived. Their sleek canoes, acquired from the Nipissings the previous year, were painted with designs, unintelligible to her and strangely menacing. As they beached the canoes, a cry of welcome rose above the constant noise of the nearby rapids. The Huron traders, all men in their early twenties, stepped proudly ashore and walked between the eager faces of the assembled people. There would be time enough for trading. Tonight was the time for re- establishing ties and for relaxation after their long journey. The goods would

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be respectfully ignored until the serious negotiations started in the morning.

The girl had rushed to the shore with the rest of the women to watch the arrival of the strangers. The young Huron paid no attention to the crowd, but walked over to the central fire and quietly seated themselves close to the village elders. Although she felt sure that their curiosity was as keen as her own, nothing in their faces or behaviour betrayed it as they stared silently into the fire. After a while, one of the men reached into a soft leather pouch and pulled out a pipe. In the glow of the fire she could make out the shape of a wolf's muzzle on its bowl. The man filled it with tobacco from his pouch, lit it with a twig from the fire and drew in a long draft of smoke. This seemed to break the tension, for within a few minutes all the men were smoking and some were beginning to talk quietly with the men from her village.

She had been watching one of the traders especially closely. He was a tall, straight man, with a large hooked nose which gave him a look of great ferocity. She had been surprised to find him looking straight at her, which had made her feel quite nervous. Shortly thereafter she had left the main fire and returned to the

women's area to resume cleaning nets. Within a few minutes she had lost herself in the work and the chatter of her companions.

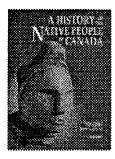
Some time passed before she noticed that the women's conversation had ceased. She could hear the crackling of the flames and the low sounds of men talking above the ever present sound of the rapids. The tall Huron was standing on the far side of the fire, staring at her. In the wavering shadows he looked strange and dangerous and she was frightened under his gaze. The he smiled. It was as if the sun had suddenly come out from behind a thundercloud. His fierce and alien face was split by a wide, handsome grin, showing a broad expanse of straight, clean teeth. In that instant, she ceased to see him as a dangerous and unpredictable outsider. Here before her was a handsome young man at whom, to her surprise, she found herself smiling happily back. Ignoring the whispers and lewd comments of the other women, he walked over to her and stretched out his hand. She took it, and together they walked away from the fire, and the raucous laughter of the women. Perhaps, she thought, I will see those fields of corn, those huge villages, and build myself some dreams for my old age after all."

Idea exchange

In the previous issue, Bud Parker announced he is leaving archaeological consulting for more stable employment. I can understand Bud's frustration. I, too, am seriously considering leaving the profession, although I happen to be one of the lucky few with a full-time government job. I have had the pleasure of working with Bud on several occasions and know him to be highly professional, ethical, and genuinely interested in the prehistory of Ontario. Further, Bud is famous for producing detailed and informative reports in record time, uninfluenced by personal bias. Bud, anytime you feel the itch, you are more than welcome on the Forster site (weekends, volunteer, rich, and definitely not clay).

Bud's letter briefly touched on a number of issues which are, or should be, of concern to anyone with an interest in preserving Ontario's prehistory. I, for one, feel a number of changes are long overdue in how archaeology is being conducted in Ontario and have numerous concerns about the rumours of changes being proposed. Due in part to Bud's prompting, I plan to elaborate on some of these issues in future issues of Arch Notes and, hopefully, prompt some further discussion on these issues. It is my belief that frank and open discussion of these issues is the best way to effect positive changes to the practise of archaeology in Ontario.

For now, let me say that Bud's presence in the consulting community will be missed, but I understand the necessity and wish him the best. Also, I am sure Bud's contributions will continue as an avocational. *Jeff Bursey*



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- A reminder: the 29th annual Chacmool Conference is November 14-17.
- Submissions for the 1997 Society for American Archaeology meeting in Nashville, TN, are due September 7, 1996.
- The Materials Research Society has its 5th Symposium, titled Materials Issues in Art and Archaeology, December 2-6 in Boston, MA. Contact Pamela Vandiver, CAL, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C., 20560 / 1 301 238 3700 x162 / fax 1 301 238 3709 / pbv@cal.si.edu.
- The new archaeology gallery at the Region of Peel will open September 25. It will recreate the feeling of discovery in the field. On Sunday, October 6, at 2 pm, there will be an exhibition talk on Digging Up Ontario's Past, suitable for all ages (free with admission). "Join archaeologist Greg Purmal...as he discusses the process of how archaeology is done and why it is so important. Greg may even throw in some hands-on activities and artifacts for the audience to explore." On Sunday, October 20, from 10 to 3:30 pm, there will be a family workshop on Time Trekkers, suitable for ages 6 and up (\$40.00 for a family of three-additional members \$8.00 each). "Experience the fascinating world of archaeology in this hands-on workshop designed to introduce you to the basics. The morning will be spent at the Heritage Complex learning about artifact discovery and learning. In the afternoon you will visit the dig site at Crawford Lake. Cost of this workshop includes return bussing to Crawford Lake. Please bring a packed lunch. Workshop to take place rain or shine, dress for the weather!" 905 451 9051.
- From Rations to Reisling [sic]: Remembering our food heritage. The Culinary Food Historians of Ontario and Doon Heritage Crossroads will be hosting a food history conference on Saturday, September 21, 1996. This day long event will include guest speakers, an historic lunch, hands-on workshops featuring a variety of items and information specializing in Ontario's culinary heritage. Cost \$35.00 per person. Pre-registration required. Contact Doon Heritage Crossroads at 519 748 1914 for more info or to register.
- Doon Heritage Crossroads also offers tours of their Waterloo Regional Curatorial Centre for heritage preservation on the third Monday of each month, from 1-4 pm. During each open house staff will highlight a different aspect of the collections August 19 toys; Sept. 16 cook books; October 21 bottles; November 18 greeting cards; December 16 Christmas collectibles.
- The Cincinnati Museum of Natural History has organized a travelling exhibit about extinction and environmental preservation. Titled Our weakening web: the story of extinction", it includes six 10 ft x 20 ft dioramas, 40 interactives, and several total immersion settings that allow visitors to walk through "scenes lost forever to extinction". According to the info package sent to Arch Notes, visitors can experience a deep chestnut forest, surrounded by the sounds of flapping and calling passenger pigeons, and the last gasp of the dinosaurs before extinction. The show is at the Canadian Museum of Nature in Ottawa from June 8 to Sept. 8, and at the Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto from October 5 to January 5, 1997.



Miscellanea

- The Annual Archaeological Report, Ontario (AARO) for 1994 is now available from Dena Doroszenko at the the Ontario Heritage Foundation, 10 Adelaide St East, Toronto ON M5C 1J3 / 416 325 5038.
- We received notice of a new book, **Industrial Archaeology: Techniques**, edited by Emory L. Kemp 1995. \$29.50 Krieger Publishing Co. PO Box 9542, Melbourne, FL 32902-9542 / 407 727 7270.
- Archaeology has a new journal, called the **Journal of Material Culture**. Sage Publications Ltd., 6 Bonhill St. London EC2A 4PU, Great Britain / +44 171 374 0645 / fax +44 171 374 8741.
- Sandpiper Press has an extensive list of available publications/video tapes focusing on many aspects of Native culture including language, ceremonies, politics, songs, artifacts, etc. Contact Sandpiper Press c/o The Jake Thomas Learning Centre, RR 1, Wilsonville ON NOE 1Z0 / 519 445 4230 / fax 519 445 0076.
- The April issue of The Bead Forum, Newsletter of the Society of Bead Researchers has an article on Glass Beadmaking in the Fichtelgebirge Region of Bavaria in the Mid-Nineteenth Century, by Ian Kenyon, Susan Kenyon, Susan Aufreiter and Ron Hancock. In the 19th century a significant bead industry existed in the mountainous region of northern Bavaria called the Fichtelgebirge. The authors chronicle the history of beadmaking in this area, manufacturing techniques, the product, scale of production, market and potential for archaeology.
- Geophysical Exploration for Archaeology discusses ground-penetrating radars, magnetometers, and conductivity resistivity metres. It has a tutorial on survey procedures and suggestions about how excavations can be done after a geophysical survey. The publications illustrates work at the US Civil War battlefield at Petersburg, VA. Available free of charge on microfiche author Bruce Bevan, Geosight, PO box 135 Pitman, NJ 08071, USA.
 - Mima Kapches, head of the new Department of Anthropology at the Royal Ontario Museum, has an article in the summer issue of Rotunda (publication of the Royal Ontario Museum). A Face from Toronto's Past is a brief account of an interesting pebble artifact recovered during excavation of the Milner Site in North York (1988). The Milner Site is part of a series of camps located along an elevated terrace in a ravine that are associated with a spring that feeds Deerlick Creek, eventually draining into the Don River. An interesting miniature quartzite pebble with a carved face was recovered. It may represent a talisman from a personal ceremonial bundle. The site has been dated to the Late Archaic (1500 to 1000 BC).
 - Time Traveler is a Web site that's part magazine, part newsletter and part forum, covering the interests of professional and avocational archaeologists and the public. Check it out at http://id-archserve.ucsb.edu/timetraveler/main.html.
 - Christine Nisan sent us some information about a volunteer dig opportunity at the Narvaez-Anderson site near Tampa Bay, Florida. Please contact Ellen or Suzanne for a copy.
 - The Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office and the Gales of November Conference are organizing a conference on Shipwrecks of the Great Lakes, October 10-12, in Duluth, MN. To register, contact Michele Decker, Minnesota SHPO / 1 612 296 5435.
- Gender and Archaeology: Diverse Approaches will be held at Michigan State University, East Lansing,

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