

T H E P R O F I L E

Newsletter of the Houston Archeological Society

January 1989

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**MEETING NOTICE, JANUARY, 1989**

Date: Friday, January 13, 1989  
Time: 7:30 p.m.  
Place: University of St. Thomas  
M. D. Anderson Hall  
Program: Carved Stone Pipes of the Plains  
Indians  
Speaker: Dr. Bob Hill, Center for  
Archaeological Research, University  
of Texas at San Antonio

**TEXAS CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS' REMAINS WILL NOT  
COME HOME** (from *The Medallion*, Vol. 25, No.  
12, December 1988)

The board of regents of the Museum of New Mexico voted in September to inter the remains of 31 Confederate soldiers from Texas in the Santa Fe National Cemetery. The board's action comes one year after Gov. Bill Clements made an appeal to have the remains of the soldiers, who were killed in action at the 1862 Battle of Glorieta Pass, returned to Texas.

Board members claimed that keeping the soldiers' remains at the national cemetery in New Mexico would increase the historical significance of the Glorieta battlefield should it become a national monument. The battlefield is located 15 miles southeast of Santa Fe.

The University of New Mexico and the state Laboratory of Anthropology have been conducting forensic studies on the remains since their accidental discovery in June 1987.

One dissenting board member, Albert Simms, voted in favor of returning the remains to Texas for humane reasons, according to the Santa Fe *New Mexican*. Local preservation groups agreed that the decision to keep the remains in New Mexico was the right one.

T. R. Fehrenbach, chairman of the Texas Historical Commission, will request that Gov. Bill Clements make a written appeal to the museum's board to reconsider its decision. Gov. Clements last year tentatively approved a plan to return the soldiers' remains for reinterment in the State Cemetery in Austin. The Sons of Confederate Veterans has volunteered to raise funds to cover the cost of the move.

**LIBRARY HOURS**

The HAS Library will be open between 6:30 and 7:25 p.m., before the January 13 meeting, at the Carriage House.

**LABORATORY SCHEDULE**

January 9 - Rice University, Archeology Laboratory, Room 103, Sewall Hall, 7-9 p.m. We'll be working on artifacts from 41FB42 and from the DiverseWorks project.

January 23 - Rice University, Archeology Laboratory, Room 103, Sewall Hall, 7-9 p.m. Workshop on Indian pottery by Marshall Black.

For further information, call David Pettus at 481-6007.

In the Battle of Glorieta Pass, Confederate soldiers attempted to capture the gold mines of Colorado. All of them, who varied in age from 15 to 23 years, lost their lives in intense and close fighting with Union forces.

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Nationally recognized conservationist Terry Hershey will speak on the history of Buffalo Bayou on board the chartered Island Queen on April 4. Key sights on this chartered cruise will include the old warehouse district, bayou and channel development, new parks, and water purification projects.

Registration for the 5 classes is \$65 per person. Contact The Houston Seminar, P. O. Box 22764, Houston, Texas 77227-2764.

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#### **LIFE ON THE BAYOU PRESENTED BY THE HOUSTON SEMINAR**

*Life on the Bayou*, a new course offered this spring by The Houston Seminar, will consist of 5 classes on Tuesdays, March 7 through April 4, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Houston's downtown is experiencing a renaissance as Houstonians rediscover their rich historical and natural resources. Through a series of lectures and tours, this course will explore Houston's past and plans for future development of the Bayou.

Architectural historian Stephen Fox presents "Houston Revisited" on March 7. This slide lecture will highlight the Bayou City's early culture, commerce, and key personalities.

Minnette Boesel, Executive Director of the Downtown Houston Association, presents a lecture "Houston's Marketplace: Visions and Revisions" and lead a tour of the Market Square area on March 14. Plans for revitalizing Houston's historic properties will be discussed.

On March 21, Dr. Ken Brown, Chairman of the Department of Anthropology, University of Houston, will talk about archeology of Houston's history and about current excavations.

"Lost Homes and Early Leaders", a slide lecture about Houston's 19th century homes and leading families, will be presented on March 28 by Barrie Scardino, President of the Greater Houston Preservation Alliance.

#### **NEW DISCOVERY FOR EARLIEST EVIDENCE OF USE OF FIRE**

Until recently, standard anthropology textbooks cited a 500,000-year old Chinese site as the earliest direct evidence for controlled use of fire. In the December 1 issue of *Nature*, C. K. Brain of the Transvaal Museum in Pretoria and Andrew Sillen of the University of Cape Town report new direct evidence of fire use, in the form of charred animal bones dating to between 1 million and 1.5 million years ago. The evidence comes from a South African cave where previous excavations had unearthed remains of hominids killed by large cats. Brain suggests that the initial purpose of building fires may have been to ward off these predators at night.

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#### **NEW FINDINGS AT TEOTIHUACAN**

Eighty-three human skeletons from burial pits found around and inside the Feathered Serpent Pyramid at the site of Teotihuacan, located near Mexico City, appear to be those of victims of ritual sacrifice between A.D. 150 and 200, according to a December 17 report in *Science News*. The skeletons' hands, with wrists crossed, were behind their backs, indicating the victims were forcibly bound, and many skeletons were clad in military attire but did not indicate serious battle wounds.

George Cowgill of Brandeis University, co-director of the 1987 excavations, believes the burials support the interpretation that Teotihuacan culture can be divided into two periods, the first lasting from around 100 B.C. until A.D. 300, characterized by single, powerful rulers. Murals of the second period, which lasted until around A.D. 750, display communal activities and do not depict preeminent rulers.

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#### **HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND STATE GRANTS ANNOUNCED**

The apportionment of \$29.5 million in Historic Preservation grants to states was announced in November. The grants may be used to identify, inventory and inspect historic sites, monitor compliance with Federal preservation requirements, provide technical assistance to private interests and assist local government preservation programs. The apportionment amount to Texas was \$640,643, the fifth largest state apportionment, behind New York, California, Pennsylvania, and Ohio.

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#### **AMERICAN HERITAGE TRUST ACT**

Legislation that would have converted the Historic Preservation Fund and the Land and Water Conservation Fund into permanent interest-bearing trust funds died when Congress adjourned without passing the measure in either the House or the Senate. Although HR 4127 was scheduled for floor action in September, it was pulled from the schedule when it was learned that members of the Appropriations Committee were questioning the bill's funding mechanism. Members of Appropriations had previously been involved in writing the bill and had given approval to the funding mechanism, according to reports from the staff of the Interior Committee.

Proponents of the American Heritage Trust Act hope that this legislation will be re-introduced early in 1989.

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#### **SUMMER INSTITUTE IN THE HISTORICAL ARCHAEOLOGY**

The Flowerdew Hundred Foundation is sponsoring A SUMMER INSTITUTE IN THE HISTORICAL ARCHAEOLOGY OF EUROPEAN EXPANSION 1550-1700, scheduled June 25-July 30, 1989.

This summer institute will bring a comparative approach to the study of European expansion in the 200 years following Columbus's voyage. A visiting faculty of eminent scholars will share their research on English, Spanish, French and Dutch colonization, as well as the resultant interaction with the indigenous populations. Designed to enhance teaching, this institute will provide a thorough grounding in historical archaeology and material culture through archaeological excavation, laboratory work and research, formal classroom instruction, and informal seminars and discussions.

A typical day will involve archaeological excavation in the morning, lectures and lab work in the afternoon, and informal discussions in camp in the evening. During the program, at least one visiting faculty member will be in residence each week. Field trips to Washington, D.C., Martin's Hundred, and Jamestown are scheduled.

The five-week Institute will be directed by Dr. James Deetz, Professor of Anthropology at the University of California at Berkeley. Ten staff members from the Lowie Museum of Anthropology, the Anthropology Department of the University of California at Berkeley, and the Flowerdew Hundred Foundation will assist in instruction in laboratory, excavation, recording, and historical research techniques.

Each accepted participant's home institution is required to contribute \$250 toward the cost of the Institute. A stipend of \$2750 will be awarded, from which a bed and board charge of \$1500 will be deducted before payment. Participants will be furnished with all texts and course materials at no cost.

For more information, write or call:

Robert Wharton, Executive Director  
Flowerdew Hundred Foundation  
1617 Flowerdew Hundred Road  
Hopewell, Virginia 23860  
(804) 541-8897 or 541-8938

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## HOUSTON AIA LECTURES

The Houston Society of the Archaeological Institute of America has scheduled the following public lectures during January and February.

Monday, January 16, Room 301, Sewall Hall, Rice University - Roger Ulrich of Rice University will speak on "Temples of North Africa."

Monday, February 6, Room 301, Sewall Hall, Rice University - Elizabeth Simpson of the Metropolitan Museum will speak on "The Mind of the Ancient Artist."

Meetings are at 8:00 p.m. A reception will follow the lectures.

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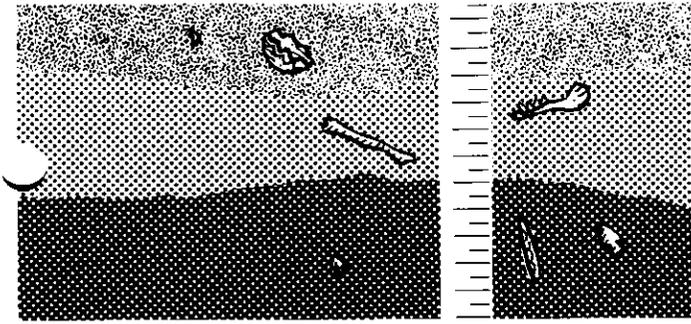
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### MEETING NOTICE, FEBRUARY, 1989

Date: Friday, February 10, 1989  
Time: 7:30 p.m.  
Place: University of St. Thomas  
M.D. Anderson Hall  
Program: Darrouh House Excavation  
Speaker: Joan Few  
Diana Rasmussen

### PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Why beat around the bush? It's the most critical time of the year for the Houston Archeological Society. The time we need your membership renewal to continue the activities of the Society in the coming year. You are looking at a renewal form right now, so get your scissors, clip it out, and mail it with a check today!

### LIBRARY HOURS

The HAS library will be open between 6:30 and 7:25 pm, before the February 10 meeting, at the Carriage House.

### LABORATORY SCHEDULE

February 13, 7-9pm  
February 27, 7-9pm  
Rice University  
Archeology Lab  
Sewall Hall  
Room 103

Finish washing and sorting artifacts from 41FB42.

For further information, call David Pettus at 481-6007.

### MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL APPLICATION

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Please complete both sides and mail with check for correct amount to above address.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ H phone \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ B phone \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Type of membership: \_\_\_\_\_ Student, \$5.00  
\_\_\_\_\_ Single, \$15.00  
New member \_\_\_\_\_ Family, \$20.00  
Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ Contributing, \$30.00 & up  
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**PROPOSED STANDING RULE**

**SouthEast Texas Research Award**

**PURPOSE**

For outstanding contributions to archeological research in Southeast Texas (prehistoric and/or historic) by an individual or an organization.

**FREQUENCY AND FORM**

Annual award to be given by the HAS in the form of an engraved plaque.

**SELECTION PROCESS**

Nominations can be made by members of the Awards Committee and by other members of the HAS. The Awards Committee will make a yearly recommendation for final approval by the HAS Board of Directors. The Awards Committee will make the yearly recommendation in September, with the award presentation to be made at the regular HAS monthly meeting in October.

**Houston Archeological Society Merit Award**

**PURPOSE**

The HAS Merit Award will be given as an occasional award for outstanding contributions to archeology in specific areas by an individual or an organization, such as for excellent performance in the nonselective offices of the HAS (Field Director, Editor, etc.) or for specific projects.

**FORM**

This award to be given by the HAS in the form of an engraved plaque.

**SELECTION PROCESS**

The selection process for occasional awards will generally be the same as for the Southeast Texas Research Award, with all awards approved by the HAS Board of Directors

**General Qualification For HAS Awards**

Awards may be made by the Houston Archeological Society to any qualified individual or organization, with membership in the HAS not being a requirement.

The above standing rule will be submitted to the Society for a vote at the February 10 meeting.

**PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1989**

The following budget has been drafted by the Treasurer for presentation to the Board of Directors for approval.

<u>PROJECTED</u>	<u>INCOME</u>
\$4,000.00	Membership Dues
450.00	Contributions
450.00	Sales of Publications and Books
<u>\$4,900.00</u>	

<u>PROJECTED</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
175.00	Dues and Membership Fees
50.00	(To Other Societies)
700.00	Laboratory Supplies
1,600.00	Honoraria
95.00	Journal Expense
180.00	Miscellaneous Expense
400.00	Stationery & Office Supplies
1,300.00	Postage Expense
400.00	Profile Expense, Other Fees and Services (Telephone answering, Bulk mail fee, Sales Tax Fee, etc.)
<u>\$4,900.00</u>	

**FIELD REPORT**

The Society has finished its fieldwork at 41FB42 near Kendleton under the direction of Field Director, Sheldon Kindall. It is expected that fieldwork will resume March 18-19 at a campsite used by General Sam Houston.

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Tuesday, March 7 \* Robert Fleischer of the University of Mainz will speak on "The Hellenistic Frieze of Sagalassos, Turkey."

## OTHER EVENTS

Wednesday, February 22 \* President's Lecture Series \* Rice University, Rice Memorial Center, 8:00 pm. Roger E. Leakey, Paleontologist, to speak on "The Origins of Mankind."

1989 Texas Archeological Society Field School will be June 10-17 at Devil's River, Val Verde County, near Del Rio.

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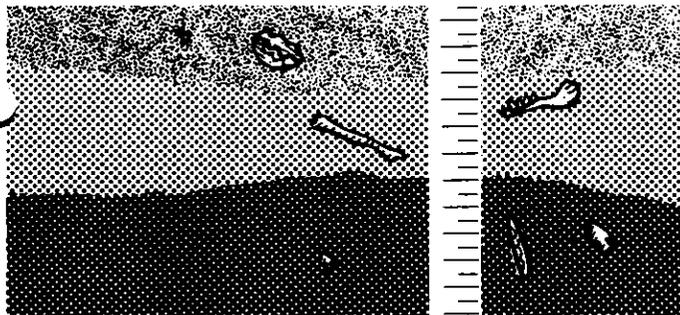
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## Meeting Notice

**Date:** Friday, March 10, 1989  
**Time:** 7:30 P.M.  
**Place:** University of St. Thomas  
M.D. Anderson Hall  
**Program:** June 10-17 Field School  
Excavations in Pecos  
River Area  
**Speaker:** Soldern Turpin  
Texas Archaeology  
Research Lab, University  
of Texas

## Library Notes

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## President's Column

Though I was delighted when Jerry Sadler volunteered so quickly and eagerly to take over the editorship of our PROFILE newsletter, it wouldn't do, however, to let any more time pass without expressing the Society's thanks to our former editor Margie Elliot. Margie served the Society well in this position, since she first upgraded the newsletter from a mere meeting notice to its current stature during her presidency. Keep in mind that we distribute dozens of complimentary copies of the newsletter to other organizations and community leaders in the Houston area. Thanks to her efforts, the PROFILE is now our most valuable means for spreading word of the concerns of the Houston Archaeological Society not only to our membership, but to the community at large as well. Thanks again Margie.

## ANOTHER REMINDER

Time to renew your membership for 1989. You have only until the end of March to avoid being dropped from the roll. Don't let that happen to you. A membership form can be cut out of your February Profile.

## ARCHAEOLOGISTS TOGETHER

by Ed Bader, CSB.

More than 3,000 Archaeologists from five continents assembled in Baltimore, January 5-9 for the First Joint Archaeological Congress - the largest ever held.

Indonesia, the USSR, the Philippines, Australia and South Africa were among the countries from which specialists in prehistorical, classical and historical archaeology, delivered almost 1,000 papers in 150 sessions. The meeting was organized by the Archaeological Institute of America and the American Philological Association, the main societies concerned with Greek and Roman scholarship, the American Schools of Oriental Research, which conduct operations in the Middle East from Egypt to Iran, and the Society for Historical Archaeology, of archaeologists working on the Colonial and later periods in the U.S. and its neighbors.

The congress began with a plenary session and marvelously humorous address on "Archaeography, Archaeology or Archeology" by one of the world's leading historical archaeologists, James Deetz of the the University of California at Berkley and James Wiseman, President of the AIA speaking on "Archaeology and the Part", and ended similarly with a session on "Archaeology in the Future."

Among the many topical issues considered over the four days was the question of archaeology and public education. Pam Wheat and Joan Few presented a paper on "Teaching Through Archaeology Developing Workshops for Elementary and Secondary Teachers." Joan also spoke on the topic, the Darrough House site, she shared with us last month, in a session

on Landscape Archaeology and Settlement Patterns: "Early Development and Economic Shifts in Galveston Texas as Seen Through the Archaeological Record."

Ken Brown spoke on "Issues Regarding Archaeological Site Integrity in Urban Settings" in the session on Urban Environment. He and Doreen Cooper, in Reports on Research, spoke about their Levi Jordan Plantation dig; "The Archaeology of Slave Ethnicity: African Cultural Retentions in a Slave Community". Tom Laity and Ed Bader, representing both the HAS and the local society of the AIA, along with four others, helped to swell the Houston contingent at the conference.

Underwater archaeology, one of the newest branches of the subject, was widely covered. One of the most popular presentations was by George Bass of the Institute of Nautical Archaeology at Texas A&M on their dig on the Bronze Age shipwreck at Ulu Burun on the Turkish coast. You can hear the latest report on this important and fascinating site next month, on Sunday April 9 at 8:00 p.m. when Dr. Bass will give an illustrated talk at the University of St. Thomas in Jones auditorium.

During this extraordinary meeting archaeologists from countries that hardly speak at the United Nations exchanged data and ideas in professional amity, and political protests, which I experienced at the "World Archaeological Congress in England in 1986 (when the banning of South African archaeologists, and the free exchange of information, led to the withdrawal of almost half the expected participants) were nowhere to be seen to mar the admirable archaeological harmony.

**RAMSES II EXHIBIT**

The Dallas Museum of Natural History is sponsoring an exhibit of artifacts from the Dynasty of Ramses the Great. The exhibit will last from March 5 through August 27 at the Museum building in Texas State Fair Park. The exhibit will be open seven days a week. For more information call 1-800-446-8669

**HAS NEWCOMERS WORKSHOP**

On April 14-16, The Houston Archaeological Society will hold a weekend workshop for persons interested in learning about archaeological field work. This workshop is designed for persons who have never participated in an archaeological excavation. It will include a Friday evening lecture with an overview of archaeology by a leading academic archaeologist, a Saturday classroom session on archaeological methods, procedures and field techniques at the Museum of Natural Science, and a Sunday field session of excavation with close supervision and teaching by experienced HAS members.

Workshop participants must become dues paid members of the Houston Archaeological Society and must have signed the pledge of site and artifact protection and preservation.

Families are welcome, however, because of the length of the workshop, children should be of middle school or high school age.

To register, please send the form on this page along with registration fee to Pam Wheat, 1901 Bolsover, Houston, Tx. 77005.

For more information call: Pam Wheat at 523-8048 p.m. or Joan Few at 666-3496.

**ARCHAEOLOGY AWARENESS**

As previously announced, the week of April 8 - 15 will be Archaeology Awareness Week. Volunteers are needed to assist in the Society's program for library contact regarding poster displays and encouragement of book displays and possible programs to be given by individual Society members. Contact Pam Wheat after 5:00 p.m., 523-8048 to volunteer.

**LIBRARY CONTRIBUTION**

The Society thanks Leland Patterson for his recent significant contribution of books to the Society library. The Library welcomes any further contributions from Society members.

**LUBBOCK ARCHAEOLOGY CENTER**

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department recently announced that the Lubbock Lake landmark, a state historic site, will be the location of a historical park and interpretive center for the display of artifacts from that area. The display will include a giant armadillo which was three feet tall and six feet long. The park is scheduled to open in October, 1989

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**HAS Workshop Registration**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
HAS member?  yes  no  
Single Registration \_\_\_\_\_ \$10.00  
Family Registration \_\_\_\_\_ \$15.00  
Additional Family Names: \_\_\_\_\_

You will be sent a confirmation and complete itinerary. Upon receipt of your registration fee please make checks payable to Houston Archaeological Society

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OTHER EVENTS

April 14 - 16 - HAS Newcomers Workshop. See page 3 for details.

The HAS program for the May 12 meeting will be Rebecca Story of the University of Houston discussing "Skeletons of Teotihuacan."

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## Meeting Notice

Date: Friday, April 14, 1989  
Time: 7:30 P.M.  
Place: University of St. Thomas  
M.D. Anderson Hall  
Program: Excavation in Belize  
Speaker: Fred Valdez  
University of Texas at  
Austin

## Library Notes

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## Laboratory Schedule

Laboratory Director, David Pettus, expressed the appreciation of the Society for the many individuals who participated in washing and sorting of artifacts from 41FB42 in order that the work has now been finished in a timely manner.

## President's Column

### ARCHAEOLOGY AWARENESS WEEK NEWCOMERS WORKSHOP

April 10 is the deadline for the Newcomers Workshop to be held April 14 through 16. The Workshop will include the Friday night HAS meeting lecture, a hands-on session at the Houston Museum of Natural Science on Saturday 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (bring a sack lunch, a drink machine is available) and a Sunday excavation between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. in Wharton County. A map will be provided on Friday or Saturday. The meeting place will be a Diamond Shamrock station in Kendleton, Texas. Bring lunch and drinks and tools to include, if possible the following: 8" Marshalltown trowel, Metric tape measure, bucket and straight edged shovel. The Workshop needs 8-10 members to serve as crew chiefs for the Sunday training session. Please call Sheldon Kindall (326-2160) to volunteer. Registratin fee is \$10.00 for individual or \$15.00 for family. For more information call Pam Wheat (523-8048) or Joan Few (666-3496).

### ANOTHER DUES REMINDER

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## PUBLICATION NOTICE

A report entitled "A Data Base for Inland Southeast Texas Archeology", Houston Archeological Society, Report No. 6, by L.W. Patterson is now available. This report contains tabulations of data from 183 published archeological sites, including basic site data, arrow points, dart points, ceramics, radiocarbon dates, lithics, faunal remains, miscellaneous artifacts and some mortuary data. A complete reference list of publications used is included. This report is intended to be a comprehensive working reference for the subregion. The cost of this report is \$6.00 including postage, and may be obtained from: Houston Archeological Society, P.O. Box 6751, Houston, Texas 77265.

This data base of 12 tables was done on an IBM PC using the Paradox relational data base program. A computer disk of the data files can be made available at cost, in Paradox or dBase format.

## FIELD REPORT

Field Director Sheldon Kindall, reports a successful investigation of the Sam Houston Campsite in March, 1989. At the request of the state archaeologist, HAS field crews investigated the site and verified that it had been used by Sam Houston. 46 artifacts were found including an 1829 penny in almost mint condition, 10 to 12 musket balls and 3 buttons.

## HAS EXHIBIT UPDATE

From: Joan Few

The Houston Archeological Society's exhibit, Houston Archeology: Our Heritage Underground, is currently at the University of Houston/Clear Lake in the lobby of the Alfred R. Neuman Library. Hours are Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The new artifact display cases constructed by the Two Headed Wooden Nickel Company look wonderful and add a very solid appearance to the whole exhibit. Neal Stilley refurbished the wickiup with new branches and reconstructed it for us again. The Indian campsite display must be reconstructed with each move and we are very appreciative of Neal's willingness to do this.

Laurels go to Mary and Michael Hodge and Robbie Brewington who provided the muscle and transportation to get the exhibit to Clear Lake. It takes a 9 hour day and a labor of love to get it moved and set up. Special thanks go to Joan Jordan for braving a cold winter wet day in an unheated warehouse to help paint those areas of the exhibit that needed a touch up.

The exhibit is getting a lot of exposure. Everyone at Clear Lake is very complimentary of the exhibit and delighted to have it on campus. Next stop will be Fort Bend County Museum for the summer and then on to the University of St. Thomas for the fall.

REPORT FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

Lab work on Levi Jordan Plantation (41B0165) artifacts.

Work on the artifacts recovered from excavations at the Levi Jordan plantation is continuing in the Archaeology lab in the Anthropology Department, University of Houston, Room 256, McElhinney Hall. In addition to cleaning and conservation of artifacts, general cataloging is proceeding on the over 100,000 artifacts thus far recovered from the former slave quarter area. Also, assistance is sought in special artifact categories such as 1800's munitions, hardware, tools, etc. If you would be interested in assisting in the laboratory phase of this investigation, please contact Dr. Ken Brown or Doreen Cooper at 749-3921.

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The Anthropology Department of the University of Houston will again conduct a summer field session at the Levi Jordan Plantation in Brazoria, Texas. Six hours of undergraduate or graduate credit is offered. If you are not interested in obtaining college credit, you are welcome to drop in and join us on an informal basis. Excavations will be Monday through Friday from June 8 until July 11. Please contact Dr. Ken Brown at 749-3921 if you are interested in attending this archaeology field school.

**HAS THANKS TO BEASLEY COMPANY**

The Houston Archaeological Society expresses their appreciation to the Beasley Company, Inc., a local printing and engraving company located at 1847 West Alabama for their assistance in printing the 200 posters for Archaeology Awareness Week.

WORKSHOP IN FIELD METHODS FOR AVOCATIONAL ARCHAEOLOGISTS

August 6 - 19, 1989

Fort Burgwin Research Center  
Taos, New Mexico

SMU's Fort Burgwin Research Center announces a 12 day workshop in Field Methods for avocational archaeologists. The field methods workshop is limited to 20 participants. Some background in archaeology is preferred. Due to the nature of the course, participants MUST be housed on the Fort grounds.

Fees \$200.00  
Room and Board \$390.00

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Dr. Patricia Crown  
Fort Burgwin Research Center  
P.O. Box 300  
Ranchos de Taos, N.M. 87557  
(505) 983-5342

FIELD EXPERIENCE IN ARCHAEOLOGY

School teachers can receive AAT credit for participation in Texas Archaeology Society Summer Field School June 10 - 14, 1989 at Devil's River State Natural Area, Val Verde County near Del Rio. Learn theory and method for archaeological investigations and classroom teaching applications under accredited TEA program for 24 - 30 hours credit. Cost:

\$15.00 TAS membership  
\$50.00 Field school fee  
\$ 8.00 Teaching materials  
\$73.00 Total

For further information write or call: Texas Archaeological Society, Center for Archaeological Research, UTSA, San Antonio, Texas 78285

or

Pam Wheat, 1901 Bolsover, Houston, Texas 77005 (713) 523-8048 after 5

## HOUSTON AIA LECTURES

The Houston Society of the Archaeological Institute of America has scheduled the following public lecture during April.

On Sunday, April 9, the AIA will sponsor a lecture by George Bass of Texas A&M on "Ulu Burun: Bronze Age Shipwreck" at the University of St. Thomas at 8:00 p.m. Jones Auditorium in the Academic Mall

## OTHER EVENTS

April 14-16, 1989 - HAS Newcomers Workshop. See page 1 for details.

The HAS program for the May 12 meeting will be Rebecca Story of the University of Houston discussing "Skeletons of Teotihuacan." In May, 1989 the HAS will celebrate its thirteenth birthday.

June 10 - 17 - 1989 Texas Archaeological Society Field School will be at Devil's River, Val Verde County, near Del Rio.

May 25 - 30, 1989 - International Rock Art Conference will be held in San Antonio to include side trip to Seminole Canyon. For information contact Roberta McGregor, Witte Museum, P. O. Box 2601, San Antonio, Texas 78299 (512)266-5544 ext. 251

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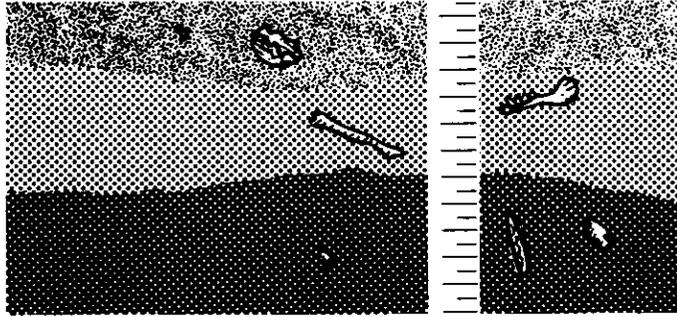
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## Meeting Notice

Date: Friday, May 19, 1989  
Time: 7:30 p.m.  
Place: University of St. Thomas  
M.D. Anderson Hall  
Program: Skeletons of Teotihuacan  
Speaker: Rebecca Story  
University of Houston

## Library Notes

The HAS library will be open between 6:30 and 7:25 p.m., before the regular monthly meeting, on the second floor of the Carriage House, located on the grounds of the Link Lee Mansion at Montrose and Alabama.

## Laboratory Schedule

May 15 Monday 7:00 \* 9:00 p.m.  
May 29 Monday 7:00 \* 9:00 p.m.

Rice University Archaeology Lab  
Sewall Hall \* Room 103

For further information, call David Pettus at 481-6007.

## President's Column

With the April meeting the Houston Archaeological Society obtained its 30th birthday. That's quite an accomplishment in itself. The Society can be proud to have provided a responsible outlet for the lure and romance of archaeology for three decades. We begin our fourth decade of exploration into southeast Texas with a maturing association, one that is maintaining its stewardship of the past through both field research and community education. But through the seriousness, let's not forget that it's been 30 years of fun and good fellowship too.

**May meeting changed to Friday May 19, 1989.**

In as much as the University of St. Thomas is holding a portion of its 1989 graduation activities in the M.D. Anderson Hall on Friday, May 12, 1989, it is necessary to change the May meeting to the next Friday May 19, 1989.

**Archaeology Awareness Week was very successful!**

Library displays were set up in ten libraries by the following volunteers: Joyce Wagner, Betty Kindall, Becky Jacobs, Ed Bader, Betty Anne Hall, Mike Woods and Beth Kennedy. Evening lectures were given by Leland Patterson and Bill McClure.

And an invigorating workshop on archaeological methods attracted 28 participants. The first session was the talk by Dr. Fred Valdez on Friday night at St. Thomas University on the topic of Excavations in Belize. Then HAS members served as instructors on Saturday for a variety of topics. Thanks go to Marshall Black, Dave Pettus, Suzanne Patrick, Troy Herndon, Elisa Phelps, Dolph Widmer, Eileen Thompson, Joan Few and Pam Wheat. The sessions were held at the Houston Museum of Natural Science.

On Sunday, 26 of the participants were introduced to field work. Field supervisors included: Sheldon Kindall, Joe Hudgins, Dick Gregg, Bernard Naman, Bill Shurman, Jerry Sadler, Alex Shahan, Ronna Dillinger, Tommy Nuckols, Mac McCausland, Eileen Thompson, Joan Few and Pam Wheat. Thanks to Joe Hudgins who arranged access to an interesting site in Wharton County with sandy soil. Fourteen new memberships were paid - 7 family, 5 individual and 2 student. This was the most enthusiastic group yet to be introduced to archaeological methods by the Society.

On Monday some of the participants returned for the fourth day in a row and helped in the HAS Laboratory to wash and sort the artifacts collected the day before.

**MORE FINDS FROM BRONZE AGE SHIP**

The Houston Society of the Archaeological Institute of America held its most recent public lecture on April 9 at St. Thomas University on Ulu Burun: Bronze Age Shipwreck including an interesting lecture and extensive slides. The study was under the direction of George Bass of Texas A & M University.

A Bronze Age Shipwreck discovered off a rocky cape in southern Turkey more than four years ago continues to yield important artifacts. The trading vessel, probably of the Canaanite culture, sank around 1600 B.C. Last summer's expedition to the oldest known shipwreck uncovered two new types of copper ingots, once used to shape bronze tools and weapons. One of the ingot styles, with two handles, is portrayed in ancient Egyptian wall paintings of metal working. The other ingot is shaped like a dog biscuit and does not resemble any other Bronze Age ingots found in the Mediterranean.

Other finds last summer include: an ivory wand, slightly larger than a pencil, the purpose of which is unknown; two scarabs apparently from northern Syria; a gold pendant the size of a man's hand; and a cache of Syrian pottery.

A form of resin previously found in jars on the ship was probably imported from Syria to Egypt for use as incense in religious rituals.

**MAY 21 ■ INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM DAY**

The Houston Museum of Natural History will be open May 21 with no entrance fee. Specialists will be on hand to identify archaeological artifacts, and to demonstrate pottery making.

**1989 FIELD SCHOOL**  
**TEXAS ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY**  
from Texas Archeology

The 1989 TAS Field School will be held from June 10 through the 17 on the east side of the Devils River along Dolan Creek in Val Verde County at the Devils River State Natural Area, roughly 40 miles north of Del Rio. About 22,000 acres once part of the 60,000 acre Fawcett Ranch, were acquired recently by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department as a public preserve. This field school will facilitate the inventory of the Natural Area's archaeological and historical resources and make assessments that will be used to help determine policy for preservation of sites during future development for public access.

Dr. Solveig A. Turpin, Associate Director of the Texas Archaeological Research Laboratory, The University of Texas at Austin, will be the Field Director.

The Devils River State Natural Area includes examples of all the environmental zones identified in the Lower Pecos River region. The springs provide most of the flow of the Devils River, which made a concentration of occupation possible there throughout prehistory. Open campsites line the several canyons that dissect the rolling hills bordering the Devils River; in rockshelters in the entrenched valley and along tributaries of Dolan Creek are several notable rock art sites attributable to the Archaic age Pecos River style. Historic groups painted pictographs with definite Plains attributes above Dolan Springs.

One of the largest "living" caverns in the region, Fawcett Cave, is within the bounds of the Devils River State Natural Area. Mapped by spelunkers during the 1970s, this

cave comprises many caverns with spectacular stalactites and stalagmites. The cave, now a registered bat sanctuary, has potential as an archaeological site.

TAS's first goal, during this field school will be to identify the hundreds of archaeological sites that are presumed to be within the 22,000 acre preserve. Most of the 50 recorded sites were documented only superficially during the several reconnaissance surveys, and much of the area never has been investigated. As part of the documentation process, both previously and newly identified rock art sites will be recorded in detail, and artists and photographers will make copies of these works for posterity. Another goal of the field school, limited excavation of rock shelters, open campsites, and caves, may help to refine a chronology of occupation in the Area. Assessments of these sites will enable TPWD to plan development of the Natural Area.

For registration information contact: Texas Archaeology Society, Center for Archaeological Research, University of Texas San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas 78285.

**POTTERY CATALOGING PROJECT**

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Reminder: No HAS monthly meeting in June.

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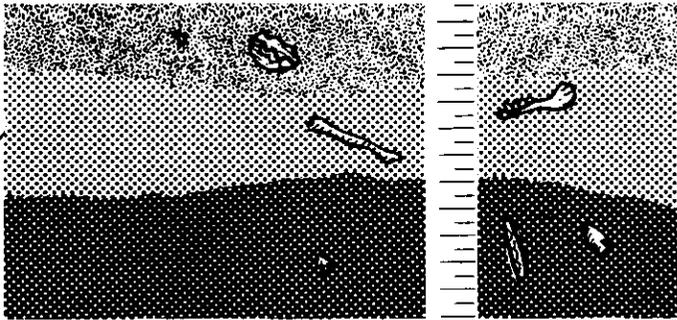
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## Meeting Notice

No Society Meeting in June.  
The next meeting will be:

Date: July 14, 1989  
Time: 7:30 p.m.  
Place: University of St. Thomas  
M.D. Anderson Hall  
Program: To Be Announced

## Library Notes

The HAS library will be open between 6:30 and 7:25 p.m., before the regular monthly meeting, on the second floor of the Carriage House, located on the grounds of the Link Lee Mansion at Montrose and Alabama.

## Laboratory Schedule

Laboratory director, David Pettus, has retired from that position and Ritchie Ebersole has volunteered to serve as Interim Director. Any one interested in volunteering as Permanent Laboratory Director should contact Roger Moore at 680-0715.

No laboratory sessions will be held during June.

## HUMAN REMAINS LEGISLATION

A bill designed to protect unmarked human burials (historic and prehistoric) has been passed by the legislature and is awaiting consideration by the Governor. It would expand existing cemetery legislation and would include burials found on private property. Discovery of a burial would require immediate contact with the Office of the State Archaeologist to determine whether the burial should be disturbed. An advisory committee will be established to include representatives of the museums, archaeology societies, Indian groups and others to consult with the State Archaeologist with regard to establishing conditions for disturbing human remains.

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## 1989 TAS ANNUAL MEETING

October 27-29 Kingston Hotel, Amarillo, Texas \* Mark your calendar now!

The Panhandle Archaeological Society of Amarillo, Texas, has started planning for the 1989 TAS Annual Meeting to be held at the Kingston (formerly the Hilton) Hotel at I-40 and Lakeside in Amarillo. Special rates of \$45.00 for single and \$49.00 for double occupancy have been negotiated for reservations made by October 12. The speaker for the Saturday banquet will be the Honorable Stewart L. Udall, former Secretary of the Interior and now Chairman of the Archaeological Conservancy Board.

### HAS TRAVELING EXHIBIT

Beginning May 19, 1989, the Houston Archaeological Society Traveling Exhibit will be on display from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily at the Fort Bend County Museum, 500 Houston Street, Richmond, Texas.

### FIELD REPORT

Field Director, Sheldon Kindall announces that two sites will be available for field work beginning in late summer. A specific proposal will be submitted in July.

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## MUSEUM OF NATURAL SCIENCE PROGRAMS

"The Egyptian Mummy: Unwrapping The Mystery" March 23 - August 27, 1989 Jones Gallery

No single type of artifact from the ancient world excites more interest than the Egyptian mummy. This exhibit explores the mysteries of Egyptian mummies and the myths that have developed around them. It will also focus on the University of Houston's CAT-scan project on the Museum's mummy.

"Lower Pecos Legacy" June 8 - August 6, 1989 Alkek Hall At least 4000 years ago, people began to decorate the walls of rockshelters and overhangs clustered along the canyons of the Lower Pecos area of Texas. This exhibit focuses on the oldest and most common rock art style, the Pecos River Style, dating to at least 2000 B.C. Later styles are shown in the exhibit as well, including the Historic Style, which indicated European contact by its representation of themes such as the horse. Betty Pat Gatliff, a recognized world expert on skull identification and facial reconstruction, will present a one hour lecture at the Houston Museum of Natural Science on Friday, June 16 at 7:30 p.m.

The twentieth anniversary of the first moon landing will be celebrated with a special Burke Baker Planetarium show called "Return to Tranquility" This special commemorative program, traces the events leading up to man's first historic steps on the moon and runs June 9 through October 1.

## ARCHAEOLOGICAL ORGANIZATIONS

Society members interested in additional information regarding avocational archaeology may be interested in contacting or joining any one or more of the following organizations:

Texas Archaeological Society, Center for Archaeological Research, The University of Texas at San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas 78285.

Society for American Archaeology, 808 17th Street, N.W., Suite 200, Washington, D.C. 20006, (202)223-9774.

Southern Texas Archaeological Association, 123 East Crestline, San Antonio, Texas 78201.

Coastal Bend Archaeological Society c/o 326 Troy, Corpus Christi, Texas 78412.

Webb County Archaeological Society, c/o Dr. Leon DeKing, Texas A&I University at Laredo, Laredo, Texas 78040.

Southwest Texas Archaeological Society, c/o 622 Funston Place, San Antonio, Texas 78209.

Central Texas Archaeological Society, 4229 Mitchell Road, Waco, Texas, 76710.

Concho Valley Archaeological Society, 2833 West Harris, San Angelo, Texas 76901.

Dallas Archaeological Society c/o Archaeology Research Program, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas 75275.

El Paso, Archaeological Society, P.O. Box 4345, El Paso, Texas 79914.

Iraan Archaeological Society, P.O. Box 183, Iraan, Texas 79744.

Midland Archaeological Society, P.O. Box 4224, Midland, Texas 79701.

Nacogdoches Archaeological Society, 1519 Pearl Street, Nacogdoches, Texas 75961.

Panhandle Archaeological Society, 912 N. 2nd Avenue, Canyon, Texas 79015.

South Plains Archaeological Society, P.O. Box 655, Floydada, Texas 79235.

## PUBLICATION NOTICE

A report entitled "An Archaeological Data Base for the Southeastern Texas Coastal Margin", Houston Archaeological Society, Report No. 7, by L.W. Patterson is now available. This report is a tabulation of data from 185 published archaeological sites, including basic site data, arrow points, dart points, ceramics, radiocarbon dates, lithics, faunal remains, miscellaneous artifacts and some mortuary data. A complete reference list of publications used is included. This report is intended to be a comprehensive working reference for this subregion, and compliments HAS Report No. 6 for the inland portion of Southeast Texas. Cost: \$6.00. Order from Houston Archaeological Society, P.O. Box 6751, Houston, Texas 77265.

This data base of 10 tables was done on an IBM PC, using the Paradox relational data base program. A computer disk of the data files can be made available at cost, in Paradox or dBase format.

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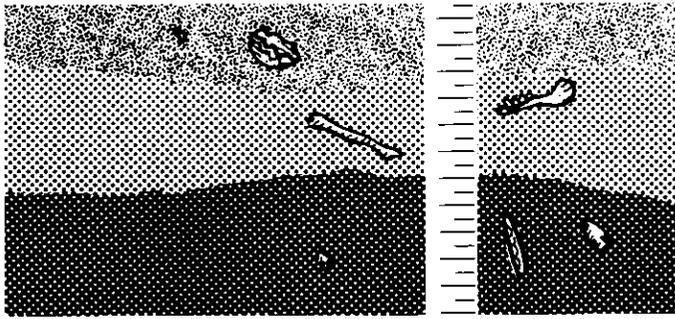
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## Meeting Notice

Date: August 11, 1989  
Time: 7:30 p.m.  
Place: University of St. Thomas  
M.D. Anderson Hall  
Program: Artifacts from Chrestmont  
burial site # 41WH39.  
Speaker: Joe Hudgins

## Library Notes

The HAS library will be open between 6:30 and 7:25 p.m., before the regular monthly meeting, on the second floor of the Carriage House, located on the grounds of the Link Lee Mansion at Montrose and Alabama.

## Laboratory Schedule

Laboratory Director, Richey Ebersole, announces a lab session to be held at 7:00 p.m. August 14 to finish cleaning and sorting artifacts from the July 22 excavation at 41WH12. Location is Rice University Archaeology Laboratory, Sewell Hall, Room 103.

## President's Column

Our July meeting consisted of the traditional Texas Archeology Society field school wrap-up. Members of HAS who attended the field school showed slides and talked about their experiences at Devil's River. As anyone who attended the July meeting can attest, field school is not an experience to be missed. If you are not already a member of the Texas Archeological Society, you should consider joining now in plenty of time to take part in next year's field school activities.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

A Nominating Committee has been appointed by the President to present names at the August Society meeting for 1989 - 1990 officers and for one director position. Any member with nominating suggestions should contact the committee as follows:

Jerry Sadler - Chairman	522-5121
Karen Easter	(home) 681-4236
	(work) 772-7711
Pam Wheat	523-8048
Linda Moorees	(home) 728-4923
	(work) 792-4081

An election will be held at the September 8 meeting.

## FIELD REPORT

The Houston Archaeological Society field crew, under field director Sheldon Kindall worked on July 22, 1989 at 41WH12, a site in Wharton County near Hungerford. Four test pits were excavated, one to a depth of 50 cm. Three distinct levels of shell midden were located and various artifacts were extracted. The artifacts were cleaned and sorted in the lab under the supervision of lab director Richey Ebersole.

The Society members participating in the dig were: Sheldon Kindall, E.R. Ebersole, Bob Etheridge, James Lockwood, Don Cole, Jerry Sadler, Katie Roark, Carla Lee, Lee Patterson, W.M. Black, Mike Johnston, R. McCansland, Bill Schurmann, Dick Gregg, Dudgeon Walker, Jr., Mike Woods, Linda Moorrees and Mike Marshall.

## UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON REPORT

Thanks to HAS members who volunteered to assist in the field and the lab during another successful University of Houston field school at the Levi Jordan Plantation.

The Levi Jordan Plantation (41B0165) is to be featured in an upcoming article in Archaeology magazine (Sept./Oct. 1989 issue) on archaeology and the Afro-American experience. The article is a result of a seminar held in May at the University of Mississippi that brought together archaeologists, historians and Afro-American scholars from all over the world and at which Dr. Ken Brown delivered a paper on the cultural adaptations of the slaves and later tenant farmers at the Levi Jordan Plantation.

The Archaeological Research Laboratory, University of Houston, has for sale Block 12, South Side Buffalo Bayou, Houston, Texas: Phase 1 Historical and Archaeological Investigations. The price is \$4.00, and copies can be obtained by calling or writing Dr. Ken Brown at the University of Houston, Anthropology Department, Houston, Texas 77204-5882; (713)749-3921.

## HUMAN REMAINS LEGISLATION

The Human Remains Legislation passed by the 1989 Legislature has been vetoed by the Governor.

## LUBBOCK LAKE

OCTOBER 1988

A week long series of events will recognize the half century of discovery, exploration, and community involvement at the Lubbock Lake State and National Landmark. The Lubbock Landmark is a 300 acre archaeological preserve located in Yellowhouse Draw on the outskirts of Lubbock. The Landmark is a complex of ancient man's activity areas with an extensive depositional, cultural and natural history record spanning the past 12,000 years and additional sediments going back at least 36,000 years.

The celebration will place regional past lifeways into a world perspective to enhance appreciation of the heritage provided by the Lubbock Lake Landmark. A greater awareness of this heritage will be fostered through a look at the similarities and differences of past peoples through a broad sweep of humanity from around the world. An international symposium, public lecture

series, and a regional tour of late Quaternary geological and archaeological localities will amplify the Lubbock Lake record. Other events include dedication of new public and research facilities, guided tours of the Landmark, and public banquet.

Thirty-nine scholars, representing 11 countries will contribute to the international symposium and participate in the public lectures and panel discussions on topics germane to the Landmark record within an international perspective. The symposium will focus on the integration of the geological and biological sciences in archaeology as a driving force behind the current era of Quaternary research, both at the Landmark and around the world.

For information contact:  
50th Anniversary Celebration  
Lubbock Lake Landmark  
Museum of Texas Tech University  
Lubbock, Texas 79409-3191  
(806) 742-2479

#### **SAM HOUSTON'S CAMP WEST OF THE BRAZOS**

During Sam Houston's fall back from Santa Anna as part of what is today referred to as the "runaway scrape", he withdrew to a campsite on the west side of the Brazos River, near Groce's Plantation and camped on the site between April 1, 1836 and April 12, 1836. In 1988, Mr. Jim Bishop, the Austin County Historical Commissioner, notified the Texas Historical Commission that he was preparing to submit a form for a historical marker to commemorate the campsite, and he informed the Commission that there may be some controversy in that a passage in the history of Waller County (east of the Brazos River) states that the actual location of the campsite today lies in Waller County. The Waller County argument is that although the camp

was on the west bank of the Brazos River in 1836, the river has since moved to the west so that actual location of the site is today on the east side of the river in Waller County.

HAS Field Director, Sheldon Kindall, was asked by the Office of the State Archeologist to see if the authenticity of the site in Austin County could be proved or disproved. On the weekend of March 18 and 19, 1989, the Houston Archeology Society and the Brazosport Archeological Society surveyed the property.

It was easy to detect the presence of the site with metal detectors and the location was further confirmed by historical descriptions which are consistent with the present site layout. A total of 46 items which appear to belong to the army were picked up. The single most "gee whiz" thing was an 1829 penny in near mint condition. The other more notable items were the buttons, and the lead bullets. The identification experts were David Crowley and Frank Brezik. Both are members of the Houston Archeological Society. Probably, the most important items picked up were the lead sprues and mold droppings. Only something like an army would be out there moulding lead balls in such numbers, thereby further confirming the site as a military encampment.

There appears to be no question that the site identified by Jim Bishop is the correct location of Sam Houston's Camp West of the Brazos and that it is in Austin County, not Waller County. The Brazos River has altered its course since 1836 but it has not moved far enough to the west to cause the site to now be located in Waller County.

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October 1-8, Lubbock, Texas  
Lubbock Lake Landmark Symposium.

October 27-29, 1989 Annual Meeting,  
Texas Archeological Society,  
Kingston Hotel, Amarillo, Texas.

Through August 27, 1989, Ramses II  
Exhibit at Dallas Museum of Natural  
History, Texas State Fair Park. For  
more information call 1-800-446-  
8669.

Through August 27, 1989, Egyptian  
Mummy Exhibit at Houston Museum of  
Natural Science.

August 24, 1989, 6:30 p.m., Heritage  
Society Dinner and program by Allen  
McCree, architect of the Texas State  
Capitol, on the topic of the history  
and present expansion of the Texas  
Capitol building. (655-1912).

September 13-18, Museum of Natural  
Science trip to sites in Canyon de  
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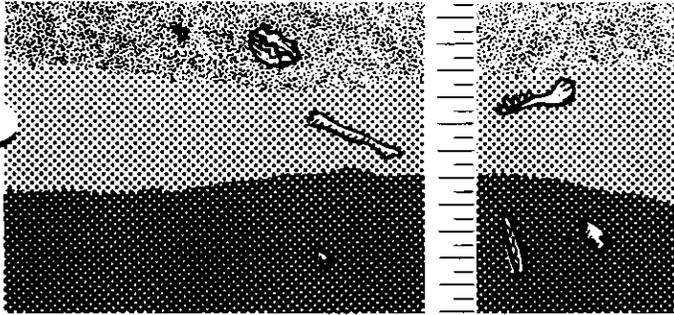
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SEPTEMBER, 1989

NEWSLETTER  
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## Meeting Notice

Date: September 8, 1989  
Time: 7:30 p.m.  
Place: University of St. Thomas  
M.D. Anderson Hall  
Program: To be announced

## Library Notes

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## Laboratory Schedule

September 11 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
September 25 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Rice University Archaeology Lab  
Sewall Hall Room 103

For further information, call Richey Ebersole at 524-4864.

## REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The 1989 Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the following nominees for election to office at the meeting to be held on September 8, 1989:

President - Elisa Phelps  
Vice President - Bob Etheridge  
Secretary - Alexander Hammaker  
Treasurer - Bernard Naman  
Director at Large - Linda Moorhees

The nominee for 1989-90 President of the Society is Elisa Phelps. She presently serves as Curator of Anthropology at the Houston Museum of Natural Science, after having previously worked with the Harris County Heritage Society and the Ulster Museum in Belfast, Ireland. She has a bachelors degree in anthropology from Fort Lewis college, Durango, Colorado and a masters degree in museum studies, with focus on archeology, from the University of Leicester in England.

## UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON REPORT

Lab work on Levi Jordan Plantation (41B0165) artifacts. Work on the artifacts recovered from excavations at the Levi Jordan plantation is continuing on Tuesday evenings in the Archaeology lab in the Anthropology Department, University of Houston, Room 256, McElhinney Hall. In addition to cleaning and conservation of artifacts, general cataloging is proceeding on the over 100,000 artifacts thus far recovered from the former slave quarter area. Also, assistance is sought in special artifact categories such as 1800's munitions, hardware, tools, etc. If you would be interested in assisting in the laboratory phase of this investigation, please contact Dr. Ken Brown or Doreen Cooper at 749-3921.

## LUBBOCK LAKE SYMPOSIUM

The Lubbock Lake Landmark opening celebration which was previously announced for October 1-8, 1989 has been delayed and it is anticipated that the beginning date would be approximately October 14, 1990. For additional information call 1-806-742-2490.

## AUGUST MEETING REPORT

At the August meeting of the Society, Joe Hudgins gave a talk and slide presentation relating to the Chrestmont site in Wharton County, 41WH39, which was excavated approximately 9 years ago. The delay in the report resulted from the supervising archaeologist moving from Texas to Vermont and taking all of the artifacts with her. The site was an excellent example of the cooperation which can exist between land developers, the local community and professional and amateur archaeologists.

## SUMMARY OF RECENT PRESS REPORTS

The Ramses exhibit at the Dallas Museum of Natural History has recently concluded as a financial success for the museum. Museum membership increased from about 350 to more than 5000 members and the museum netted in excess of \$1 million dollars.

An international archaeological team has examined the remains of a skeleton found near Haifa, Israel which yielded the first hyoid bone ever found in primitive man. The skeleton was believed to be at least 60,000 years old and the location of the hyoid bone suggested that primitive man may have been able to have speech abilities similar to modern man.

A Spanish treasure ship, the Nuestra Senora de la Merced which was believed to have sunk in a 1622 hurricane, was recently located 50 miles off Key West, Florida. Removal of artifacts has already begun.

Excavators uncovered additional statues of ancient royalty and gods from a pit inside Luxor Temple. The statues were buried in a courtyard beneath earlier finds. They dated from as early as 1391 B.C.

The Boston Museum of Fine Arts is returning 9 fragments of 15th Century B.C. tomb paintings to Egypt because curators have concluded they were stolen from that country. The fragments are from the tomb of Minnakht among the Tombs of the Nobles on the western bank of the Nile in Thebes, the ancient city in southeastern Egypt that is now the site of Luxor and Karnak.

The construction of a 450 room Ritz-Carlton Hotel on Maui Island in Hawaii was suspended after the discovery of approximately 900 skeletons at an ancient burial

ground. Construction has probably been permanently stopped.

The discovery of an 1851 Gold Rush store in San Francisco's Chinatown resulted in the delay of construction of a 20 story headquarter building for the Federal Home Loan Bank. Construction will resume after completion of the excavation.

Native Americans Indians of the Tonkawa tribe have undertaken several recent reinternments of skeletal remains believed to be from Tonkawa tribes at a location donated to the Corpus Christi Area Heritage Society located a few miles from San Patricio.

38 skeletons from the Battle of the Alamo are being re-buried by the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of San Antonio which also requested the Daughters of the Republic of Texas to allow the burial of a human skull which had been sitting in the DRT library as a bookend.

Rival U.S. archaeological teams are unearthing a major Roman-era city near Jesus's boyhood town of Nazareth, but scholars are bitterly divided over how it may have influenced his life and teachings. The location of the Roman town of Sepphoris approximately 6 miles from the boyhood home of Jesus was believed to have a population of 20-35,000 people.

Recent excavations in Rome suggest that Roman citizens began to develop an urban civilization in the 7th century B.C., well before other contacts with other advanced cultures such as the Etruscans and Greeks and much earlier than many scholars have previously assumed. Previous estimates of urban development were limited to approximately 575 B.C.

A drought in Israel caused the waters of the Sea of Galilee to recede and archaeologists excavated a 27 foot long vessel which is the only ancient craft found at the Sea of Galilee. It dates between 100 B.C. and 70 A.D.

A study of Danish dirt provides new evidence that a huge asteroid or comet smashed into the Earth 65 million years ago, an event that may have killed off the dinosaurs and many other life forms. The work follows on a hypothesis proposed in 1980, that mass extinction occurred some 65 million years ago because a mountain size object struck the Earth, kicking up large quantities of dust and igniting huge fires. Supporters of the idea note that sediments that formed at the time of the mass extinction contain unusually high concentrations of iridium, an element rare in the Earth's crust but found in meteorites.

For many years near Salina, Kansas a local souvenir shop had advertised "Authentic Prehistoric Indian Burial" and displayed the remains of 146 Indians believed to be the ancestors of modern Pawnee, Arikara and Wichita at a charge of \$3.50 per ticket to more than 10,000 visitors per year. The state of Kansas recently offered to purchase the collection for \$90,000.00 in order that the bones could be properly buried.

Excavation of 32 sites along the Peneios River in Greece have yielded stone tools and artifacts believed to be related to Neanderthal man ranging to 45,000 to 27,000 years ago. The discovery was used to support the controversial hypothesis that Neanderthals and modern humans evolved separately with Neanderthals hitting an evolutionary dead end approximately 30,000 years ago.

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It is anticipated that an updated  
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buted with the October Profile. If  
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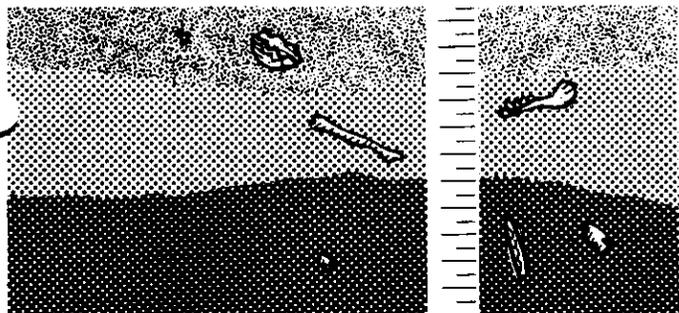
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## Meeting Notice

Date: October 13, 1989  
Time: 7:30 p.m.  
Place: University of St. Thomas  
M.D. Anderson Hall  
Program: Clovis Culture - Are We  
Viewing The Decline of an  
Adaptive Culture?  
Speaker: Larry Banks  
Division Archaeologist  
U.S. Army Corp. Engineers

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## Laboratory Schedule

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October 30 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Rice University Archaeology Lab  
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For further information, call Richey Ebersole at 524-4864 and/or 659-5453.

## President's Column

I am delighted to have the opportunity to serve the Society in the capacity as President for 1989 through 1990 and look forward to an exciting year with HAS.

Many thanks to the outgoing officers for a job well done and sincere appreciation to new officers and those continuing on in various capacities. We'll keep you busy.

The Society's traveling exhibition "Houston Underground: Our Archeological Heritage", will be on view in the Little McHey Gallery, second floor of the Carriage House at the University of St. Thomas, October 13 through December 8. This exhibit is something the Society can be very proud of and I would encourage everyone to visit. Bring a guest and introduce them to Houston archaeology.

October is also TAS annual meeting time. This years meeting will be hosted by the Panhandle Archeological Society in Amarillo. Former Secretary of the Interior and present director of the Archeological Conservancy, Stuart Udall will be the banquet speaker. It is a long way to Amarillo but no doubt it will be well worth the journey. Plan to attend.

## SEPTEMBER MEETING PROGRAM

On September 8, 1989, Randolph Widmer provided a program of lecture and slide presentations with regard to excavation of living areas in Teotihuacan, Mexico. Only 5 out of approximately 2000 living apartment compounds have been excavated. The area population reached possibly 200,000 by 750 A.D.

## SOCIETY EXHIBIT

The archaeological exhibit of the Houston Archaeological Society, "Houston Underground: Our Archaeological Heritage," will be on display at the Little/McAgy Gallery, second floor, Carriage House, behind Link-Lee Mansion, Montrose at Alabama, St. Thomas University from October 13 through December 6, 1989. Opening night will be 7:00 p.m., October 13. Thereafter, the exhibit will be open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## HOUSTON SOCIETY OF THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF AMERICA

For those who wish to join the Houston Society of the Archaeological Institute of America whose principal interests lie in old world archaeology, particularly classical and near eastern, membership costs \$45 (including a subscription to Archaeology magazine), or \$25 for students. For membership applications contact Vickie Carr, President, (713)436-9434.

## 1989-1990 PROGRAM OF AIA

Monday October 16 - Social evening and dinner, Heritage Society Ken Brown, U of H - "Recent Archaeology of the Houston Area"

Monday October 30 - Illustrated lecture: "Gifts For The Gods: The First Bronze Columbia Dieties in Geometric Greece," Susan Langdon, University of Missouri at Columbia, Rice University, Sewall Hall 301, 8:00 p.m.

Monday November 13 - An evening of archaeological films, Rice University, Sewall Hall 301, 8:00 p.m.

Monday November 27 - Illustrated lecture: "Out From Down Under: 14th Season of Excavation on the Via Gabina," Walter Widrig, Rice University, Sewall Hall 301, 8:00 p.m.

Monday January 29 - Illustrated lecture: "Nasca Lines in Peru," Helain Silberman, University of Illinois at Urbana, Rice University, Sewall Hall, 8:00 p.m.

## FIELD WORK REPORT

Field Director, Sheldon Kindall, announces the resumption of the society's field excavation program to continue further work on the Hungerford site in Wharton County, 41WH12, at which four test pits had been excavated in July. To participate, meet at the Country Kitchen Cafe in Kendleton early enough to leave for the site at 9:00 a.m., October 14, 1989. It is anticipated that excavation at that site will continue at regular intervals thereafter. All artifacts recovered will be processed at the society lab meetings on October 16 and October 30.

## MEMBER PROFILES

It is the intention of the Society news letter to provide a monthly profile of one or more of the Society members. This month the profile will be of Society Director, Edward Bader, CSB, and Society Treasurer, Bernard Naman.

**Edward Bader, CSB** (Congregation of St. Basil) is a Priest and Professor of Archaeology at the University of St. Thomas in Houston, Texas. He is also the University Archivist and Art Curator. He is a native of Detroit, Michigan with studies at the Universities of Toronto, Michigan, London and Institute of Archaeology. He is a member of the British School of Archaeology, Athens, Greece and the British Institute of Archaeology in Ankara, Turkey. He specializes in middle age bronze of the Aegean Region and has participated in archaeological excavations in Turkey and Greece, most recently at the Menelaion/Mycenaean site in Sparta and next year will be at Akrotiri on Thera. He is a past president and secretary of the Houston Society of the Archaeological Institute of America and is presently on the national council of the AIA and is a member of the Committee on Membership Concerns. He is one of the founding members of the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission and is chairman of the Archaeological Committee. He is chairman of the board of the Museum of Printing History and a member of many professional and cultural societies.

**Bernard Naman** is a vocational archaeologist and has been a member of the Houston Society for 12 years. He is retired from the hotel and restaurant supply business. He

studied archaeology at the University of Texas while receiving a degree in English literature and did graduate work at Columbia University. He is a former member of the board of directors of the Society and is currently active in the Society's excavation programs.

## IN THE NEWS

The Wall Street Journal reports that the Smithsonian Museum has approximately 34,000 full or partial skeletal remains, 18,650 of which are the remains of native Americans. Most are prehistoric. Only 600 are known to come from a modern tribe. The Smithsonian has instituted a policy of repatriating remains in cases where direct descendants can be identified.

In September, 1989, Commercial Salvage Interests recovered artifacts and gold bouillon from the remains of the SS Central America which sank in a hurricane off Charleston, North Carolina on September 12, 1857.

The government of Iraq has offered \$1.5 million to any Iraqi who can solve a 3,000 year old puzzle - How King Nebuchadnezzar managed to water the fabled Hanging Gardens of Babylon.

## HERITAGE SOCIETY DINNER

October 22, 1989 - 1989 Dinner hosted by the Heritage Society in Sam Houston Park followed by a recreation of the inauguration of Sam Houston as President of the Republic of Texas. There is a charge for dinner. Reservations please, 655-1912.

**COMING EVENTS**

October 14, 1990 Lubbock, Texas  
Lubbock Lake Landmark Symposium.

October 20, 1989 - Waterfront  
Festival, Allen's Landing, Music and  
entertainment with a Cajun Zydeco  
theme.

3 p.m. - Main Street Bridge Graffiti  
Paint-out.

5 p.m. - Port of Houston Fireboat  
Show.

For information call 921-2939.

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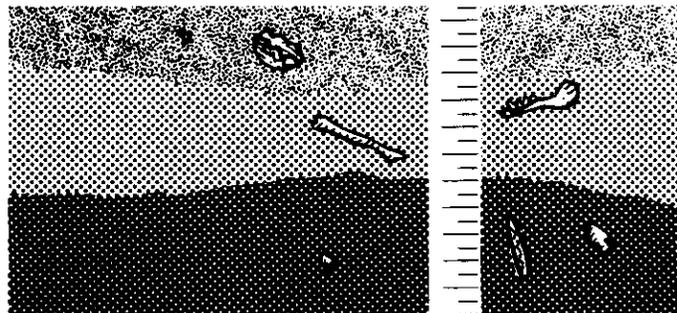
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Date: November 10, 1989  
Time: 7:30 p.m.  
Place: University of St. Thomas  
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Program: Prehistoric South Texas  
Diets  
Speaker: Kris Sobolik  
Texas A&M University

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## President's Column

I am a little embarrassed to admit it but until last month, I had never been in our own HAS library. It is a wonderful asset and I would encourage all members to stop by and acquaint themselves with what it has to offer. Liz Reap and Kathleen Gammill have done a terrific job chairing the library committee. They are retiring after two years and we are most appreciative of all their hard work.

Some of you may remember that during the TAS annual meeting last year, forensic sculptor Betty Pat. Gatliff was here to do a facial reconstruction on one of the skulls from the Jamaica Beach site (excavated by the HAS and the Houston Museum of Natural Science in the early 1960s). Applying a technique used in forensic anthropology, Ms. Gatliff reconstructed the features of a young female from the site. The clay sculpture has been cast in bronze and the finished piece is included in the temporary exhibition "Houston Archeology: Our Heritage Underground" now on display at the University of St. Thomas (see article in last month's Profile). The sculpture is a beautiful and poignant representation of a Texas Coastal Indian and a significant addition to the exhibition. Please take the time to stop in and see it.

## HAS AWARDS

Two new annual awards were given for the first time at the October HAS meeting. The Southeast Texas Archeological Research Award was presented to Bill McClure. Bill has made outstanding contributions to regional archeology in site discovery and publication, and in the analysis and publication of faunal remains from many archeological sites. The HAS Merit Award was presented to Pam Wheat. Pam has made outstanding contributions to public education in archeology. She has participated in both student and teacher training in the public schools, and has arranged many archeological displays and lectures for the general public.

Past awards of the Houston Archeological Society include election of Alan Duke and Don Lewis as Lifetime Members, and a special award for Alan Duke as former HAS Journal editor.

## LAST CALL 1989 DUES

1989 has been a year of transition with the appointment of a new editor of the Profile and the transfer of the responsibility for maintenance of membership and dues records from the president to the new Profile editor. In May, the software disk with the membership records failed and the membership records were updated again from September 1988. In August the transfer of membership records from the president's computer to the Profile editor's computer occurred. In the transition, it is possible that members whose dues had been paid were not clearly reflected as such at this time.

If your Profile address label has a notation (89) then the membership records reflect your dues as being paid through calendar year 1989. If your Profile mailing address label has (88) then the Society records do not reflect that your 1989 dues have been. If you feel there is a mistake with regard to the dues payment, call the Profile editor Jerry Sadler at 522-5121. The Profile mailing list will be cleared of all names with only 1988 dues paid after mailing the November issue. If you have a correction to make, it should be accomplished before November 20, 1989 in order to continue receiving the Profile.

## MEMBER PROFILES

**Alexandra Hamaker** is the secretary of the Houston Archeology Society. Her interest in vocational archaeology began in 1972 during visits to Mayan sites in Mexico and Central America. She has been a member of HAS for three years. She previously attended the University of Houston and St. Thomas University and is currently engaged in free-lance archaeology work including the Denton Clovis site located at Lake Ray Roberts, a Navajo reservation in Zuni, New Mexico, and further efforts with former HAS president, Roger Moore.

**Bob Etheridge**, vice-president, is now serving his third term as vice-president of HAS. He grew up in Carizo Springs, Texas, as a neighbor of Tom Hester and began his vocational archaeological interests in the Carizo Springs High School archaeology club, which was begun by Tom Hester. He graduated from Southwest Texas State University in 1973 and is regional sales manager

for Vecta, a furniture manufacturing company. He joined HAS in 1985 and has participated in many of the society's field projects. He has worked two seasons in the Colha project, supervised by Tom Hester, in Belize. His duties as vice-president include the scheduling of society programs which are presently lined up through July 1990. Those programs include the following:

December 8 - Adria Lavillette of Rice University; Excavations on the island of Timba - a Swahilli Fortification.

January 12 - Norris Lang of University of Houston; Cultural Anthropology and Archaeology.

February 9 - Harry Shaeffer, Texas A&M; Origins of South Texas Pottery.

April 13 - Linda Schele, University of Texas at Austin; Pre-Colombian Art.

May 11 - Dr. Rebecca Starey, University of Houston; Royal Tombs of Copan.

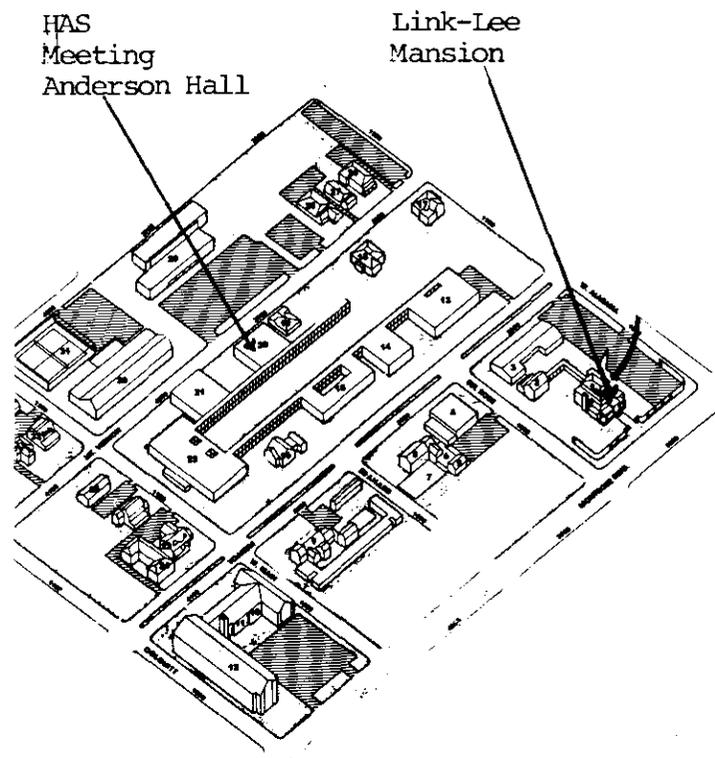
June - No Meeting.

July 13 - Report on Texas Archeological Society Field School.

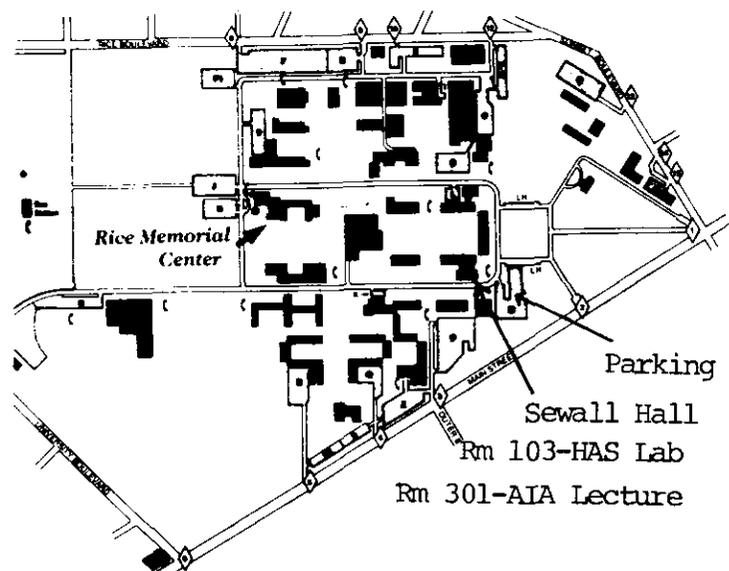
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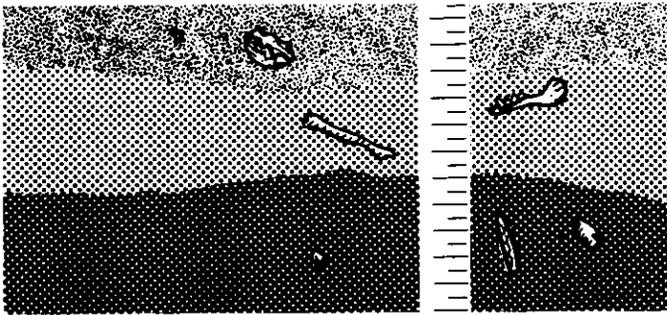
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NEWSLETTER  
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## Meeting Notice

Date: December 8, 1989  
Time: 7:30 p.m.  
Place: University of St. Thomas  
M.D. Anderson Hall  
Program: Excavations on the island  
of Timba - a Swahilli  
Fortification  
Speaker: Adria Lavillette  
Rice University

## Library Notes

The HAS library will be open between 6:30 and 7:25 p.m., before the regular monthly meeting, on the second floor of the Carriage House, located behind the Link-Lee Mansion at Montrose and Alabama at the University of St. Thomas.

## Laboratory Schedule

December 11 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Rice University Archaeology Lab  
Sewall Hall Room 103

For further information, call Richey Ebersole at 524-4864 and/or 659-5453.

## President's Column

It is time to renew your membership in the Houston Archeological Society (yes already!). Our membership period follows the calendar year, and 1990 dues are due in January. Your membership fees fund the publication of the Profile and the Journal, and we need your continued support.

With Christmas coming up, what about an HAS membership as a gift for a friend or relative? Society Vice President Bob Etheridge has many exciting programs scheduled, and the Profile is the best way to stay informed about archeological activities in our area. As a gift to the Society, why not consider upgrading your membership to the contributing (\$30.00 & up) level?

Best wishes for a Happy Holiday Season.

## HOUSTON UNDERGROUND EXHIBIT

December 8, 1989 is the last day to see the exhibit of the Houston Archeological Society, "Houston Underground: Our Archeological Heritage." It will be on display that night at the Little/McAgy Gallery, second floor, Carriage House, behind Link-Lee Mansion, Montrose at Alabama, St. Thomas University.

## FIELD REPORT

Under the supervision of field director, Sheldon Kindall, the HAS field crew has undertaken excavation of a site in East Harris County on Cedar Bayou near Crosby, Texas. This site was located by society member, J.D. Wells and is presently referred to as the J.D. Wells site since the same has not yet been numbered. Excavation began on November 11, 1989 with the following members participating: Sheldon Kindall, C.R. Ebersole, J.D. Wells, Karen Acker, Jerry Sadler, Linda Moorres, Dick Gregg, Mike Marshall, Dave Atherton, Lee Patterson, Howard Scott, and Lavon Vaughn.

The site includes a shell midden in which has been found substantial pottery sherds and at least one nearly complete point.

Artifacts from the J.D. Wells site are being cleaned and processed at the HAS lab under the direction of interim lab director, C.R. Ebersole.

HAS field work has certain inherent uncertainties resulting from rapid changes in weather and location of new sites available for excavation on very short notice. To accommodate these problems, field director, Sheldon Kindall, is establishing a field telephone committee and is asking members who wish to volunteer to serve as a telephone alert network to contact him at #326-2160. It is not necessary that telephone members actually participate in field work, but only that they be available for making telephone calls to field crew participants and to contact new members who have expressed interest in field work to inform new members of ongoing projects.

## PROJECTILE POINT POSTER

Now available at the sales table or through HAS Treasurer Bernard Naman.

This 28" x 40" poster illustrates 122 projectile point types found in Texas and surrounding states. Produced by the Panhandle Plains Historical Society, each type description gives the age range, cultural affiliation, primary location, ranges of distribution, and size range.

## HOUSTON MUSEUM OF NATURAL SCIENCE

JANUARY 15-19, 1990

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. daily

Forensic sculptor Betty Pat. Gatliff will return to Houston to do a facial reconstruction on the 9400 year old "Leanderthal Lady" recovered from the Wilson Leonard site near Austin.

Volunteers are needed while Ms. Gatliff is working to answer general questions about archeology. Paleo-Indian lifeways, and the Wilson Leonard site. An information/training session will be held on Saturday, January 13 from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. in Classroom 4 at the museum. For more information call Elisa Phelps (639-4671) or (522-5592) after 7:00 p.m.

January 19, 1990

7:30 p.m. Jones Auditorium

Dr. D. Gentry Steele, Professor of Anthropology at Texas A&M University will give a slide lecture on "The First Americans: The Biological Evidence". Dr. Steele is a physical anthropologist with research interests in the biology of prehistoric populations. He is currently doing the analysis of the remains from the Wilson Leonard and other Paleo-Indian sites. His talk will focus on what we can learn

about the very earliest Americans through studying these fragile remains.

#### **BUFFALO BAYOU FEST**

On October 21, 1989, HAS members once again participated in the Buffalo Bayou Park Celebration by providing a society booth for distribution of materials and a flint napping demonstration by Mike Marshall. Other members participating were Alexandra Hamaker, Lonnie Griffin, Gail Marshal, Howard Scott, and Lavon Vaughn. Displays included artifacts from private collections of participants.

#### **BASAL NODES ON GOOSE CREEK POTS**

by Marshall Black

Prehistoric Goose Creek pots usually have round or ellipsoid bases. At the apex of the base is an odd external node or nipple. Whether this node is a remnant of the forming process or is a feature added for functional purpose has been a matter of conjecture.

A basal sherd has been recovered (Brownwood, Baytown) which answers the question. The base was begun by spiral coiling around a marble sized ball. This coil was bonded (and obliterated) by digging fingers across the gaps and blending in the ball. In the subject sherd the spiral starting coil is clearly revealed by a firing crack.

According to Blandino (1984) this uncommon and most difficult of all ways to begin forming a pot is used today in Fiji, Ibibioland, and Papua. Small world.

1984, Blandino, Betty. Coiled Pottery. Chilton Book Co

#### **IN THE NEWS**

EL PASO - Two archaeologists have discovered four sites near El Paso, Texas abundant with well-preserved ancient Indian rock art and are asking federal officials that they be designated as national monuments. The petroglyphs (rock carvings) and pictographs (rock paintings) are estimated to range from 3,000 to 6,000 years old.

The archaeologists found the art in the Alamo Canyon near Fort Hancock, about 50 miles southeast of El Paso; Coranudas Peak near El Paso; Alamo Mountain in southern New Mexico; and in Three Rivers, about 30 miles north of Alamogordo, N.M.

The four sites are tied together by the same art styles. Together, they contain more than 30,000 carvings and paintings.

The Fort Hancock site contains the largest single concentration of archaic hunting scenes in the United States, and Three Rivers contains hundreds of carvings of masks.

TROY, N.Y. - Uncle Sam's bathroom has been found.

Archaeologists made the discovery on Ferry Street, site of the house of a 19th century meatpacker Sam Wilson. During the War of 1812, Wilson stamped his crates "U.S.," leading to the military joke that the meat was provided by "Uncle Sam" - an image that latter evolved into a national phenomenon.

The archaeologists are down six feet, and you can literally see what was the floor to the bathroom.

Uncle Sam's house stood on the site from sometime in the 19th century until 1971, when New York State demolished it to make way for a road that was never built.

**COMING EVENTS**

January 29, 1990: Illustrated lecture: "Nasca Lines in Peru," Helain Silberman, University of Illinois at Urbana, Rice University, Sewall Hall, 8:00 p.m.

June 9 - 16, 1990: Texas Archeology Field School at Utopia, Texas (near San Antonio). Field Director will be T.R. Hester of U.T. Austin.

October 14, 1990: Lubbock, Texas - Lubbock Lake Landmark Symposiam.

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