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Well, Spring is just around the corner. That means warm weather and ASO elections. The election for officers and board members is coming in May. The ballots will be sent to all ASO members during the month of April. Please vote and send your ballots in by the deadline stated on each ballot so they will count. This is a chance for you to voice your opinion on who you want to run your society. The deadline for nominations for this year’s election is at the meeting on March 21st. Hopefully anyone who is running for a position has already given Bob Converse their picture and information. That information is included in this Journal. Anyone nominated at the March meeting will be placed on the ballot but there will not be a chance to publish their information before the elections. Good luck to everyone.

This spring also means it is time for our 4th Symposium. This looks to be our biggest and best one yet. This year’s Symposium title is PREHISTORIC CULTURES. We have a great list of speakers for both Friday evening and all day on Saturday, with an evening banquet and James Adovasio as our keynote speaker. The symposium will be May 14th and 15th, that is the Friday and Saturday before our May state meeting. There are applications included in this Journal and on our website. For those of you who have been to the symposium before, I am sure we will see you again and for those of you who have not been able to attend in the past, try not to miss a chance to hear some of the best speakers archaeology has to offer. We will also have a large display and book room, some of the displays can only be seen at the symposium. I hope to see everyone there. Hang on, warm weather is coming.

Mick Van Steen, President
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EDITOR’S NOTE

Through the efforts of Mike Rusnak and George Colvin we are pleased to present in this issue of the Ohio Archaeologist part of the continuing series of the unpublished or underpublished art objects of Ohio’s prehistoric cultures. Many of these spectacular artifacts are shown for the first time in color. Included in the series are some of the finest effigy pipe creations of the Ohio Hopewell culture. Many of these pipes have lain in the British Museum and the Peabody Museum for more than a century - unpublished except for line drawings or a few black and white photographs. Ohio Hopewell was described as the most advanced culture in North America by the late Dr. James Griffin, and these pipes are believed by many scholars to be the epitome of the artistic creations of that culture. The archaeological public and all Ohioans are indebted to both Mike Rusnak and George Colvin - avocational archaeologists of the first order - for their work and for unselfishly sharing it with us.