

# New Cabrillo Instructor Has Dug Some Dignified Holes In His Day

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Barry Kite, 29, has dug some very dignified holes in his day.

On one expedition, he shared command with a baroness and a countess. With occasional breaks for tea, the project took eight weeks.

This occurred in 1950 on the island of Crete, under the auspices of the British School of Archeology.

Kite has recently moved into this area to join the teaching staff of Cabrillo college. He will conduct courses in anthropology and sociology.

He graduated from the University of California at Berkeley in 1957. For his masters degree in anthropology, he attended the School of Oriental and African studies, University of London.

At this institution, half of his effort went into book work and the other half was devoted to walking, doing, and observing. He covered parts of Africa, Spain, and Lapland—where he spent a lonely period with reindeer herders.

Kite also lectured for a time at the Victoria and Albert museum in London.

But one of his most exciting experiences was in connection with a British archeological expedition.

In Britain it's quite a privilege to join an archeological expedition. Kite met the right people through a series of parties and got his ticket.

"We went to the temple of Knossos on Crete, the former diggings of Sir Arthur Evans," he said. Kite rates Evans as the greatest archeologist who ever lived.

"It was all very posh," he said. In the party was a French baroness and a countess who is the lady-in-waiting to Princess Margrethe, heir-presumptive to the Danish throne.

Kite and the royal ladies were given the title "trench directors." "Evans' work produced articles dating back to 3000 B.C.," said Kite. "Our assignment was to dig below part of the temple's foundation to find evidence of the neolithic age, around 5000 B.C."

The job was divided into four sections. Kite had four Cretans to help in his section. He said they have spent most of their lives—when they weren't fighting Germans—working for archeological parties.

Everyday at 4 p.m., the party stopped for tea. "We'd sit and sip and no one said much to anyone else. It was quite deathly," he said.

But he found the work fascinating. Digging was painstakingly slow; the soil was removed gingerly to avoid breaking ancient fragments of former civilizations.

Most of their finds were "shards," a term meaning bits and pieces of pottery, tools, and ornaments.

"Each foot of earth could mean a 300 year difference in

the age of the shard," said Kite. "In my section we uncovered sections of a wall about three feet down and later we found weapons such as hatchet heads and sling stones."

The sections were dug to depths ranging from eight to 30 feet after several weeks.

"On the last hour of our project," he said, "the baroness and her crew, who had reached the 30-foot level, made the major find."

"It was a three-and-a-half inch marble figurine. Investigation

revealed that it existed around 5000 B.C. and had come from Troy," he said.

Kite said that field archeology is a rather limited profession, at least financially speaking. He received no pay for his work on Crete.

He said there are many titled people working in this field, especially in Britain.

"I suppose they feel they are contributing something to society," he said. "The two ladies with our party were very diligent workers."

Kite presently is working on a doctorate in oriental anthropology.

Part of his research was completed in the Kulu Valley, high in the Himalayan mountains of India. He lived with the villagers for six months in 1960 while he studied their idols and way of life.

He now resides at 512 Cliff drive in Rio del Mar with his wife, Sylvia, and a goodly number of idols which have, so far, kept their spirits high.

## Barry Kite With Archeological Finds



Barry Kite, 29, anthropology and sociology professor at Cabrillo college, stands by idols

and shards which he has collected in many parts of the world. He has lived with Laplanders, Himalayan Indians and roamed

parts of the Sahara desert in his study of ancient life. He resides in Rio del Mar.