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Published approximately every six weeks by THE UNIVERSITY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY at Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah. The purpose of the Newsletter is to disseminate non-technical but reliable information on the results of recent archaeological research, especially discoveries bearing upon the Latter-day Saint scriptures; also knowledge of the archaeological activities and viewpoints of the Society and its members. Subscription by membership in the Society: three dollars per year; or Life Membership, fifty dollars. (Membership also includes subscription to other publications of the Society and of the BYU Department of Archaeology.)

81.0 RETURNS FROM RESEARCH IN MEXICO. Dr. Ross T. Christensen, chairman of the BYU Department of Archaeology, returned to the campus on April 26 after spending nearly two months in archaeological research in Mexico.

Dr. Christensen was sent into the field on February 28 by the advisory board of the BYU New World Archaeological Foundation for the purpose of surveying current archaeological field work, particularly that being conducted under LDS auspices (Newsletter, 75.1, 79.2). Included in his itinerary were ruins at San Lorenzo-Tenochtitlan, Aguacatal, Dzibilchaltun, Chiapa de Corzo, Izapa, and Tehuacan.

It is expected that a report of Dr. Christensen's field work will be published in a forthcoming issue of the Newsletter. Also, reference will be made to his research in his summer leadership-week lectures (see below).

81.1 SUMMER ARCHAEOLOGY LECTURES. One hundred forty-eight lectures on archaeological subjects are scheduled at 16 separate BYU "leadership weeks" during the coming summer. Ross T. Christensen, associate professor of archaeology, together with Ray T. Matheny and Lawrence O. Anderson, advanced students in that subject at BYU, will be the speakers.

Following is the schedule of BYU leadership weeks at which archaeology talks will be given:

Mesa, Arizona, June 4-6  
Phoenix, Arizona, June 7-9  
Provo, Utah, campus, June 11-14  
Ogden, Utah, June 18-21  
Salt Lake (downtown), June 25-27  
Salt Lake (Sugar House area), June 28-30  
Idaho Falls, Idaho, July 11-13  
Pocatello, Idaho, July 17-19  
Burley, Idaho, July 20-23  
Twin Falls, Idaho, July 25-27  
Boise, Idaho, July 28-31  
Santa Monica, California, August 13-15  
Garden Grove, California, August 16-18

San Gabriel, California, August 20-22  
San Fernando, California, August 23-25  
Oakland, California, August 27-31

With the exception of the Provo campus talks, Dr. Christensen will lecture three times daily on the following subjects:

I. "Some Archaeological Adventures in the Old World" (the mummies found by Antonio Lebolo; the Dead Sea Scrolls and the Gospel; the Nestorian Monument and early Christianity in China).

II. "Archaeological Discovery and the Book of Mormon" (where is the 'narrow neck of land'?; diffusions of Book of Mormon civilizations; serpent symbolism and the Fair God in the Americas).

III. "The Story of the Lehi Stone" (the Tree of Life in the Old World and the New; Lehi's vision in stone; the stone in modern times).

Lectures for the Leadership Week to be held June 11-14 on the Provo campus of BYU are as follows: Monday, "LDS-Financed Archaeology in Middle America," by Dr. Christensen; Tuesday, "The Latest on the Lehi Stone," by Dr. Christensen; Wednesday, "An Archaeologist in Montezuma Canyon, Southern Utah," by Mr. Matheny; Thursday, "Joseph Smith's Views on American Archaeology," by Mr. Anderson.

UAS members are invited to attend any of these leadership weeks which may be convenient. In each case a small registration fee is required, payment of which entitles the visitor to hear not only the archaeology talks but also all other offerings. Complete programs and other information are available at: Adult Education and Extension Services, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, or at the individual leadership-week headquarters.

"Leadership Week" has been a popular annual offering in adult education on the BYU campus since 1922. During the past five years other BYU leadership weeks have been held at various LDS centers throughout the West. This year a total of 21 are scheduled in five states.