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FEBRUARY MEETING

February 12, 1993
7:30 PM
M D Anderson Hall,
University of St. Thomas



Speaker: Dr. Rebecca Storey

Topic: The Apalachee Population
of Northern Florida: Pre-
Columbian and Mission Periods

LABORATORY SCHEDULE

February 15, 1993
7:00-9:00 PM
Only one lab this month



Location: Rice University
Archeology Lab, Sewell Hall,
Room 103

HAS LIBRARY

Open between 6:30 and 7:25 PM
before the monthly meeting.

Location: Carriage House
(second floor), behind the
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Link-Lee Mansion.



THE PROFILE

Many thanks to **Jeanie Davis** for all
the time and hard work she expended
in developing the newsletter into
such a fine publication.

The new editor will try to catch up
to Jeanie's high standards as soon
as she learns how to communicate
with the computer.

Your comments and items for
publication are welcome -
Jeanette Siciliano (795-4691)
12462 Barryknoll, Houston 77024

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

In the field: Field work is on temporary hold.
There are several sites that the HAS has been
asked to work on and we have a few candidates of
our own. Arrangements are being made and there
will probably be an announcement at the next
meeting.

In the lab: We are categorizing pottery from
41CH161 according to Marshall Black's incised
design groupings and also trying to group the
total ensemble into groups as specified by
Lawrence Aten. This is interesting, fun, and a
good learning experience. You are welcome to
join these Monday night sessions.

Communication: It has come to my attention that
newcomers (and sometimes, long-term members) do
not know who to contact for various operations of
the HAS. The following is provided for
assistance:

Monthly guest speaker - Bob Etheridge (977-5806)

Book sales - Bob Haskell (890-2093)

Dues - Bernard Naman (621-5767)

Refreshments - Becky Jacobs (482-1947)

Mailings and Membership records -

Elisa Phelps (522-5592)

Monthly newsletter - Jeanette Siciliano (795-4691)

Fieldwork - Joe Hudgins (532-3547)

Lab work - Melissa May (438-7700)

Library - Karen Acker (360-3148)

HAS Journal and special publications -

Dick Gregg (721-4865)

Projectionist - Mike Marshall (422-7184)

Legal advisor - Richey Ebersole (524-4864)

--Sheldon Kindall

ARCHEOLOGY EXHIBIT

February 15 to March 26, 1993

Monday to Friday, 10 AM - 6PM

Little Gallery, Carriage House

University of St. Thomas

The Egyptian Way of Death: Archaeology and Art

Special HAS viewing -

Friday, March 12, 1993

6:30 to 7:30 PM

Museum of Fine Arts

February 14 to April 1993

The Ancient Americas: Art from Sacred Landscapes

This exhibit illustrates the central theme of Pre-Columbian art and culture: the integration of society and nature. The works are arranged geographically beginning with the Mimbres culture of the southwestern United States and continuing with Mesoamerica (the Olmec, Teotihuacan, Aztec, and Maya cultures), Central America (Cocle), the Northern Andes (Tairona, San Augustin, Jama-Coaque, and La Tolita), and finally the Central Andes (Chavin, Paracas, Nazca, Moche, Chimu, Tiwanaku, and Inca).

Approximately 300 diverse works have been selected, spanning nearly 3,000 years of New World history - many of these masterpieces are being shown in the United States for the first time.

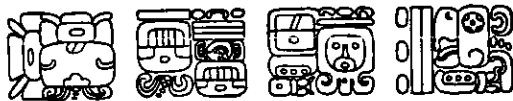
Museum of Natural Science

January 30 to September 5, 1993

Chiefly Feasts: The Enduring Kwakiutl Potlatch

This exhibit celebrates the elaborate feasts of Kwakiutl Indians of British Columbia. The potlatches are the occasion for a noble family to invite guests to witness the display of the host's status.

Approximately 90 objects - including fantastic hand-carved masks, bowls and eating utensils - make up the 6000 square foot exhibit.



Ancient footprints found

Hodwick, England - footprints of a crocodile-type creature said to have lived about 100 million years before the dinosaurs, have been found on the Northumberland coast. Twenty prints, each about the size of a human hand, and a body drag mark of what is thought to have been a Temnospondyl, which lived more than 300 million years ago, are the oldest discovered in Britain.

Museum returns artworks

The Stanford University Museum of Art has handed over to Ecuador and Costa Rica more than 300 pre-Columbian artworks that had not been imported properly. The artwork was given to the museum in 1982 by a donor who did not want to be identified. Museum officials were unable to find documentation that the pieces left their countries legally or were declared when brought into the United States.

It is the first time the museum has returned artifacts and the first time Ecuador and Costa Rica have had artwork returned to them.

Maya middle class

Contrary to previous beliefs, Mayan society had a large and prosperous middle class built upon the spoils of internecine warfare. Scientists once believed that the Mayan civilization collapsed as a result of the stratification between the royal elite and the very poor. But new tombs found in the Mayan city of Caracol in Belize by Diane Arlen Chase of the University of Central Florida, support the emerging consensus that it fell instead as the result of increasingly fierce warfare. Particularly important, they said, is the discovery that during the time of collapse, many other people beside the ruler are erecting monuments: overseers, administrators and many other middle-level functionaries - its almost as if the middle classes are taking away the elite's power...everybody becomes equalized.

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MARCH 1993

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MARCH MEETING

March 12, 1993
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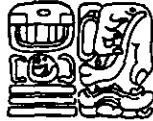


Speaker: Dr. Randolph Widmer

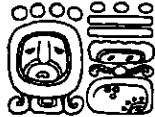
Topic: Lithic Studies at Copan

LABORATORY SCHEDULE

March 15 and March 29
7:00-9:00 PM



Location: Rice University
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DUES

We're a bit behind schedule in dues collecting so please send Dino the Dues-Collecting Dinosaur scurrying to the Treasurer with your check.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

In the field: We are working on a new site, 41FB223. This is a very deep site but the digging is easy. It is a pre-ceramic site, and we suspect it is very old. The procedure for participating is to meet at Doziers Meat Market in Fulshear each Saturday in time to leave for the site by 9:00 AM. To get to Fulshear, go west on I-10 to Brookshire (about 15 miles west of the edge of Houston), exit at Brookshire and turn left onto hwy 359. Highway 359 is the main drag through Brookshire; if you turn right, you go into Brookshire, BUT TURN LEFT. After turning, you will see a sign "Fulshear 7 miles." Fulshear is very small. Doziers will be on your right about 1 block after you pass the postoffice which is on the left. Doziers is a good place to get Bar-B-Que before coming home but it is not open for breakfast. For more info call me - 326-2160.

In the lab: We were visited by Robbie Brewington from Texas A&M. Robbie specializes in pre-historic ceramics and she was able to provide valuable assistance to the group working on the ceramics from 41CH161. Robbie explained the technique she uses with large assemblages - document all aspects into a database and then search for patterns which might reveal something about the people. Her experience and advice was of great value to the HAS people struggling with the very large amount of ceramics from this site. Also, Bill McClure reported that he found a second trade bead in the fine-screen material. This site is clearly a contact site.

--Sheldon Kindall

Membership/Renewal Application

Houston Archeological Society, P.O. Box 6751, Houston, TX 77265-6751



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

Name(s) _____ Address _____

City/State/Zip _____ Home phone _____ Bus _____

Occupation _____ Employer _____

Type of membership: ___ New member ___ Renewal ___ Single (\$15) ___ Family (\$20) ___ Contributing (\$30+) ___ Student (\$5)

ALL MEMBERS MUST SIGN THE FOLLOWING PLEDGE:

"I pledge that I will not intentionally violate the terms and conditions of any present or future federal, state, or local statute concerning cultural resources, or engage in the practice of buying or selling artifacts for commercial purposes, or engage in the willful destruction or distortion of archeological data, or disregard proper archeological field techniques."

Signature(s) _____ Date _____ Date _____

HOSPITALITY NOTES

Many thanks to Bill Haskell, Judy Kirk and Roy Witney for providing refreshments at the November meeting, and to Alexandra Hamaker, Rita Crofton and Charles Boyle for the December meeting refreshments. Many thanks also to Kathleen Gammill, Emily Croom and Randy Spalinger for providing refreshments at the January meeting, and to Bev Mendenhall and Cynthia Stevens for the February meeting refreshments.

--Becky Jacobs

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The Mailing Committee did a great job organizing the newsletter for postal purposes. Thanks to Charter Members Richey Ebersole (our genial host), Karen Acker, Dick Gregg, Jim Wells and ???

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SPRING WORKSHOP

The HAS will sponsor a Spring Workshop again this year. The date is April 17 and the cost will be \$15.00. The workshop will consist of a half day of classroom instruction and a half day of field work. Lunch is included in the cost. This workshop is intended for people who want to know the Archeological Field technique. Application forms will be available at the next meeting. More information can be obtained by calling Sheldon Kindall at 326-2160.



OUT OF THE PAST

An eight part series on archaeology entitled Out of the Past has just been produced by WQED, PBS and the Annenberg Foundation. The series focuses on why and how archaeologists do archaeology. Each 50 minute segment will deal with a general topic rather than a specific site.

We are pleased to announce that two of our HAS members are featured - Dr. Rebecca Storey in seven episodes and Dr. Randolph Widmer in three episodes.

The series will begin airing at 2:00 PM on Saturday, April 10 on KUHT Channel 8, Houston.

The schedule is:

April 10	New Worlds
April 17	Hearths
April 24	Artisans & Traders
May 1	Signs and Symbols
May 8	Power, Prestige and Wealth
May 15	Realms
May 22	Spirits
May 29	Collapse

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APRIL 1993

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APRIL MEETING

April 9, 1993

7:30 PM

M D Anderson Hall,
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Speaker: To be announced

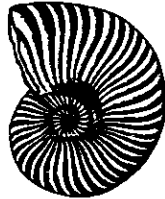
Topic: To be announced

LABORATORY SCHEDULE

April 12 and April 26

7:00-9:00 PM

Location: Rice University
Archeology Lab, Sewell Hall,
Room 103



PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Spring Workshop: The HAS Annual Spring Workshop will be held on Saturday, April 17. The purpose of this workshop is to introduce people to archeological field techniques. The workshop will consist of 3 hours of classroom lecture, followed by lunch and then about 3 hours of hands-on work on a prehistoric site. The cost is \$15 which includes lunch and refreshments. Membership in the HAS is NOT a requirement. Applications may be obtained by calling me - 326-2160.

In the field: We are working on an early archaic site south of Fulshear. The site is interesting but more difficult than usual. It is deep and each test pit must be backfilled at the end of the day. The HAS Field workers need help with notes. We need help from several people who would be willing to come out and just record notes. For more information, call 326-2160.

In the lab: 41CH161 has been a monumental effort to process through the lab even though only two complete test pits were excavated. The site is definitely a contact site; two trade beads have been found in the fine screening. One lesson learned from this site is that we will do more fine screening in the future. More information about the HAS Lab can be obtained from Melissa May at 438-7700.

--Sheldon Kindall

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form and mail it in today.

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Signature(s) _____ Date _____

HOSPITALITY NOTES

Many thanks to Muriel Walker, Bill Haskell and Elisa Phelps for bringing refreshments to the March meeting.

--Becky Jacobs

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Thanks to the Mailing Committee, hosted by Richey Ebersole, for preparing the newsletter for the post office. We appreciate the help of: Sheldon Kindall, Charlotte Gore, Dick Gregg, Marjorie Schaeffer, Jim Wells, Karen Acker, Roy Whitney, and Dudgeon Walker.

Please send items for The Profile to: Jeanette Siciliano (795-4691)
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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Texas Archeological Society Field School for 1993 will be held from June 5 to June 12 in Lubbock, Texas. This Field School is being co-sponsored by Texas Tech University and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. The Principal Investigator will be Dr. Eileen Johnson. Field work will be undertaken at the Lubbock Lake Landmark site and possibly a site near Crosbyton. There will be afternoon and evening programs and special programs for teachers which will provide AAT credit. Application forms and more information will be available at the April meeting.

PATCHES

Iron-on patches with the HAS logo will be available for purchase at the April meeting. The patches are 3 inches in diameter and will cost \$3.00 plus tax.

BROCHURES

With a lot of help from Don McReynolds, the HAS will once again have some brochures for distribution.

TEXAS ARCHAEOLOGY AWARENESS WEEK

APRIL 10 - 17, 1993



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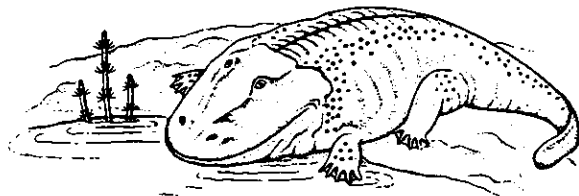
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MAY MEETING

May 14, 1993
7:30 PM
M D Anderson Hall,
University of St. Thomas

Speaker: Dr. Solvig Turpin

Topic: Recent Excavations in
Northern Mexico



LABORATORY SCHEDULE

May 17 and May 31
7:00-9:00 PM

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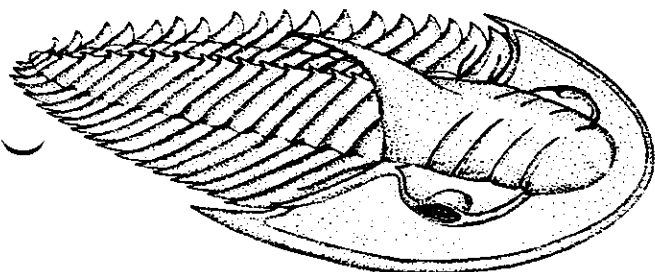
There will be no meeting and
no PROFILE in the month of
June. We traditionally take
June off so that everybody can
attend the TAS Field School.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Spring Workshop: The HAS Annual Spring Workshop was held on Saturday, April 17 in Wharton. There were 19 participants. It went very well thanks to a lot of help from the regular HAS field crew. This year, the Workshop concentrated on field technique only. The site that was used will be addressed by the HAS as soon as the site in Fulshear is completed.

In the field: The HAS field crew is still working on the deep site in Fulshear. Bill McClure has started on the microscopic analysis of a 10 cm by 10 cm column of dirt that runs all the way from the surface to the bottom of the site, 2.5 meters. There is still a critical need for note takers on this site. Anyone interested in helping with the notes is invited to come to the site - we meet at Doziers Bar-B-Que in Fulshear on Saturday mornings in time to leave by 9:00 AM; bring a chair and a clipboard. For more information call me at 326-2160.

In the lab: The lab people have done an excellent job of identifying a methodology for recording information on ceramics from 41CH161. They have created a generic form to be filled in for each piece of pottery; the information requested by this form combines how Texas A&M reduces the data and also what Lawrence Aten specifies. The form appears to be an effective tool for extracting cultural information out of the ceramics that may not be apparent by casual inspection. The next significant thing will be to apply this technique to a different site.



--Sheldon Kindall

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NEW NEIGHBOR

The Fort Bend County Archeological Society meets on the second Thursday of every month at the George Memorial Library. For more information call Ed Gearke at 342-6478.

BROCHURES

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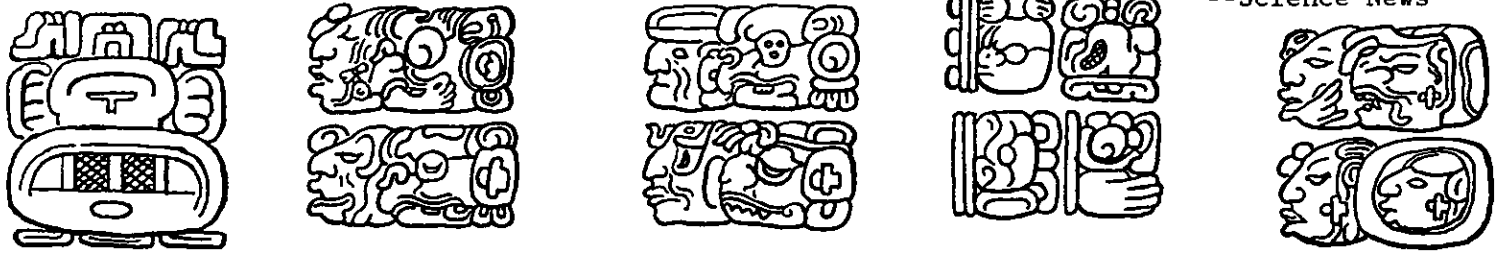
NEWS NOTES

Workers building a riverside dock near the settlement of La Mojarro in the Mexican state of Vera Cruz in November, 1986 discovered a huge slab 6.5 feet high by 4.5 feet wide displaying a carving of a standing man sporting an elaborate headdress and costume, bordered on the top and one side by 21 columns of hieroglyphic writing. The four-ton basalt stone dates to A.D. 159. Dr. John S. Justeson, an anthropologist at the State University of New York at Albany and Dr. Terrence Kaufman, a linguist at the University of Pittsburgh, have deciphered about two-thirds of the text, making it the earliest known readable text in the Americas.

The language of the ancient inscription served as the ancestral tongue of four closely related languages now spoken in southern Mexico, and the script bears a close relationship to Mayan hieroglyphics which emerged after A.D. 250.

The La Mojarro text - which covers a 15-year period - refers to an elite group that supported the king pictured on the stone and at several points directly quotes the king. An elaborate story of power politics emerges, in which the king's supporters help repel attempted usurpers of the throne from within the kingdom, then describe punishment meted out to enemies, including the king's brother-in-law. The warrior king fought many battles and endured blood rituals as ruler of the people by the bend in the river.

--Science News



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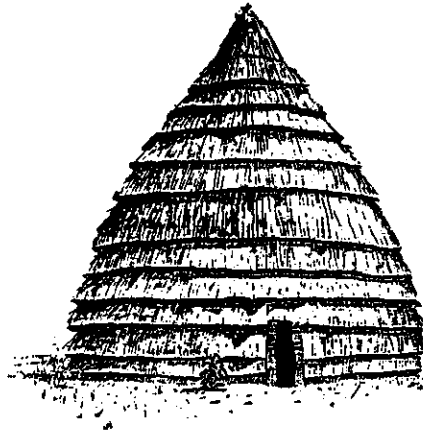
AUGUST MEETING

August 13, 1993
7:30 PM
M D Anderson Hall,
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Speaker: Dr. Solvig Turpin

Topic: Excavations in Northern
Mexico

Dr. Turpin of the University of Texas and the Texas Archeological Research Laboratory will discuss recent excavations in Mexico just across the border from the Trans-Pecos region.



PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

TAS Field School - 1994. The HAS will collaborate with the Brazosport Archeological Society to be the 'local arrangements committee' for the 1994 TAS Field School in Lake Jackson. This means that some of our members will put in long hours making arrangements, building facilities, etc... It also means that we will bear the brunt of any negative criticisms on how well the school does. This is the first Field School in this area since the 1978 school in Galveston. Some expertise has been drafted; volunteers are welcome.

In the field: The HAS has taken a break from 41FB223 until the weather cools down. We are helping the Fort Bend Archeological Society with their initial project - a cistern (or maybe a well) on the grounds of the old Jail House in Richmond. The next work day will be Saturday, August 28 from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. This is an interesting Historic Project. Any HAS member interested in participating is invited to do so. Details can be obtained from me at 326-2160.

In the lab: The lab crew has done wonders with the pottery from 41CH161. They have developed a new methodology for analyzing pottery and applied said method to CH161 with good results. We think that this is a significant development; the details of their method will be published with the report on CH161.

--Sheldon Kindall

LABORATORY SCHEDULE

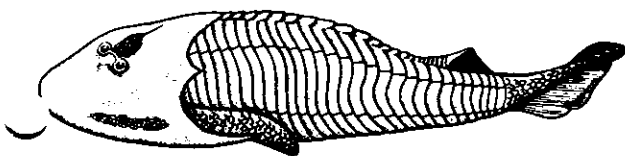
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display of the material from
41FB161 will be set up in the lobby
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is the property of the site owner,
Robert Barrow of Baytown.

HOSPITALITY NOTES

Many thanks to Karen Acker for bringing refreshments to the April meeting and to Selma Naman and Mary Silcox for the May meeting refreshments.

Becky Jacobs has retired as refreshments coordinator - thank you Becky for a job well done.

Welcome to our new coordinator Bev Mendenhall.

MEETING

The Fort Bend County Archeological Society will meet on Thursday, August 12 at 7:00 PM at the George Memorial Library, 1001 Golfview Dr., Richmond, Texas. For more info call Ed Gearke at 342-6478.

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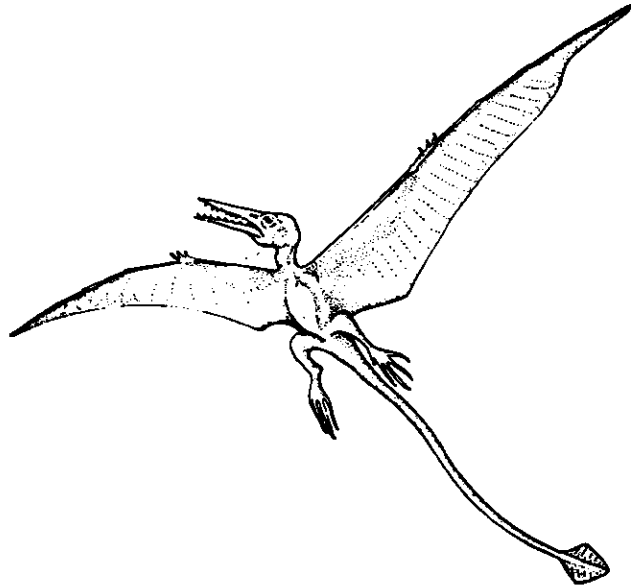
THANK YOU NOTE

On behalf of the members of the field crew at this spring's excavation near Fulshear, I would like to say thank you to Don McReynolds and Raymond McCausland for bringing their RVs to the site so that we would have comfort stations. Their generosity has truly made the days at 41FB223 more enjoyable for some of us.

--Karen Acker

PUBLICATION NOTICE

Houston Archeological Society Report No. 9 entitled "Excavations at the Bowser Site, 41FB3, Fort Bend County, Texas" is now available. This report gives data on campsite activities and mortuary practices of the Late Archaic time period in western Southeast Texas. The cost of this report is \$5.00 if purchased at an HAS meeting, or \$6.00 if ordered by mail.



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Topic: To be Announced

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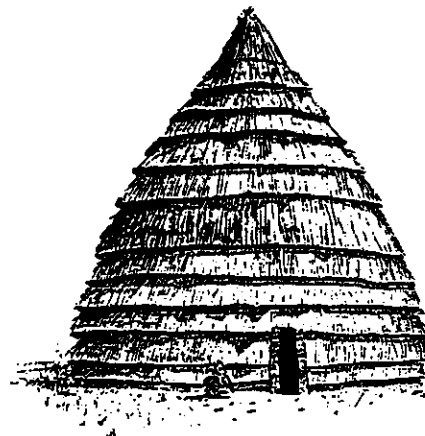
PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Marshall Black, long time member of HAS, passed away on August 11, 1993. A fund has been established in his name. This fund, to be known as the **Marshall Black Memorial Fund**, will be dedicated to obtaining artifact dates (Radio Carbon, Thermo-luminescence etc.). The fund is now in need of contributions. Checks may be made out payable to HAS and placed with our Treasurer, Bernard Naman.

Marshall was to have served two more years as Director at Large. Dick Gregg has agreed to fill this vacancy.

In the lab: The lab group will continue to work on the pottery from 41CH161. Anyone interested in working in the lab (two nights a month) should contact Melissa May at 438-7700.

In the field: There has been no field work recently - too hot. Field work will resume in September. There will be an announcement at the meeting.



ELECTION TIME

IN MEMORY OF MARSHALL BLACK'S
CONTRIBUTION TO HAS

The HAS nominating committee, Charles Boyle, Chair, Richey Ebersole and Mike Woods, met in July and submitted the following members for officers for the 1993-1994 year:

President: Karen Acker
Vice President: Bob Etheridge
Secretary: Muriel Walker
Treasurer: Michael Johnston
Director at Large: Joe Hudgins

Not on this year's slate but continuing on:

Dick Gregg - Director at Large (2 more years)
Tommy Nuckols - Director at Large (1 more year)

NEW COMMITTEE

A new committee the **Speaker Committee**, has been formed to help Bob Etheridge get leads on possible speakers. Bob will be the chairman of this committee. Members are Dr. Dolph Widmer, Dr. Rebecca Storey and Muriel Walker.

Marshall was a long time member of HAS, a friend, and an avid avocational Archeologist. He was a member of the HAS Board of Directors when he died.

Marshall had a burning interest in finding new ways to extract information about the past out of artifacts removed from a site. He concentrated primarily on ceramics and this is where he made what will probably become significant contributions. He put a lot of effort into replicating Indian pottery - experimenting with clay types, tempering agents, and firing temperatures. He was one of only two people in the whole state who could make pottery that looked like what the prehistoric Indians made.

A few years ago, Marshall began building a database of the art work found on pottery, inscribed and/or painted. He noted that the different designs could be grouped into relatively few families, and he recorded the families represented at each of the sites in this area. Design patterns, unlike structure, are more a function of the group psyche. Structure is a function of environment, which changes as the group moves.

The HAS will continue building Marshall's database. In time, we think this will be a major measure of a site.

---Sheldon Kindall



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OCTOBER MEETING

October 8, 1993
7:30 PM
M D Anderson Hall,
University of St. Thomas

Speaker: Dr. Rod McIntosh
Professor of Anthropology
Rice University

Topic: Early Invisible Cities -
Early Urbanism in China
and West Africa

LABORATORY SCHEDULE

October 11 and October 25

7:00-9:00 PM

Location: Rice University
Archeology Lab, Sewell Hall,
Room 103

HAS LIBRARY

The library will not be open before the meeting this month. It is temporarily closed while we reorganize.

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Many thanks to our host Richey Ebersole and to Sheldon Kindall, Karen Acker, Dudgeon Walker, Bev Mendenhall, Jim Wells, John McHenry and Dick Gregg for assistance in preparing the September issue for mailing.

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Thank you Sheldon Kindall for the superb job you did as president the past two years. You are a hard act to follow.

As a relative newcomer to HAS, I'm pleased to have been selected to serve as president for the coming year. I believe our society is an excellent vehicle for encouraging the study of past lifeways and promoting the preservation of evidence of these past societies. HAS is also a great way to associate with people who share an interest in archaeology.

We should have a full schedule for 1993-1994. The TAS Annual Meeting in Laredo is at the end of October. Rumor has it that meetings in Laredo can be a lot of fun. Let's make sure HAS is well represented.

The 1994 TAS Field School in Lake Jackson will be here before you know it. We are co-sponsors, assisting the Brazosport Society, and we are counting on our members to help make this Field School one of the best ever.

In the lab: The recent focus of lab sessions has been local pottery which we are learning to identify and catalog. When the fall field work begins, we will have additional artifacts to process. Anyone who would like to see the artifacts we find and learn how they are processed should come to our lab meetings. We have a congenial group of volunteers who enjoy visiting while we work.

In the field: HAS field work in Fort Bend County should begin again as soon as the heat subsides a bit. All interested members are welcome to join us in the field to participate in site excavation and recording.

Please give me a call if you have questions or comments - 974-2349.

Come to our meetings and invite your friends. Let's have a special year.

---Karen Acker



NEW OFFICERS

The following slate of officers for the 1993-1994 year was elected at the September meeting:

President: Karen Acker
Vice President: Bob Etheridge
Secretary: Muriel Walker
Treasurer: Michael Johnston
Director at Large: Joe Hudgins

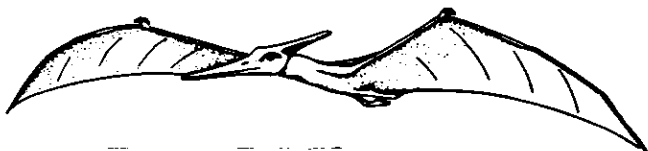
HOSPITALITY

Thank you Charles and Dorothy Boyle and Muriel Walker for bringing refreshments to the August meeting.

--Bev Mendenhall

ANNUAL MEETING

The 64th Annual Meeting of the Texas Archeological Society will be held in Laredo on October 29-31, 1993. There will be day-long tours to Old Guerrero in Tamaulipas and Mission San Bernardo in Guerrero, Coahuila on Thursday. Those who wish to take one of these tours must arrive Wednesday evening. The meeting promises to be an intellectually stimulating as well as a delightful social event. If you need a hotel reservation form or more information see Karen Acker or Jeanette Siciliano at the meeting or call Jeanette at 795-4691.



NOTES FROM ALL OVER

Archaeologists have found a 3,200-year-old underground tomb in Abu Sir near the Pyramids of Giza which might be part of an entire previously unknown necropolis. The tomb consists of a limestone-paved courtyard and a room cut into the rock at one level and a series of four chambers underneath stretching deep into the desert hillside. It was built for a man named Nakh-Min, "overseer of chariots" and "messenger to foreign lands" for the Pharaoh Ramses II. "It might be the beginning of the discovery of a whole necropolis in Abu Sir," said one of the archaeologists working on the site.

---Houston Chronicle

The Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg, Russia has a department of prehistory which contains archaeological finds from excavations within the Soviet Union. The oldest exhibits date from Early and Middle Stone Age, the most recent from the Bronze and Iron Ages. Of special interest are the finds from the Pasyryh Mounds in the Altai Mountains. Thanks to the region's permafrost objects of wood, cloth, skin and fur found in the chief's grave have remained in a good state of preservation; they include a large woven carpet, dated about 2500 B.C., said to be the oldest in the world.

---Jim Wells

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The TAS Field School will be held in Lake Jackson in June, 1994. The HAS is co-sponsoring this event so much work needs to be done to prepare for the people, places and things associated with the School. If you would like to volunteer your help give Karen Acker a call at 974-2349.

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NOVEMBER MEETING

November 12, 1993
7:30 PM
M D Anderson Hall,
University of St. Thomas

Speaker: Dr. Nancy Troike

Topic: Pre-Columbian Codices:
Their Meaning

LABORATORY SCHEDULE

November 15 and November 29

7:00-9:00 PM

Location: Rice University
Archeology Lab, Sewell Hall,
Room 103

HAS LIBRARY

The HAS library has been moved to 3801 Mt. Vernon (corner of Mt. Vernon and Alabama). The new location may be visited during the reception at the new Little Gallery before the meeting on November 12.

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HAS 1993 Awards

Annual awards of the Houston Archeological Society were presented at the October 1993 meeting. The Southeast Texas Archeological Research Award was given to Leland W. Patterson for his many significant contributions to research in this region. The HAS Merit Award was given to Bernard Naman for several years of outstanding performance as HAS Treasurer.

The Southeast Texas Archeological Research Award has previously been given to Bill McClure, Joe Hudgins, Lawrence Aten and Alan Duke. The HAS Merit Award has previously been given to Pam Wheat, Sheldon Kindall, Bob Etheridge and Richard Gregg. Other previous HAS awards include a special award to Alan Duke as HAS Journal Editor, and election of Alan Duke, Pam Wheat and Don Lewis as Lifetime Members of the HAS.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Congratulations to Leland Patterson who received the 1993 HAS Research Award and to Bernard Naman recipient of the HAS Merit award. These two men are invaluable members of our society.

We have been invited to participate in the annual Fall Festival at Armand Bayou on November 13 and 14. Should you be in the vicinity on either of those days, stop by to visit. We need volunteers to spend some time in our booth promoting archeology and HAS. Call me at 974-2349 to volunteer.

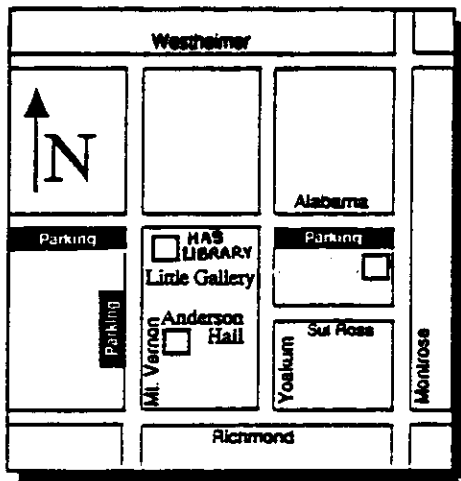
In the field: October 23 was the final day of excavation at 41 FB 223. Early evidence indicates that this was a paleo-Indian site that was not occupied in later prehistoric times. Work on the site report is underway.

Information on our next field work will be available at the November meeting. Meanwhile, HAS members are invited to participate in the field work at the Lake Jackson site under the direction of Joan Few.

In the lab: We will be cleaning and cataloging the artifacts from 41 FB 223 this month.

---Karen Acker





ARCHAEOLOGY EXHIBIT

**Codices and Cultures:
Pre-Columbian MesoAmerican Books**

The Little Gallery
University of St. Thomas
1121 W. Alabama at Mt. Vernon

October 25 to December 3, 1993
Weekdays: 10 A.M. to 6 P.M.
For information call: (713) 525-2181

Books, pictographic writing and painting, a standardized syllabary of symbols, as well as the manufacture of paper for the production of manuscripts, is distinctive of a number of ancient cultures of MesoAmerica: in central Mexico, Oaxaca, the Maya regions and as far south as Nicaragua.

The surviving corpus of manuscript drawings provide us with a unique source of materials, along with polychromed ceramic vessels and hieroglyphic and calendrical symbols on stone, for understanding the cultures which produced them.

NEW LOCATION

Note the new address and new location for The Little Gallery and HAS Library. See map.

SPECIAL EXHIBIT RECEPTION

For HAS members

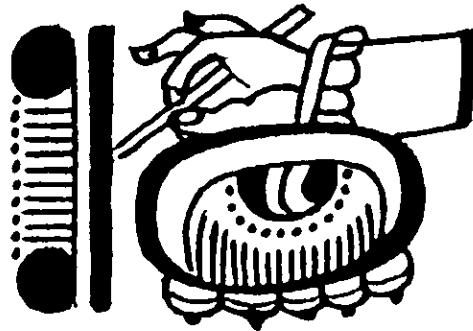
Friday, November 12, 1993
6 P.M. to 7:15 P.M.

The Little Gallery
Stop by before the meeting to see the Exhibit and new location of the HAS Library.

TAS ANNUAL MEETING - AWARDS

Congratulations to Joe Hudgins who received the Golden Pen award at the 64th Annual Meeting of the Texas Archeological Society in Laredo.

HAS was recognized for its 35-year membership in TAS.



MAYAN GLYPH
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DECEMBER MEETING

December 10, 1993
7:30 PM
M D Anderson Hall,
University of St. Thomas



PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

We had a good time at the Armand Bayou Fall Festival on November 13 promoting HAS. It was too bad that we were rained out on November 14. I would like to thank all the members who participated. A special thanks goes to Mike Marshall who demonstrated knapping techniques and displayed some of the tools and points he has made.

I have moved again, and hopefully, this is it for awhile. My new telephone number is 358-0893. Feel free to call with questions or suggestions.

In the field: Work in the field has been put on hold, temporarily, because of the holiday season.

In the lab: We will be cleaning and cataloging the artifacts from 41 FB 223 this month.

---Karen Acker

LABORATORY SCHEDULE

Only one session this month
Monday, December 13

7:00-9:00 PM

Location: Rice University
Archeology Lab, Sewell Hall,
Room 103

HAS LIBRARY

The HAS library will be open before the meeting this month. Visit the new location at 3801 Mt. Vernon (corner of Mt. Vernon and Alabama). from 6:30 to 7:25 pm.



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL: Please take a minute to mail your dues to HAS or bring your check and renewal form to the next meeting.

Membership/Renewal Application

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

Name(s) _____ Address _____

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Type of membership: New member Renewal Single (\$15) Family (\$20) Contributing (\$30+) Student (\$5)

ALL MEMBERS MUST SIGN THE FOLLOWING PLEDGE:

"I pledge that I will not intentionally violate the terms and conditions of any present or future federal, state, or local statute concerning cultural resources, or engage in the practice of buying or selling artifacts for commercial purposes, or engage in the willful destruction or distortion of archeological data, or disregard proper archeological field techniques."

Signature(s) _____ Date _____ Date _____

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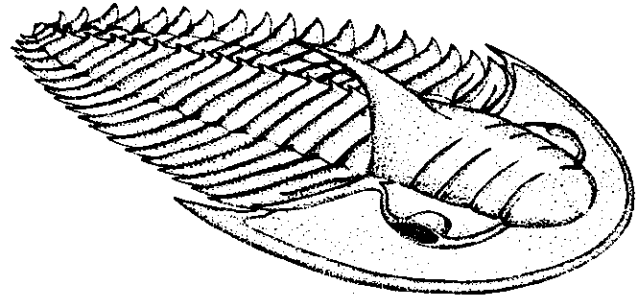
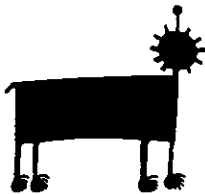
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PUBLICATION NOTICE

Houston Archeological Society Report No. 10 entitled "Excavations at the Ferguson Site, 41FB42, Fort Bend County, Texas" is now available. This report gives data on a long occupation sequence, from the Late Paleo-Indian through the Late Prehistoric time periods. This site was primarily a campsite, but there is a mortuary component in the Late Archaic time period. The cost of this report is \$6.00 if purchased at an HAS meeting, or \$7.00 if ordered by mail.

HOSPITALITY

Many thanks to Jeannine Wagner, William Haskell and Laura and Roy Whitney for the delicious refreshments at our October meeting.



TRILOBITE

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

October 8, 1993

My copy of the HAS Journal, No. 104, Dec. 1992 arrived recently and I found all five articles to be enormously interesting.

I see that longtime friend Alan Duke, continues to be the bannerstone expert.

The two articles by L. W. Patterson and associates covering Harris County archeological sites 343, 354, 730, 731 and 732 were of particular interest because the findings and conclusions answered some questions I agonized over in the area more than three decades ago.

And I can't get over the high county site numbers today in the upper Texas coast. I screened literally tons of cultural soils in such low-numbered sites as 41AU1, 41GV5 and 41HR6, 8 and 61-70. Now I am reading of 41AU55, 41GV82 and 41HR732. WOW!! Times have changed -- and so have technologies.

Very truly,
Ray Ring
Rawlins, Wyoming

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