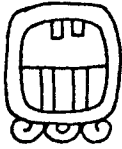


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MEETING NOTICE:

The May meeting of the Institute of Maya Studies will be held in the Museum of Science auditorium on Wednesday the 15th at 8:00 p.m. Our speaker for the evening will be Dr. Allan Kaplan, Associate Director of the IMS, who will present an illustrated lecture on "The Impact of Teotihuacán on Mesoamerican Cultures." Because of the differences of opinion on the degree of "influence" that the Teotihuacáns had on the other inhabitants of Mexico and Central America, Dr. Kaplan's lecture should be of special interest to those desirous of additional information on this controversial subject. Mark the date, May 15th, on your calendar and invite your friends to attend this interesting and informative program on Mesoamerica...

ARCHAEOLOGY SECTION NEWS:

The topic for the June meeting of the archaeology section of IMS will be "The Art of the Ancient Maya." The time and place of the meeting will be announced in the next Newsletter...

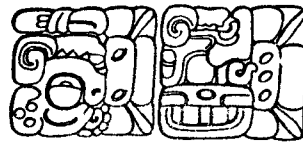
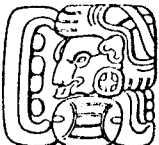
NEW MEMBERS:

A cordial welcome is extended to the following new members who joined the Institute during March and April.

Ms. Mary A. Muino	Mrs. Gretchen Jacobson	Mr. Louis Del Favero
Ms. Mary V. Casto	Mr. & Mrs. George Ling	Mr. Etzel Sanmiguel
Mrs. Judith Turbin	Mrs. Ann H. Poindexter	Dr. Valgard Jonsson
Mr. Heriberto Casares	Mr. Rigoberto Cesares	

ST. LOUIS MAYAN SOCIETY PLANS TOUR:

An 11-day trip to Mexico to explore interesting archaeological and historic sites has been arranged for members of the Mayan Society of St. Louis. The tour departs from St. Louis on Saturday, June 29, and the itinerary will include Teotihuacan, Xochicalco, Cholula, Oaxaca, Milta and Monte Alban. Transportation will be by Mexicana Airline and the Director is Dr. Valgard Jonsson.



NA-BOLOM:

Na-Bolom, that quaint and interesting combination Maya library, museum, and guest house that is located in San Cristóbal de Las Casas, Chiapas, Mexico, has recently been enlarged and now has two new rooms complete with fireplaces and baths. Owned and operated by the well known Gertrude "Trudy" Blom, Na-Bolom has been a place of interest to Maya students and scholars since it was first opened by the archaeologist Frans Blom many years ago. Both Frans and his wife did a great deal of research in the Lacandon region of Chiapas, and were the first ones to establish a lasting friendship with the Indians there. Since Frans' death, Trudy has continued visiting and caring for the needs of the Lacandones, and because of the constructions of new roads in Chiapas, she has even had Chankín, from Lacanha, taught to drive a truck!...

MESOAMERICAN PUBLICATIONS, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA:

The Department of Anthropology of the University of California, announced in February that the following three publications are now available: No. 16, Studies in Archaeology of Mexico and Guatemala. 122 pp., 4 tables, 17 figures, 6 plates. \$3.00. No. 18, Studies in Ancient Mesoamerica. 207 pp., 10 plates, \$4.00. No. 19, A Stylistic and Chronological Study of Olmec Monumental Sculpture. 229 pp., 20 tables, 53 figures, 6 plates. \$5.00...

"URBANIZATION AT TEOTIHUACAN, MEXICO":

The University of Texas Press has announced that orders are now being taken for an important new series in New World archaeology entitled, URBANIZATION AT TEOTIHUACAN, MEXICO. Volume One, THE TEOTIHUACAN MAP, was prepared jointly by Rene Millon, (general editor), Bruce Drewitt and George L. Cowgill and is made up of two parts. The text and illustrations are in Part One, and Part Two consists of 147 map sheets with acetate overlays and three large fold-out maps. The entire series will be contained in nine separate volumes, and since Teotihuacan is considered to have been one of the largest and most important cities in pre-Hispanic America, this series should provide a great deal of interesting information. (Illustrated pamphlet in IMS library)...

NEW SITES REPORTED IN THE LEMPA RIVER VALLEY (El Salvador):

Chief Archaeologist Stanley Boggs of El Salvador, reports that the exploratory excavations and reconnaissance of the Cerron Gran basin of the Lempa River has revealed the location of nine new previously unreported archaeological sites. Half of the basin that will be flooded by the construction of the new dam at Cerron Grande has now been investigated, and the remainder of the project is planned for completion in May...



TEOTIHUACAN-MAYA CERAMIC ART:

In 1970 the Foundation for Latin American Anthropological Research (FLAAR), began a long range program to photograph stone sculpture and ceramic artifacts in Guatemala which showed Teotihuacán features, and during the last three years the director, Nicholas Hellmuth, has located and photographed 30 whole incense burners, 12 figurines, a few candeleros and over 100 slab-foot cylinder tripod vessels. This interesting treasure of Teotihuacan related art comes from sites on the coastal plain that borders the Pacific Ocean, south of Guatemala City, where Hellmuth believes the Teotihuacáños once maintained a populous colony. All of the ceramics have been located in private collections and until recent years no one had suspected that Teotihuacán pottery would be found in this part of Guatemala in such quantity.

A new hieroglyphic system of writing is reported to have been found on some of the pottery vessels, with glyphs resembling ones from Xochicalco, Monte Alban and Cotzumalhuapa. (Bilbao). Also, on the sides of some of the large cylinder tripods, there are scenes of warriors, ball players (including the ball game in progress and a decapitation ritual) and various deities that reveal new information on the Teotihuacán religion. A detailed report on the project is planned for publication in the near future.



Teotihuacan style slab-footed vessel from southern Guatemala

YUCATAN'S WEST AND NORTH COAST SURVEY - 1968:

Latest information regarding pottery collected by Jack Eaton during his 1968 survey of Yucatan's west and north coasts, indicates that according to a preliminary analysis there is no evidence of any occupation prior to the end of the Middle Formative period. The earliest settlements on the coast, consisting of a string of small village sites and shell middens, probably date to the third century B. C. Vessel forms and technological attributes of the pottery involved suggest derivation of the pioneer settlers from adjacent inland portions of the northern Maya lowlands, and more information on this and other aspects of the survey will be included in a full report by Eaton that will be published by The Middle American Research Institute of Tulane University...

DATA ON M.A.R.I. YUCATAN PENINSULA ARTIFACT COLLECTION NEARING COMPLETION:

Drs. E. Wyllys Andrews V and Joseph W. Ball, (no relation to the editor), of The Middle American Research Institute of Tulane University, are presently completing the organization, installation, cataloging, and final labeling of the enormous ceramic, lithic, artifact, and stucco type collections derived from the Institute's more than fifteen years of archaeological research on the Yucatan peninsula. Over twenty large cabinets of carefully sorted and identified materials representing Dzibilchaltun, Balankanche, Gruta de Chac, Isla Cancun, Xcaret, Becan, Chicanna, Xpuhil, and the peninsula's southwest through northeast seaboard, are being presented to the Instituto Nacional de Antropologia e Historia in Merida where they will be stored as reference collections for local and foreign scholars wishing to utilize them in the future. In addition to the type collections, several hundred whole ceramic vessels have also been transferred to the Institute's storerooms in the Palacio Canton on Paseo de Montejo. This material represents a great deal of work by many archaeologists, including the late Dr. E. Wyllys Andrews IV, and will serve as an important source of information relative to the early Maya inhabitants of the Yucatan peninsula...



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