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Since that time, the Atlatl has gone through various stages of technological refinement and changes in academic orientation, including the publication of dissertation reviews and evaluation of current research. The appearance last year of the occasional papers series reflects both the need for a vehicle for student research results and the recognition that publication, like research, might be brought to fulfillment on an irregular, unpredictable basis.

University of Arizona anthropology students intend to continue this series through the support of the Anthropology Club, under whose aegis the Atlatl is published. The editors and Club members hope that the series will continue to grow and provide a reliable and reputable outlet for professional anthropological research.

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