

any subject within the book's covers. This reviewer hopes, however vainly, that it will *not* be used in a "broader" context or taken for an authoritative reference on "Native Art," because it certainly is not.

### Letters to the Editor

#### ✉ DEAR EDITOR,

I have a correction to Grant McCall's article in Vol. 14, No. 3, pg. 98. He stated "Albuquerque was the next venue, owing to its being Carlyle Smith's long term institution and the place where the ground breaking first two volumes of the Heyerdahl expedition reports were co-published." Carlyle Smith actually taught at the University of Kansas, in Lawrence, Kansas. The member of the Norwegian expedition who did have a New Mexico connection was Edwin Ferdon. His association was not with the University of New Mexico or the Maxwell Museum in Albuquerque, but rather with the School of American Research and the Museum of New Mexico in Santa Fe, which published the reports as Vols. 1 and 2 of their Monograph 24, which Ferdon and Heyerdahl co-edited. By the time the volumes were published, Ferdon had relocated to the Arizona State Museum in Tucson, Arizona.

Sincerely,  
Emily Ross Mulloy, Laramie

#### ✉ DEAR EDITOR,

This is in response to your query about the most important issues facing Easter Island today. Certainly education is a vital issue. The level of education on the island is such that pupils sent to the mainland for further study are at least a year behind their coevals so they are treated as stupid, which they are not; it is the teaching which is woefully inadequate. In addition they are unaccustomed to modern urban life and are made fun of as 'country bumpkins'. There appears to be a total lack of pastoral care and no appreciation of the cultural shock that they suffer on leaving behind the supportive and close community which they are brought up in. As a result they seldom attain the qualifications that their intelligence should get them. On returning home, almost without exception they are left with no alternative but low level jobs. The recent news in *RNJ* 14(3) of the opening of a new school building in 2001 may hopefully be the beginning of serious efforts to raise the standard to that of the mainland.

I was on the island a year ago for the millennium celebration after an absence of 15 years. The transformation was unbelievable not only because of the thriving economy but with regard to the attitude of the islanders to their own language. Previously most parents had wanted only Spanish to be taught now they are proud of Rapanui. This means that bilingual facilities should be available. They are not. In comparison with the interesting array of primers, dictionaries, grammars and reading books in Tahitian for Tahitian children there is nothing on the Island.

Sincerely,  
Veronica Du Feu, United Kingdom

#### ✉ DEAR EDITOR,

My copy of José Miguel Ramírez' new book [*Easter Island: Land of Rocky Dreams*] arrived about noon on Christmas Eve. I was watching a football game on TV and planned to watch another one that afternoon.... But when I opened the package, I knew there would be no more football that day. Four and a one-half hours later, I had to put it down—but certainly didn't want to. What a beautiful, marvelous book! 'Way beyond any expectations I had. The photographs are so good as to almost seem unreal, especially the aerials and the underwater shots. I'm sure you appreciate them too, as you, like most of us, have always seen the island from ground level. Anyone who has ever been there, or wanted to go, should have a copy. His text is wonderful too, and his love of the island comes through. I wish I could tell the world.

Sincerely,  
Avonne Bradshaw, Phoenix  
[Editor's note: well, you just told some of the world, Avonne, and thanks.]

### Easter Island Foundation

THE EASTER ISLAND FOUNDATION GRANTS COMMITTEE has awarded a US\$1000 grant towards the Easter Island research of graduate student, Tandy Shepard-Toomey of British Columbia. Ms Shepard-Toomey is a student of Dr Douglas Porteous. Congratulations Tandy; we look forward to having a report in one of our future issues.

#### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

In December, the Easter Island Foundation sent out an appeal to potential donors to help us with our new efforts to support the people of Easter Island and to protect this outstanding World Heritage Site. Many of you responded very generously to our plea.

We outlined ways donors could help us provide better educational opportunities for the island's children by improving the island's school, which has no maps, globes or dictionaries and provides only one microscope for 900 students. Our Educational Supplies Committee has sent 10 laminated wall maps of the world and 10 colorful illustrated Spanish-English dictionaries and is pricing other teaching materials so we can buy and ship them to the island soon.

We asked for funding to provide a one-year scholarship for a Rapanui student to study on the continent. Each scholarship would provide \$2000 for a deserving student. Our Scholarship Committee now has outlined qualifications for selecting Rapanui students and our first scholarship will be awarded during the coming months.

We requested financial support of research grants for scientific projects on Easter Island and in Polynesia. Our Research Grant Committee has established guidelines for selecting deserving projects and we hope to award a grant later this year.

We are actively pursuing corporate sponsorship and are grateful to those who have made bequests to the Foundation. We deeply appreciate the donations from the following people who have given their support recently to help make these goals

a reality: Norma Ackel, Joan Amico, Ben Baldanza, Gail Baraff, Carolyn and Mark Blackburn, Avonne Bradshaw, Kathy Cleghorn, Gillian & Alan Cheyney, Robert Chisnell, Tom Christopher, Frances Connick, Sylvia Coogan, Odile and Pierre Cornu, Mary and Hans Dahl, Nan Deal, Sue and Jim DeLong, Rene and Anthony Donaldson, Veronica DuFeu, Elaine and Don Dvorak, Far Horizons Archaeological Trips, Joseph Finney, Andre Forquet, Jenny Gardham, Ann Gelnert, Sandra Gill, Fran Greenman, Marjorie Greenhut, Renee Hamilton, Barbara and Marks Hinton, Tom Hoskinson, William Hughes, Edward Keeler, Heinz Keller, Samuel Knapp, Albert Knight, Ingrid Kruezer, Vincent Lee, Curtis Leseman, Calvin Malone, Bernard Mecke, Edward Mitchel, Donald & Wanda Moyer, Douglas Nason, Arleen Nelson, Gerald Newsom, Sandy Nielsen, Louise Noel, Ginny and James Parker, Monica Partridge, Tara Pfeifer, Ralph Riffenburgh, Judith Quan, Gail and David Rose, Kay and Tom Sanger, Clifford Sayre, Robert Schultz, Margaret Searles, Ivan Sellin, Mats Sexton, Yoshihiko Sinoto, Mark Sherman, Joan Merkel Smith, Christopher Stevenson, Alvin Stockstead, Donna Thompson, Robert Thorson, Nelle Tobias, Herbert von Saher, Mojmir Vrtilek, Sylvia & Alen Wexler, Maren Wilbur, Suzanne Williams, Warren Wright, Betty Wygant, XILINX, INC.

Our support of the William Mulloy Library on the island continues. The Easter Island Foundation has recently sent \$30,000 to help refurbish the structure that houses the library. This very generous support has been made possible by donors during the last 10 years. Donors of more than \$5000 will have their names inscribed on a bronze donor plaque that will be installed at the library site later this year. All EIF donors will have their names inscribed in a Global Book of Donors, which will be on display at the library.

We need your continuing help for all of the above projects. We would like to provide more educational materials than we are able to afford at this time. We have identified a number of students who are deserving of a scholarship, but only one can be awarded this year. We need more money to support scientific research. We would like to help conserve the island's unique archaeological treasures, but are unable to do so with the funds on hand.

Thank you for your generous support. Know that your gifts will truly make a difference to the Rapanui people.

Sincerely,  
Kay Kenady Sanger  
President, Easter Island Foundation

#### WHAT'S NEW AT THE EIF OFFICE

GREETINGS FROM BAYWOOD PARK, the home of the Easter Island Foundation! We have survived our first winter in the new office without too much flooding and without a single rolling blackout. In case you missed the last issue, our office email is: [rapanuibooks@worldnet.att.net](mailto:rapanuibooks@worldnet.att.net) and our telephone is 805-528-8558. Please use PO Box 6774, Los Osos CA 93412 for correspondence.

We still have a few copies of the new book by José Miguel Ramírez and Carlos Huber, *Rapa Nui: Island of Rocky Dreams*. We realize that it is an expensive book at \$85 but we know you

will agree that it is worth it when you see the incredible color photographs and read the text. It covers just about every aspect of the island, the people, and the cultural heritage. It is a "must" for anyone who has been to the island, something to put on your coffee table, look at often, and dream of your favorite place....

We will soon be carrying the book, *Easter Island Studies*, edited by Steven Roger Fischer. This book contains a wealth of information about the island by 35 authors, all specialists in their respective fields. We are pleased to offer this to our readers for \$50.

One of our members, Tom Christopher, has graciously donated an original copy of *Captain Benson's Own Story*, published in 1915 (see this issue) and we are offering it for \$100. We thank Tom and hope one of you may be looking for this book for your own Easter Island collection.

Are you aware that we have slightly damaged copies of several of our publications? If you are on a budget, this is a chance to purchase those books you have always wanted, but at a considerable discount. Give us a call or send an email and we will let you know what we have. If you been thinking of ordering *Speak Rapanui!* Or *Death of a Moai* now is the time to do it as we are running low on copies of both of these books.

The *Journal* is now being published twice a year and we ask you to bear with us while we work out the kinks and get into a set publication schedule. You can expect to see the next issue in late September.

We are happy to assist you with questions about the Foundation, our publications or your *Rapa Nui Journal* subscriptions

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