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JULY MEETING: "2005 Field School Experiences"

Given by various HAS members.

Anyone wishing to present should contact Muriel Walker at 281-392-7504.

LABORATORY SCHEDULE:

Mondays, July 11 and 25, **only**, 7:00p.m., Rice University Archeology Lab, Sewall Hall, Room 103.

HAS LIBRARY: Open on Friday, July 8, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:20 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN:

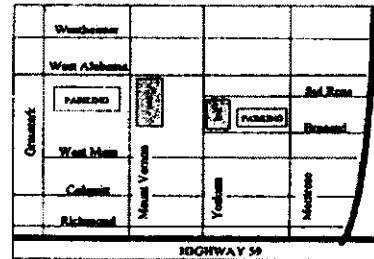
No column this month.

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LOCATION MAP

1. M. D. Anderson Hall
3900 Mount Vernon
University of St. Thomas
2. McAgy Archaeology Library
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WANTED: Please send articles of interest to me for publication; the newsletter is getting rather sparse.
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HOUSTON ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES, May 11, 2005

Muriel Walker, HAS Vice President, called the May meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. There were 41 people in attendance.

Announcements:

- No business meeting tonight due to the absence of President Linda Swift.
- TAS field school in June.
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- Field work continues at San Felipe. Volunteers needed.
- There will only be one HAS lab session for May. The 2nd session is canceled due to Memorial Day.
- HAS member ship renewal letters have been sent out.
- More HAS members have elected to receive the Profile via email.

HAS member Michael Bailey introduced the night's speaker, Jerry C. Drake, Director Archives & Records, Texas General Land Office for his presentation, "The GLO's Map Digitalization Program and Archaeology?" The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Submitted by Tom Nuckols, annesullivan@andreswkurth.com

The Yates Museum: Professor David Bruner, U of H, holds field school and lab sessions every Saturday (8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.) at 1314 Andrews in Freedman's Town (founded by freed slaves in 1868. Confirm at davearch@houston.rr.com or call Dr. Carol McDavid 713-523-2640.

Dudgeon Walker's widow, Shirley, sent a nice note to the members of HAS, "The Peace Lily plant sent by the society is beautiful and will bring much pleasure to me and my family. Thank you for the plant and your kind words of sympathy. Sincerely, Shirley Walker."

The membership will miss Dudgeon and we wish his family well.

2,000 year old date seed has sprouted! A date seed nearly 2,000 years old, nicknamed Methuselah, has germinated and is growing. The seed was excavated at the ancient cliff fortress of Masada in Israel. If it lives and is female, it has a 50-50 chance to bear fruit. If it is male it will just be a curiosity, says Dr. Elaine Solowey, who works in Israel on medicinal plants. Lotus seeds 1,200 years old have sprouted in China, but nothing has germinated even close to 2,000 years old before. (New York Times, June 12, 2005).

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BOOK SUGGESTION: I recently purchased a copy of Jared Diamond's newest book, Collapse. I haven't finished reading it yet, but I do recommend it to HAS membership. This book follows on the heels of his Guns, Germs, and Steel; I am sure he used much prior research and perhaps was inspired to write the current book because of the information gained on the previous one. Collapse, globe-hops from North America, to the Pacific Islands, to Norse settlers in Greenland and Iceland, and to Central American Maya, and on; Diamond is definitely a world traveler! Because he deals with, among other things, the effects of human occupation on the environment, this is a worthwhile book for anthropologists and archaeologists. In fact, he credits much of his information on the work of archaeologists. This is not "summer fluff" reading, but it is interesting. Diamond writes for the lay reader, and at times throws in folksy humor which makes a heavy subject easier to digest.

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HAS dig at the *Maison Rouge* site on Galveston Island, Texas, October 2004. (Compliments of Fred Kelly)

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