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Dear Natalie:

Enclosed is a black-and-white photo of Don Crabtree that was taken last year, just before he was awarded an honorary D.Sci. from the University of Idaho. I have also sent along a copy of his vitae, from which you can abstract the relevant comments for the Newsletter, and I have written to Marie Wormington about doing the obituary.

I am not familiar in detail with Don's involvement with the Belize investigations of the past few years, especially up to a year ago, and you might wish to check with Norman Hammond about that. I believe Don may have been a co-author on a paper on that work, but am not sure. I will track down all that information for the longer obituary, and perhaps it is not necessary to comment on in detail in the Newsletter notice.

As part of Don's honorary degree award last year I collected a set of letters of congratulations to him from archaeologists all over the world, and had these bound for him. It was a marvellous set of comments, from people who have been friends, colleagues, students, and distant admirers of his for over forty years. I think one of the telling ones came from Francois Bordes, who told Don (paraphrased) that there was in American archaeology a pre-Crabtree and a post-Crabtree division in stone tool studies--I would never argue that. Accompanying one of Don's last publications, an interview with him presented in Flintknappers' Exchange, are my comments and a brief biography, and I am sending these along for your reference.

I really will miss him, and I was lucky to share the good years with him.

Sincerely,

Ruthann Knudson
Resource Management Archaeologist

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