FOREWORD

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The Institute of Archaeology was established in 1973-74 as an Organized Research Unit of the University of California, with the purpose of coordinating and developing all aspects of Campus activities relating to archaeology.

The scope of its research interests reaches as far as there is something to recover from the soil which is meaningful for the understanding of our cultural past. In the pursuit of this goal we are creating, here at UCLA, something which is in line with the best archaeological tradition and yet is, at the same time, unique on the American scene. We do excavate in many parts of the world . . . as other institutions also do. We have a variety of leading scholars in the field . . . as other institutions also have. We offer a comprehensive program of instruction . . . as other institutions are also offering. But we go one step beyond.

The crucial difference is that we can talk to each other—anthropologists and humanists, ecologists and classicists, historians and prehistorians, and so on. From this a new school of thought is slowly emerging, which is giving flesh and blood to the ideal of a comprehensive interdisciplinary reconstruction of the human past. We are truly an Institute of Archaeology, writ large, without parochial limitations of geography or methodology.

This first Annual Report of the Institute describes briefly the areas in which we are going to be most active in the immediate future. In addition we are giving a review of our major archaeological projects in the early 70's, some of which are concluded, while others are still under way.

The Report is addressed to the Chancellor and to the Fellows of the Institute. As Chief Executive on our Campus, Chancellor Young has been instrumental in bring to fruition our plans for the Institute, and is behind our efforts to assert ourselves as a leading archaeological Center in the Country. The Fellows of the Institute represent the interested segment of the Community which contribute in large measure to our scholarly endeavours with their financial backing and moral support.

The history of the efforts which went into the making of the Institute is a long one, and many are the individuals who have shared in it. Here I would like to single out in particular two names and one event. Franklin D. Murphy was Chancellor at the time when archaeology came of age at UCLA, and we archaeologists owe it to his interest and dynamism that so many things were set in motion of which we see the results today. Executive Vice-Chancellor David S. Saxon, in accepting the challenge of establishing a new Institute at a most improbable juncture in time, has shown a measure of trust in the potentials of our discipline which nothing short of success in our ambitious aims can fully repay.

The single event which stands out most clearly in the establishment of the Institute is the transfer of the Archaeological Survey from the Department of Anthropology to the Institute. Through many years of serious work, the Survey has achieved an enviable status as a research and training facility—by sponsoring active field projects in California and elsewhere, by maintaining a first class series of publications, by providing equipment and know-how for student training, by keeping laboratory facilities open to all archaeologists, by serving as a clearing house for local archaeology. As the core of the Institute, the Survey forms its most valuable asset.

Excavations

The common denominator of all archaeologists is the excavation. It is also the most expensive aspect of the trade: from travel to equipment, costs mount very rapidly, even if most staff members are unpaid.

The Institute will provide a more visible institutional backing in applying for funds, from both Federal and private Foundations. Thus we plan to enhance our current level of operations, which is already rich and differentiated as the reports given below amply document.

To provide for greater involvement on the part of the Community, the Institute will sponsor Symposia on the major Expeditions fielded each year. These will not only report on specific seasons of excavation, but also provide the full perspective from which isolated excavation problems become meaningful in terms of overall cultural development.

Publications

The Institute will continue the publications which have been started under the aegis of the Survey, and which have brought UCLA a considerable measure of distinction. The *Annual Reports* are a journal with technical articles on site excavations, classes of artifacts, questions of theory and method, and the like. The series of *Monographs* includes full-length technical reports on the same subjects, produced for a specialized audience.

A new series, under the general title *Monumenta Archaeologica*, will include major works with broader scope and greater significance. Publication of these volumes will be undertaken under private sponsorship, whereby printing and distribution costs are defrayed by a private sponsor; the volume will bear the name of the sponsor, and each volume will have a running roster of sponsors. Unlike other types of endowment, the association of the name with the final product will be permanent in a very special way, since it cannot be torn down like a building, or become insufficient in funds through devaluation. What is more, it becomes known the world over wherever there is a serious archaeology library. Contributing to a publication project is one of the most direct ways of sharing in the process of research, and one for which funds are most sorely needed today.

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Staffing

A major concern of the Institute is to insure a proper covering of all areas with adequate personnel, from instructional fields to laboratory staff. Besides coordinating the interests of pertinent departments, the Institute will sponsor appointments for visiting Professors and Lecturers, in order to provide a wide exposure to the more important and influential archaeologists active in the field. In addition, special efforts will be made to enrich the Campus community with the presence of two other groups, the Scholars in Residence and the Research Associates of the Institute.

The Institute's Scholars in Residence are mature scholars who can bring to our campus the distinction of a well established career in archaeology. Normally they will either have retired from teaching and administrative duties, or will be on Campus for a given length of time, e.g., on a sabbatical leave from another institution. The only requirement will be to be in residence at UCLA for the purposes of research, and to be available for consultation to staff and students.

At the other end of the spectrum there is the young generation. The increased degree of concentration in specialized fields is producing a number of talented young scholars whom the traditional academic set-up cannot adequately assimilate. Completion of a Ph.D. program may often bring either continuation of research through personal sacrifice in a state of quasidestitution, or a career of teaching in non-germane subjects which may well frustrate the potential for research. The solution of accommodating scholarly output to the market is effective but self-defeating for the discipline. A different, if partial, alternative is to provide research positions which may help young scholars to consolidate their scholarly preparation while waiting for acceptable teaching positions.

Within the framework of the Institute, the advantage of the positions just described is that they create a pool of human resources which will benefit faculty, students and the community through a direct and long-lasting association. Short of providing tenured research positions in archaeology, as is the case in some European countries, we will strive to obtain yearly positions through either Foundation or private support. Since these will not be tenured positions, amount and duration of support will be limited. The positions will be named after the source of financial support much like endowed chairs.

Instruction

One of the first results of the spirit of active cooperation among UCLA archaeologists was the establishment of an interdisciplinary Graduate Program in Archaeology. The Program is the only instructional unit on Campus directly and exclusively concerned with archaeology, and as such it is wholly autonomous both from other Departments of instruction and from the Institute.

The Institute's relationship to the Program is one of support in the search for funds for teaching positions as well as for financial aid for students.

Community Outreach

The Institute's efforts at spreading the knowledge of archaeological research among the lay public are articulated in several ways.

In the first place, the Institute promotes public lectures and other programs destined to a broad audience—supporting in this the activities of the Friends of Archaeology at UCLA. Of a special nature in this category will be symposia devoted to our own field expeditions and to other major archaeological traditions.

Formal training will be possible through University Extension, with which the Institute cooperates closely. As in the past, special programs will be arranged, highlighting major periods, cultures and methodologies. A full complement of regular courses will be available as part of a Certificate Program such as to provide a meaningful and well rounded preparation; besides courses on cultural and theoretical topics, special laboratory workshops and field courses are also planned.

For those wishing to work closely on given aspects of scholarly research, and who have acquired a certain degree of proficiency (e.g., through the Extension program), special projects will be designed which will allow interested individuals to participate on a volunteer basis. In their role as Research Collaborators they will be able to share in the more creative and scholarly aspects of the archaeologist's trade—from the analysis of excavated artifacts to problems of cultural reconstruction and theoretical interpretation.

Staff and Projects

The Institute would not exist but for the Faculty and Staff which is responsible for all archaeological projects which we are able to undertake. As a result of personal interest and involvement, a number of projects have come into being over the years, and have brought prestige and distinction to UCLA. Some of these projects are outlined in the following pages. They do not exhaust the range of the Institute's research interests—the list of Faculty and Staff members better shows the breadth of our actual coverage. Yet, the variety and number of these projects, all of them started or brought to fruition in the early seventies, gives a fair idea of how diversified and universal the Institute really is. The projects are presented in an appropriate chronological order, based on the earliest date to which each project refers, and according to the sequence indicated on the cover page of this Report.

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