REMINDERS:

1. Dues!
   a. Semester dues are only $5 per semester! If you have not already done so, please bring dues money to the next meeting you attend. 😊

2. Chicago Field Trip!
   a. We need an accurate head-count for those attending the Chicago field trip on March 23rd!
      i. This is essential to get us admission to the Field Museum and to special collections as well
   b. The deadline to reserve your spot is February 25th!!!
      i. To reserve your spot, there is a $20 non-refundable fee for admission to the museum and for a group donation as well

3. T-Shirt Pre-Orders!
   a. We are now accepting pre-orders for our new long-sleeve shirts!
   b. An email will be going out shortly displaying the chosen design
   c. A preordered shirt costs $15, while a non-preordered shirt will cost $20
      i. To save a few dollars AND ensure that you get the exact size that you want, please bring your preorder information and funds to the next meeting!
   d. The deadline to preorder a shirt is February 25th!!!

4. AAA Membership!
   a. The American Anthropological Association (AAA) has special rates for student members who join as part of an Anthropology Club!
      i. The reduced cost is $30 as opposed to the original $90 registration fee.
   b. If you would like to join AAA with the Undergraduate Anthropology Club, please notify the e-board and bring your funds to the next meeting.
   c. The deadline to request membership is February 25th!!!

5. Paper Contest!
   a. We will be officially announcing the Annual Anthropology Club Paper Contest at our next meeting (February 11th, 2013).
   b. The deadline for paper submissions will be March 25th!!!
   c. Be on the lookout for more details 😊

MEETING:

- Aztalan, Wisconsin
  - SE Wisconsin in Jefferson county; between Milwaukee and Madison
  - South of I94
- Crawfish River cuts through the state Park and there are many mounds
  - Under state ownership; people tried to get federal government to overtake it and protect it
  - School children raised coins and sent them in to the Wisconsin Archaeological Society
    - Bought the site so it would be protected!!!
- Running a field school at Aztalan, and possibly the last field school Dr. Goldstein will be running there
- May 27th through June 27th
  - Tentatively dated
- Dr. Goldstein has been working there for over 20 years
- 70 square mile area, 450+ archaeological sites!!!
- Ceramics:
  - Aztalan collared vases (special type)
- Copper long-nosed God masks
- People who built Aztalan took advantage of natural topography ...very smart!
  - Made mounds efficiently
- Nathanial Hyer
  - 1837, published article describing site of Aztalan
  - First time in print for Europeans
  - Found non-modern agricultural fields
  - Dr. Goldstein knows his great-great grandson
  - Gave Aztalan its name!!!
    - Was a fan of Alexander VanHumboldt
      - This man talked about the Aztecs and a great magical place to the north
- Increase A. Lapham
  - Dr. Goldstein is a big fan!
  - A big renaissance man
    - Founded the US Weather Service!!!
    - Went around US to establish weather stations
  - 1850: wanted to document the mounds of Wisconsin
    - Got a grant $500 from American Philosophical Society
    - Took field notes via stage coach
      - All notes are in letters to his wife!!!
    - Very great map and note creator
  - 1855: “Antiquities of Wisconsin”
    - One of the first publications from the Smithsonian
- Samuel A. Barrett
  - “in the nineteen teens”
Skewed archy methods, but still good field worker

- Created maps, and these are the only things available for today’s researchers
  - There ARE notes somewhere, but Dr. Goldstein has been unable to locate them

- 1916
  - Finishing his Master’s thesis at UofCal
  - Made copies of EVERYTHING after the San Francisco earthquake

- Berkley got their first Xerox machine, and he burned it out making so many copies!!!

- 1940s and 1950s
  - Wisconsin Archy Society
    - Wanted to develop the site and make it an official “park”
    - “Don’t ever do a project like that!”
      - Many different places got different types of artifacts
      - Somewhat based on area, but not really
      - “A mess!”
  - Original marker for the Aztalan State Park (which was reviewed by committees in Wisconsin) was completely inaccurate and “ridiculous”
    - Various Indian tribes refused to attend the site because they were so offended by the sign!
    - Weighs 250 lbs!
  - New sign was erected in 1991 per Dr. Goldstein’s adamancy (which embarrassed the DNR and got the ball rolling)

- Flat-Top Platform Mounds
  - Typically with ritual associations for buildings
  - The North-West Mound
    - Original published report on this was completely inaccurate
      - Called a feature a crematorium, but unlikely
        - Dr. Goldstein thinks this was a charnel structure, because remains were not completely burned
          - Probably an area for processing burials
  - The mounds appear to have three “stages” each (building processes)

- Aztalan Houses
  - Situated facing away from the north wind
  - Wall trenches and interior post structures
  - Created to keep out animals and protect people from the elements

- Stockades
  - Big external stockade, and a smaller internal stockade

- 1988 (huge draught across the US)
  - Field school and Dr. Goldstein was back in Milwaukee
- Call from former student
  - They had mowed Aztalan and they had mowed a part that had never been mowed before
  - If you stood on top of the NW mound, you could see 70 oval features that were previously unknown to Dr. Goldstein and researchers!
- Must have permits to work anywhere on this site!
- 1996: began proper excavations of the area
  - Wanted to see if there really were fields outside of the stockade
  - Also embankment legitimacy and found early Woodland era materials
  - Wanted more information
  - Chert, silica, plant material: create a sort of “nail polish” on the hoes used for agricultural activities
  - Unique, and wanted to investigate!
- Digging sites for the Field School
  - Located in and around the plaza, including an embankment, effigy mound precinct, and various parts of the habitation area
- Round Mounds
  - Typically associated with burials, but not always
- Excavations in the 70 oval areas found a LOT of interesting materials
  - Copper, human remains (mostly fragmentary), and many other things
  - Found a burial!!!
    - Dr. Goldstein doesn’t know a lot about it
    - Was eating dinner, and someone went and stole it!!! 😊
    - Sculpted a 3-tiered feature, where the bottom tier (closer to the river) contained the mostly-complete burial
    - Not technically a mound...what to call it?
      - A “Sculptuary!!!”
        - Mortuary and a sculpted feature combined!
- Wanted to put together a GIS for the site
  - Put together over 225 maps from the site
    - From 1906 to recent (over 100 years)
  - Also created a recent topographic map via air photography!
- Human Remains
  - Many found around interior border of palisade
  - Actual articulated burials are distributed differently!
    - Corners of interior stockade, on the mounds, and at key locations
  - Non-articulated burials and fragmentary remains
    - Many other areas
Never found human remains within houses or where human waste was kept!!!

- Contrary to previous belief

- Previous researcher (Barrett) thought for certain that these people were cannibals
  - Everyone believed it!
    - This was because they founds fragmentary human bones in trash pits

- Dr. Goldstein: if any cannibalism occurred, it would be ritualistic, not dietary or otherwise

- More research needs to be done for any definitive answers can be made

- Public Interaction
  - ALWAYS interacting with the public because in a public park!
  - Guided tours are given by park officials and the archaeologists
  - Most likely will be blogging and Tweeting during this field school
  - More Natives may come recently (especially since sign was changed)
    - Dr. Goldstein always invites them to come out
  - “You are always in the public”
  - Famous site!
    - People come from all over the world to see it
      - Sometimes upset because there isn’t a huge amount to see
        - Working on creating a visitor’s center

- NAGPRA
  - With remains involved, it is difficult to get permits to dig
  - Must abide by burial laws if remains are found
  - Dr. Goldstein always notifies tribes if remains are found AND that they are digging at the site
  - Traditionally, if remains are found, they photograph and record information, and rebury the remains at the same spot
    - Remove remains only if tribe requests this, etc.
  - VERY particular

- Not a lot of arrows are found along the stockade, so highly unlikely that they are severely aggressive, etc.
  - Were the bastions watch towers, or otherwise? Probably watch towers
  - Tamarack poles are present as well, which makes the situation even more unique

- Field School
  - Must sleep and stay at the site because of robbers, etc.
  - Must pump your own water (none running)
  - Breakfast and lunch provided; arrangements with restaurants for dinner
    - “Can’t do dishes!”
- No ticks! 😊
- “Sometimes tornado issues, but that’s it”
- First season was 1979
- Fun place to work because people will remember you
- If interested, contact Dr. Goldstein!
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