

UA LOANS ANCIENT ESKIMO CARVINGS

UA Museum Loans Carvings to Amon Carter Museum in Texas

FAIRBANKS — The University of Alaska Museum has loaned four ancient Eskimo carvings to the Amon Carter Museum of Western Art in Fort Worth, Texas, for a traveling exhibit on native art of the American Arctic and Northwest.

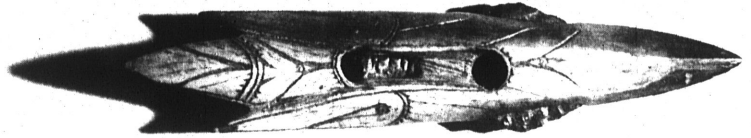
The exhibit is being prepared by the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C. and will open in the National Gallery next March 2. It will then travel to three other cities, including Anchorage where it will be shown at the Historical and Fine Arts Museum from June 10 to September 9.

The objects loaned include

an ivory female figure estimated to be 1,800 years old and said to be one of the finest such objects ever found; a rake-like object with elaborate carving; a harpoon head also estimated to be 1,800 years old; and an ivory wrist guard.

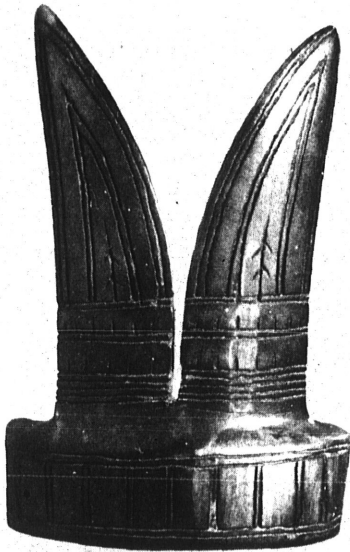
All of the objects have been with the museum for some time. The female figure was found on the Punuk Islands off the southeastern tip of St. Lawrence Island.

The head and wrist guard were found on St. Lawrence Island by the late Otto Geist and the rake-like object on the northwest coast of the Alaska mainland.



HARPOON HEAD found by Otto Geist on
St. Lawrence Island.

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ANCIENT CARVING, said to be wrist guard, also found by
Geist on St. Lawrence Island.

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IVORY FEMALE FIGURE estimated to be 1,800 years old.

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