



JANUARY 1995

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JANUARY MEETING

January 13, 1995
7:30 PM
M D Anderson Hall,
University of St. Thomas

Speaker: Mary Hodge
U of H Clear Lake

Topic: Aztec Trade



LABORATORY SCHEDULE

Mondays, January 16 and
January 30

7:00 - 9:00 PM

Location: Rice University
Archeology Lab, Sewell Hall
Room 103

HAS LIBRARY

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

Location: Little Gallery
1121 Alabama at Mt. Vernon

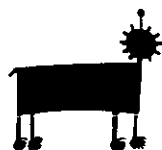
PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

I have read and heard recent proclamations that archeology is doomed and evidence of the past is disappearing at an ever increasing rate. I've also heard that avocational archeology is on the rise and avocational archeologists are making significant contributions to the archeological record. Our resolution for 1995, as members of the Houston Archeological Society, should be to promote responsible archeological actions by sharing our interest in archeology with the public and by teaching people to document and preserve archeological resources.

---Karen Acker

CALLING ALL TIGERS (AND TIGRESSES)

HAS is forming a "tiger" team to address publicity for the 1995 TAS Field School. We need to get information placed in key places during February, March and April. We are looking for a few good tigers (or tigresses). Anyone interested please call Sheldon Kindall at 326-2160 (evenings) or 282-5336 (day).



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 _____

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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 _____

AIA MEETING

Archaeological Institute of America
Sewall Hall, Rm 301, Rice University

Monday, January 23 - 8:00 pm

Dr. Anne Schaffer
MFA, Houston
To Palenque and Beyond

MEETING

FORT BEND ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

George Memorial Library
FM 762 in Richmond

Wednesday, January 11 - 7:00 pm

Dr. Richard Gregg
**ARCHIVAL ARCHAEOLOGY - FAMILY OF
NOTED AUTHOR J. FRANK DOBIE**

ARCHAEOLOGY TOUR - England & Scotland

June 5 to July 1, 1995

Sponsored by the Anthropology Dept.
at Fort Lewis College in Durango.
Travel (by small bus) will extend
from London to the Orkney Islands and
the Outer Hebrides and will include
Fishbourne Roman Villa, Stonehenge,
Skara Brae (neolithic village),
Callanish (stone circle), Viking
Museum at York and other sites.

For more info contact:

Dr. Susan M. Riches
Department of Anthropology
Fort Lewis College
Durango, Colorado 81301
Phone: (303)247-7500



1995 EAST TEXAS ARCHEOLOGICAL CONFERENCE
Meeting Announcement and Call for Papers
February 11, 1995

9:00 - 5:00

Robert R. Muntz Library, Rm 401
The University of Texas at Tyler Campus
University Blvd., Tyler, Texas

Sponsored by:

Region 4 - Texas Archeological Society
School of Liberal Arts - UT at Tyler
Friends of Northeast Texas Archeology
Northeast Texas Archeological Society
East Texas Archeological Society
Dallas Archeological Society

Registration Fee: \$3.00

For more info call: Bo Nelson (903)856-5291, or
Mike Turner (903)656-8754

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - ARCHEOLOGICAL INVESTIGATIONS

USDA Forest Service Passport in Time Program
Aldridge Sawmill and Township
Angelina National Forest in East Texas

March 11-19, 1995

Volunteers willing to commit at least five days
will participate in mapping, excavations,
artifact processing, surveying or the initial
stages of preservation techniques. There are
camping facilities nearby and hotels or motels
withing 40-50 minutes of the site.

For more info:

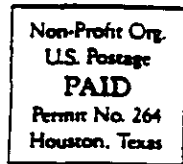
John Ippolito, Forest Archeologist (409)639-8528
Velicia Hubbard, Associate Forest Archeologist
(409)639-8531
Elaine Sherman, Zone Archeologist (409)639-8620



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MARCH MEETING

March 10, 1995
7:30 PM
M D Anderson Hall,
University of St. Thomas

Speaker: Steve Black
Texas Archeological
Research Laboratory

Topic: Anatomy of a Burned Rock
Midden Site in West-Central
Texas: Structure, Dating
and Function

LABORATORY SCHEDULE

Mondays, March 13 and March 27
7:00 - 9:00 PM

Location: Rice University
Archeology Lab, Sewell Hall
Room 103

HAS LIBRARY

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before the monthly meeting.

Location: Little Gallery
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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Just a reminder. Our 1995 membership renewal period ends in March. To continue uninterrupted receipt of the Profile and the Journal please renew your membership by March 31.

The need to document and preserve our archeological resources is readily apparent to members of HAS. One of the more frustrating situations we encounter is a landowner who refuses to allow sites on his property to be investigated and recorded. Mike Marshall and Butch Rowell showed us slides of one of these sites at our February meeting. On these infrequent occasions, we are fortunate to have members in our ranks who can document what is found on this private property and make the general location and content of the site known to the archeological community.

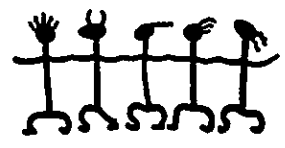
Friends and acquaintances of Pam Wheat, lifetime member of HAS, will be pleased to know she is planning to attend our March 10 meeting and will present a short program on the activities at Crow Canyon where she is employed.

---Karen Acker

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AIA MEETING

Archaeological Institute of America
Sewall Hall, Rm 301, Rice University

Monday, March 6 - 8:00 pm

Rosemary Joyce

The Changing Position of Maya Women

MEETING

FORT BEND ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

George Memorial Library
FM 762 in Richmond

Wednesday, March 8 - 7:00 pm

Tom Palmer II

**History of Railroads in Fort Bend
County**

ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXHIBIT

The Little Archaeology Gallery
1121 W. Alabama

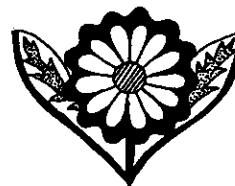
February 26 to March 24, 1995

11-6 Weekdays

**Jaina Figurines: Artifacts as
High Art**

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12462 Barryknoll, Houston 77024



FIELD WORK

The HAS is finally ready to take to the outdoors again. Members will be excavating a site in Wharton County. Anyone interested in getting out in the field will be welcome at these Saturday digs. The group meets at the Hilltop Restaurant in Kendleton and is ready to head 'em up and move 'em out by 9:00 a.m. For more information and/or directions call Sheldon Kindall at 326-2160.

PUBLICATION NOTICE

Bibliography of the Prehistory of the Upper Texas
Coast, No.9.

L.W. Patterson

Houston Archeological Society,
Special Publication, 1995.

The ninth edition of the bibliography for the prehistory of 21 counties in Southeast Texas is now available. It may be ordered from the Houston Archeological Society, P.O. Box 6751, Houston, Texas 77265-6751. The price is \$5.00 plus \$1.50 mailing charge. This bibliography now contains 677 entries. A cross-index for references by site number is included.

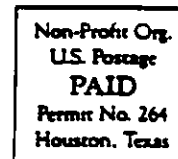
WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Sue Hamblin, Victor Hansen, Bob McMahon,
Patricia Rosendahl, Pandora Sneathkamp and
Annette Zinn.

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APRIL 1995

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APRIL MEETING

April 14, 1995
7:30 PM
M D Anderson Hall,
University of St. Thomas

Speaker: Timothy Perttula
Texas Historical Commission

Topic: Caddo Archeology

LABORATORY SCHEDULE

Monday, April 17
7:00 - 9:00 PM

Location: Rice University
Archeology Lab, Sewell Hall
Room 103

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**TEXAS ARCHEOLOGY
AWARENESS WEEK**

APRIL 22-29, 1995



PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

The weather has co-operated this past month, and the field crew has been able to do more work on 41WH21. Their success is evidenced by the abundance of material from this site that must be cleaned and cataloged. For those members who cannot make the Saturday trips to the site, lab work is a great way to examine the artifacts at close range. We will be working in the lab on April 17th (only one lab session this month).

Work will continue on 41WH21 when the route to the site is passable.

Also, work is scheduled at Lake Jackson for the last two weekends in April: April 22, 23 and April 29, 30.

April is the month when we promote Archeology Awareness. Look for an opportunity to tell someone about archeology and the importance of preserving our cultural resources.

---Karen Acker

SEVENTH ANNUAL DISTINGUISHED LECTURE IN ARCHAEOLOGY

Sunday, April 23, 1995 - 8:00 P.M.
Jones Auditorium
3900 Yoakum Blvd.
University of St. Thomas Campus

Dr. Fikret K. Yegul
University of California

**"Ephesus and Sardis: A Tale of Two Cities in
Classical Antiquity"**

These famous cities of Asia Minor interwove a blend of public and private spaces with the unique natural features of their sites - vitalized by colonnades and arcades, expanded by plazas, squares and fountains.

AIA MEETINGS

Archaeological Institute of America
Sewall Hall, Rm 301, Rice University

Tuesday, April 11 - 8:00 pm

Dr. Harrison Eiteljorg, II
Bryn Mawr
Entrance to the Acropolis in Athens
from the Bronze Age to 437 BC

Monday, May 1 - 8:00 pm

Elisa Phelps
Houston Museum of Natural Science
Anasazi Pottery Techniques

MEETING

FORT BEND ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY
George Memorial Library
FM 762 in Richmond

Wednesday, April 12 - 7:00 pm

Stuart Hemming
Mystery of Stonehenge

**FIELD SCHOOL
TEXAS ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

June 10 - 17, 1995
Lake Jackson

HAS members who would like to help
prepare the Lake Jackson site for the
Field School may volunteer on the
following scheduled work days:
April 22, 23, 29, 30
May 6; June 3, 4

PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

The Oklahoma Anthropological Society, Inc.
Rural Route 1, Box 62-B
Cheyenne, OK 73628-9729

Volumes 40 & 42 of the Bulletin series:

The Calf Creek Horizon in Oklahoma

Reporting the known components of this Middle
Holocene (Altithermal) hunter/gatherer culture in
Oklahoma, and synthesizing the presently avail-
able data on Calf Creek for the entire Oklahoma/
Arkansas/Texas region. The two bulletins total
590 pages, report 54 sites and illustrate
hundreds of artifacts. Price is \$33.00 post-
paid from above address.

Guide to the Identification of American Indian
Projectile Points

Robert E. Bell and Gregory Perino

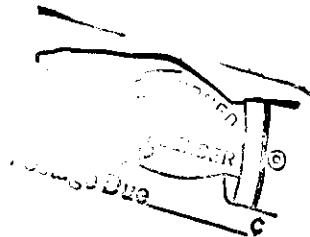
A set of four volumes, first published by the OAS
between 1958 and 1971, totalling 428 pages and
illustrating 1,789 projectile points. Reported
are the descriptions, dating and geographic dis-
tribution of 200 dart and arrow point types,
ranging in age from the earliest Paleoindian
Clovis points to Historic period metal arrow
points. These guides are classics of North Amer-
ican archeology and have been reprinted 19 times
over the past three decades. Available as a set
for \$36.50 postpaid. Order from above address.



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MAY 1995

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MAY MEETING

May 12, 1995
7:30 PM
M D Anderson Hall,
University of St. Thomas

Speaker: Sharon Derrick
Texas A & M

Topic: Cranial Modeling as an
Ethnic Marker among the
Prehistoric Caddo.

LABORATORY SCHEDULE

Mondays, May 15 and May 29
7:00 - 9:00 PM

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NO MEETING IN JUNE

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Do hope many of our members are planning to attend the TAS Field School in June. I'm sure members who have been to past Field Schools will agree that each school provides memorable experiences.

HAS will not have a meeting or newsletter in June, but I look forward to seeing everyone at our May meeting and again in July.

Field: The last weekend to work at Lake Jackson before the TAS Field School will be June 3 and 4. the HAS field crew has enjoyed some good weather for working on 41WH21.

---Karen Acker

HELP WANTED

The HAS, as one of the sponsors of this year's TAS field School, is obligated to furnish 3 people each evening to help with the execution of dinner. Duties consist of such things as picking up the charcoal cooker after it has fallen over, deciding what size slices to cut the dessert, and helping the cooks worry about where the supply truck is. Actually, it is kind of fun and doesn't interfere with any Field School activity, including eating dinner. Please let Sheldon Kindall (326-2160) know if you would be able to help, and on which day.

NOTES FROM ALL OVER

Guatemala Import Ban - The United States will extend an emergency ban on the importation of artifacts from Maya sites in the Peten region of Guatemala for an additional three years. Guatemala had requested the extension to deter looting in the area.

Pequot Donation - The Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation of Connecticut will donate \$10 million of its casino revenues to the Smithsonian Institution to establish an American Indian museum at the National Mall in Washington, D.C. The gift will be the largest donation ever received by the Smithsonian, which plans to open the new museum in 2001.

---Archaeology



MEETING**FORT BEND ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

George Memorial Library
 FM 762 in Richmond

Wednesday, May 10 - 7:00 pm

Linda Gorski

Short History of Fort Bend County;
 Summary of Activities for three year
 existence of Society; Artifacts at
 Jail Site ...

FIELD SCHOOL
TEXAS ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

June 10 - 17, 1995

Lake Jackson

Work days - June 3 and 4

MAYA PARK

Researchers from the University of California, Santa Barbara, are helping to create a 2,000-acre archeological park for Maya flora and fauna in Belize and Guatemala. Centered on the Maya ruins of El Pilar, the park will highlight the relationship between the Maya and their environment.

BRONZE STATUE CATCH

A Greek fisherman trawling off the coast of Kalymnos island in the Dodecanese recently hauled in a six-foot-tall bronze statue of Demeter dated to ca. 300 B.C. The fisherman notified archaeologists, who are now conserving the piece in Athens.

---Archaeology

PUBLICATION AVAILABLEPrehistoric Artifacts of the Texas Indians

Identification and Reference Guide

Dan R. Davis, Jr., Author/Publisher

For the professional, amateur or layman. This 450 page book identifies 193 dart points, arrow points, tools, and implements of the Texas Indians with over 1,500 life-size research quality photographs as well as 569 references.

Price \$34.95 (plus tax and shipping)

Pecos Publishing Company

2031 Encino Belle

San Antonio, Texas 78259 (210) 497-4044

TRENDS IN ARCHAEOLOGY - The Preservation of Past Conservators are racing to save monuments and, in the process, are transforming the field of archaeology into a new science. The principal threats to archaeological sites are the same ones cited by environmentalists as endangering biodiversity: development, population growth, tourism, illegal traffic, air pollution, war, neglect and, in some cases, botched efforts at conservation.

"The whole attitude of archaeologists has been to plunder, then leave," notes Pamela Jerome a professor at Columbia University, who is teaching one of the first courses exclusively on site conservation given at a graduate school. Their training has not included work in conservation. That effort has instead been the province of museum-trained conservators who restore only portable artifacts and collected objects. The artifact crisis and site crisis together have led to a new ethic and science. Scientists at several institutions are formalizing the discipline of site conservation. Symposiums and courses are beginning to appear. The International Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works will hold its 1996 meeting on archaeological preservation. A journal, Conservation and Management of Archaeological Sites, to be published in London is slated to start this year.

---Scientific American

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JULY MEETING

July 14, 1995
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Speaker: Members of HAS

Topic: Highlights of TAS
Field School 1995

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For those members who attended the Texas Archeological Society Field School at Lake Jackson, I hope you had a good time, acquired additional knowledge about archeology, and made new friends. As is the custom at July HAS meetings, the annual TAS Field School experience will be shared with the HAS membership. Learning about the progress of excavations at Lake Jackson and reviewing field School with some of the participants should be interesting. Be sure to join us for this program.

Field: Will be announced at July meeting.
---Karen Acker

WE KNEW THAT

America's best BBQ: It's HINZE'S
The New York-based Food and Wine Magazine has named Hinze's the top barbecue restaurant in the nation. Noted in particular in the article is Hinze's beef brisket and ribs.

No.2, the magazine says, is Boyd & Son in Kansas City, MO, followed by Cozy Corner Restaurant in Memphis, TN, Hawkins Grill also in Memphis, and Lexington Barbecue in Lexington, NC.

---Wharton Journal-Spectator

IRON AGE SKELETONS FOUND

A rare, exceptionally well preserved example of Iron Age burial practices has been found in a cave in southwestern France - 22 skeletons, some still decked out in their funeral finery.

The cave, composed of two galleries and a well, dates to about 600 BC. It was discovered by amateur speleologists in February 1994 but the Culture Ministry held off announcing the find until the cave could be sealed from the public. Experts said the discovery was significant because cremations, not burial, was the usual form of disposing of the dead during the Iron Age.

---Houston Chronicle

WELCOME

New HAS Members
March and April 1995:

Pat and Howard Kramer
John Loflin, Bill Molinare
Pat Padelford, Alice Shepard

DISCOVERY OF WORLD IMPORTANCE

An investigator whose team found what may be the tomb of an early Mayan ruler said that genetic testing may be used to help confirm the skeleton's relation to other royal burials. The red-stained bones appear to be those of Kinich Ah Pop, the second ruler of the Copan dynasty. Mercuric sulfide (cinnabar) was used to stain bones a brilliant red, probably to signify blood, and veneration of dignitaries.

The bones were found surrounded by jade offerings, in the Margarita Tomb in the center of the Copan Archaeological Park, Honduras. Robert J. Sharer, professor of anthropology at the University of Pennsylvania, said the skeleton was in excellent condition and added that a second tomb was found in a nearby building in April. Inscriptions date the Margarita tomb to the first part of the Copan Dynasty, which lasted from about 400 to 800 A.D. The temple was dedicated in 437 by Ruler II and read, in part, "May you be venerated Kinich, lord of the sun, lord of the lake, lord of Copan". Other members of the team were David W. Sedat, a research specialist at the University of Pennsylvania and Archaeologists Ricardo Agurcia of Honduras and Carlos Rudy Larios of Guatemala.

CHECK IT OUT

There is a special issue of Federal Archeology on file in the HAS Library. It is a special report on many aspects of the new Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), and other issues related to protecting the nation's archeological heritage.

Under Iowa law, if human remains more than 150 years old are found to have state or national significance, the state archeologist can deny permission to disinter. Since this may limit construction on someone's property, is the landowner entitled to compensation? Answer on p. 7. Other articles and items of interest include:

Silent Witness: Protecting American Indian Archaeological Heritage, a learning guide and video for teachers; successful prosecution of unauthorized digging at a site in Muscle Shoals; how museums and tribes are dealing with the implementation of NAGPRA mandates; the cooperation of Arizona's Gila River Indian Community with archeologists after discovery of a cemetery during construction of a four-lane highway across its land.

THERE'S HOPE - COOPERATION IN IRELAND

The recent successful prosecution of a man for receiving objects stolen from Limerick Museum resulted from close cooperation between the state archaeological services and police forces in Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic.

The objects were part of a larger group which went missing in a robbery in 1969. For a number of years authorities were aware that a network of black market dealers and collectors were servicing the metal detecting community throughout the island and that trade involved both looted and stolen antiquities.

The man described himself in court as the PRO for the Northern Ireland Council for Metal Detectorists and claimed that he was the victim of a conspiracy by the 'heritage industry'.

---ArchaeologyIreland

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AUGUST MEETING

August 11, 1995
7:30 PM
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Speaker: Wally Kingsborough
USDA Forest Service

Topic: Ethnography and
Archeology in the Sam
Houston National Forest

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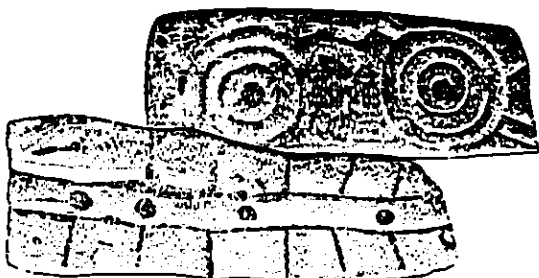
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Our meeting in July was well attended. It is always nice to see everyone again after the June break.

I want to thank Charles Boyle, Melissa Brown, Sheldon Kindall, and Don McReynolds for talking about Field School at the July meeting. The TAS Field School is always one of the highlights of the year, and by sharing our experiences, we hope to entice more of our members to participate. Field School can be hard work, but it is also rewarding and fun.

Nominating Committee: Elisa Phelps, Bill Just and Becky Jacobs have been appointed to the Nominating Committee and will be recruiting candidates willing to serve on the board for 1995-1996. Should you have recommendations for any of the offices, give me a call at 358-0893 and I will pass your suggestions on to the committee.

Field: Further investigation of 41CH161 was begun in July. Work will continue on this site until our Field Director determines that we have sufficient data to complete a report on the site.

---Karen Acker

HAS FIELD WORK

The HAS has resumed work on 41CH161, the Cotton Lake Site in Chambers County. Anyone interested in participating should meet at the McDonald's restaurant in Baytown in time to leave as a group by 9:00 AM. McDonald's is located on Hwy 146 at the intersection of Texas Ave. with that highway. Bring food and water - the trip to the site is easy but we cannot run back and forth from the site because we have to cross HL&P land as a group. The site location is very pleasant - there are lots of trees and plenty of water.

---Sheldon Kindall
(326-2160)

BLOOD FROM STONES

Is it possible to get ancient blood from a stone?

"People are getting very capricious and puzzling and different results," says Christopher Chippindale, editor of ANTIQUITY, a journal on whose pages the debate is unfolding. Just as discoveries of ancient DNA have met with skepticism, scientists question not only one another's findings, but whether it's even possible for traces of buried blood to survive thousands of years.

There have been many intriguing reports: buffalo blood on stone knives at a 5,600-year-old butchering spot in Canada; human blood in paint dating to 20,000 years ago on a cave wall in Australia; and 180,000-year-old blood spilled by a man whittling wood.

Critics note the lack of standardized testing, problems of cross-reactions between species, and results of experiments with modern blood samples on tools - the blood could not be detected after ten months.

One response to critics is that their tests are not sensitive enough to detect miniscule amounts of blood - they are either archaeologists using techniques that they really don't understand in terms of chemistry or immunology, or they are immunologists who have never actually looked at a tool.

As complicated as ancient blood analysis is proving, it's a goal worth pursuing.

--- Science News

NOTES FROM ALL OVER

Clonmacnois, Ireland. An ancient monastic site on a gravel ridge overlooking a large marshy area through which the River Shannon flows. Today the site seems remote and tranquil but it is situated in the center of the country at what was once a vital intersection of north-south (the River Shannon) and east-west travel routes.

Clonmacnois was founded in 545 by St. Ciaran. It became one of the most important artistic and literary centers from the 6th to 12th centuries. About thirty plunderings and burnings (most by the Irish themselves and Viking raids) are recorded up to the middle of the 12th century. Yet the vitality, power and importance of the settlement does not seem to have been diminished by all this destruction. In the later medieval period Clonmacnois survived as the seat of an impoverished bishopric until in 1552 the English garrison from Athlone reduced it to ruin.

What remains at Clonmacnois is a group of fairly late ruined stone churches in a large graveyard, together with a round tower. There are at least twelve structures to view, including beautifully carved high crosses, small churches, 'cathedral' and 13th century castle, many examples of doorway and window structures and carvings.

Of special note is the Ogham Stone, found during the digging of a grave in the new cemetery in 1990, which may date to the 5th or 6th century.

The ogham alphabet is based on the Latin alphabet and first appears in Ireland around the 4th century AD.

The Graveslabs at Clonmacnois represent the largest and most remarkable collection of pre-Norman graveslabs in Britain or Ireland. Over 600 slabs or fragments range in date from about 700 up until the 12th century and include fine examples of all the major types of early graveslabs known from Ireland.

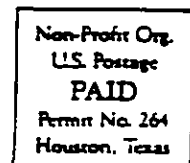
The whole site forms a dramatic profile against the bucolic setting and meandering river.

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SEPTEMBER MEETING

September 8, 1995
7:30 PM
M D Anderson Hall,
University of St. Thomas

Speaker: James Bruseth
Texas Historical
Commission

Topic: Aftermath of the Texas
Legislature: The Future
of Legal Protection for
Archaeology

LABORATORY SCHEDULE

Mondays, September 11 and
September 25

7:00 - 9:00 PM

Location: Rice University
Archeology Lab, Sewell Hall
Room 103

HAS LIBRARY

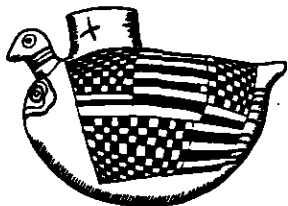
Open between 6:30 and 7:25 PM
before the monthly meeting.

Location: Little Gallery
1121 Alabama at Mt. Vernon

(NOTE: See news item on
following page)

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

My second year as president is coming to a close, and I would like to say thanks to the board and to the members for their support.

I'm going to take this opportunity to get on my soapbox one more time. Being president of HAS was both challenging and rewarding. Our meetings are educational and enjoyable, and our goals of identifying and recording sites and informing the public about archeology are admirable. For the Society to continue to meet these goals and attract the needed new members, we, the current members, must be willing to do more than just 'be there'. Let me encourage everyone to pitch in when asked; serve on the board, chair a committee, work in the lab, or whatever. HAS cannot function without people in charge. Try it! You'll like it!

Field: The field crew has been working at 41CH161 on Cotton Lake in Chambers County. Artifacts continue to indicate that this site may be a contact site with occupation extending into the Historic period.

---Karen Acker

SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 1995-96

The Nominating Committee (Elisa Phelps, Bill Just, and Becky Jacobs) proposes the following:

President	Tom Nuckols
Vice-president	Leland Patterson
Secretary	Muriel Walker
Treasurer	Michael Johnston
Director at Large	Bernard Naman

Continuing Directors at Large are:

Don McReynolds
Joe Hudgins

Voting will take place at the September meeting.

AIA MEETING

Archaeological Institute of America
Sewall Hall. Rm 301, Rice University

Wednesday, October 4 - 8:00 pm

Patricia Anawalt
UCLA

Understanding Aztec Human Sacrifice

MEETING

FORT BEND ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

George Memorial Library
FM 762 in Richmond

Thursday, September 14 - 7:00pm

Topic to be announced

DOCUMENT DNA

DNA from animal skins used as parchment for the Dead Sea Scrolls is being studied to determine where the scrolls were made. Many religious scholars believe the documents were written by the Essenes and hidden in caves near their Qumran settlement. Others contend the scrolls were important Jewish works collected from a number of locations in ancient Israel. Scott Woodward, a microbiologist at Brigham Young University, plans to compare DNA from the scrolls with that from the bones of ancient herds as well as DNA of living goat and sheep herds in the region. Genetic links would suggest the scrolls were made locally.

--- Archaeology



EXHIBIT AT LITTLE GALLERY

ARTIFACTS OF THE TEXAS CONFEDERACY

Sponsored by
Bobby McKinney of Rosenberg

September 18 to October 20, 1995
Weekdays, 11am to 6pm

The Little Archaeology Gallery
1121 W. Alabama

LIBRARY NOTES

The HAS Library is missing the following issues of the HAS Newsletter & HAS Journal: 1, 3, 5-15, 17-27, 30, 31, 33-48, 50, 55, 57-61, 64, 68, 69 and 78.

Those members who might have copies of these issues and would care to donate them to the Library it would be much appreciated.

(Note: The Journal changed its name from Newsletter to Journal with issue #78.)

NOTES FROM ALL OVER

Excerpts from an item in ARCHAEOLOGY IRELAND - Illustrating the link between politics and archaeological legislation is news of a potential threat to the system of federal historic preservation laws and regulations under which archaeological resources in the USA are protected and managed. A significant segment of the new Republican-dominated Congress appears to wish to dilute the system and to break the traditional bipartisan support for federal protection of archaeological sites. Given the long history of government concern in the States with the protection of archaeological sites, it is to be hoped that the country that gave us the term 'cultural resource management' does not end up changing the legislative system so that its archaeological resource will be less well protected than at present.

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DECEMBER MEETING

December 8, 1995
7:30 PM
M D Anderson Hall
University of St. Thomas

Speaker: Elisa Phelps
Houston Museum of
Natural Science

Topic: Pottery-making at Zuni
Pueblo: Continuity of
Tradition

LABORATORY SCHEDULE

Only one session this month:
Monday - December 11

7:00 - 9:00 PM

Location: Rice University
Archeology Lab, Sewell Hall
Room 103

HAS LIBRARY

Open between 6:30 and 7:25 PM
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I found this little Scallorn arrowhead in October while visiting my father's ranch in south Texas near the town of Big Wells in Dimmit County. It was lying on the ground near a cattle pen, not too far from a heavily used cattle trail. The soil there is rocky and there have been farming and ranching activities on this property since the early 1900's. Recent high winds and rain probably exposed the arrowhead on the surface. It is amazing that this tiny and very delicate arrowhead could remain intact for as long as it has.



While visiting the Concepcion and San Jose missions recently, I noticed there were names and dates carved into the stone of the churches' facades. At first I was quite appalled, but upon closer examination, I noticed that some of the dates were quite old. The earliest date I found was 1844; also 1850 and many 1876 and 1877. There are probably older dates than these, but my 5 year old son was with me so I could not spend a lot of time in any one area. It is funny how graffiti can become historically significant. Mission San Jose has a wonderful bookstore in one of the old Indian apartments. It is full of books on Texas history and anthropology. It is located a few miles from downtown San Antonio off I-10 on the "Mission Trail" Road.

---Tommy Nuckols

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"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 _____

AIA MEETING

Archaeological Institute of America
Sewall Hall, Rm 309, Rice University

Tuesday, December 5 - 8:00 PM

Dr. Karl Petruso

University of Texas, Arlington

**The Konispol Cave: New Light on the
Stone Age of Albania**

*****OPEN HOUSE*****

FORT BEND ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

600 Houston Street

Richmond, Texas

(next to Museum)

Wednesday, December 13 - 6-9 PM

For more info call 342-0600

**Correcting an Omission: Contributors
to TAS Field School**

J. Dudgeon Walker, Jr.'s name was erroneously omitted from the list of persons who volunteered their time and energy to get the Lake Jackson Site ready for the TAS field school. Dudgeon spent 5 days assisting in 1994 and was rewarded by two cases of poison ivy, and assisted 5 days with the 1995 preparations. We all appreciate Dudgeon's support of HAS and TAS projects and deeply regret the omission of his name.

---Joan Few - LJSAL PI

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NOTES FROM ALL OVER - America's Stonehenge

In North Salem, New Hampshire, along a tributary of the Merrimac River, stands an intriguing but controversial ancient complex. Known locally as Mystery Hill it has more recently been dubbed "America's Stonehenge". Spread over some twenty acres are cobbled chambers, dolmens, standing stones and other megaliths. Early settlers assumed the site to be of Native American origin but some researchers and archaeologists have determined that people of a very different culture (European/Celtic) built the complex. Radio-carbon testing of charcoal pits on the site provided dates from 173 BC and 2000 BC.

In the 1920's tons of stones had been hauled away by horse and wagon to build sewers and curbstones in Lawrence, Massachusetts. Yet some chambers and dolmens remained intact. The area is now privately owned and available for archaeological research and visitation.

Of particular interest are the Oracle Chamber and Sacrificial Table. A "speaking tube" connects the underground chamber to the 4 1/2 ton slab so that a voice from the chamber imparts sound to the table (or victim - human or otherwise).

Most striking of all, however, are the aspects of astronomy related to the standing stones. The entire site has been described as a Bronze Age Calendar. The stones align with sunsets and sunrises on specific days of the year, notably Spring Equinox, Summer Solstice, Fall Equinox and Winter Solstice. Alignments have also been noted for Cross-quarter Days: May 1, August 1, and October 31 which correspond to ceremonial days in ancient Celtic/European pagan worship.

The area was probably not lived in but used as a ceremonial compound.

Coincidental side note: the person who bought this property in order to preserve it is named Robert E. Stone.

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