



HOUSTON ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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MEETING NOTICE, JANUARY, 1985

Date: Friday, January 11, 1985
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: Houston Museum of Natural Science
Classroom 4
Speaker: Dr. Randolph Widmer
Anthropology Department
University of Houston
Topic: Archeological Excavations of the
Calusa Indian Culture of Southeast
Florida

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

If there's not an "-85" at the end of the first line on your mailing label, put this at the top of your list of New Year's resolutions:

"I resolve to send a check for 1985 membership dues to the Houston Archeological Society TODAY!"

In case you've forgotten the correct amount, dues for each category of membership are:

Individual	\$15.00	Contributing	\$30.00
Family	20.00	Student	5.00

BOARD ACTIVITIES

In December, President Margie Elliott and Secretary Gene Heitzman attended a workshop entitled THE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION, sponsored by the Cultural Arts Council of Houston. The workshop presented an overview of management issues concerning nonprofit organizations and offered suggestions for approaches to the budget-making process.

NEW FOSSIL FIND

A remarkable discovery of the fossilized remains of an early human ancestor was announced in October by Richard Leakey of the National Museum of Kenya and Alan Walker, an anatomist at Johns Hopkins University. The remains, discovered near the western shore of Lake Turkana in northern Kenya, are those of a 12-year old male of the Homo erectus species who lived approximately 1.6 million years ago. The significance of the find is based on the near completeness of the skeleton. Missing from it are part of the feet, the hands, and a portion of the arms. The only previous Homo erectus skeleton found with bones from below the neck was that of an individual afflicted with a bone disease that made the skeleton virtually useless for scientific analysis. The height of the newly-discovered young adolescent was approximately 5 ft. 6 inches, and Walker estimated that, had he lived to maturity, the individual would have reached a height of 6 ft., fully six inches taller than previous estimates for this species. Watch for an article in National Geographic.

LABORATORY SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 6 - special session to begin work on the material from Fort West Bernard site - 1:30-5:00 p.m., Archeology Lab of Sewall Hall (Room 103), Rice University.

Monday January 14, 7-10 p.m., Archeology Lab of Sewall Hall (Room 103), Rice University. Fort West Bernard site material.

Monday, January 28, 7-10 p.m., Archeology Lab, Hoffman Building, University of Houston. Lafitte site (Galveston) material.

There is a lot of work to be done. Try to work at least one of these sessions into your schedule. For more information call Dick Gregg at 721-4865 (evenings).

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Our thanks to everyone who contributed to the special fund that made possible the magnificent 25th anniversary celebration in December. Most of all, an extra special thanks to Selma Naman who planned and executed all the details so beautifully.

DEATH

We were saddened to learn belatedly of the death last summer of Mrs. John (Frankie) Bullington, who had been member of our society for many years.

NEW MEMBERS

Sharla C. Azizi, 4815 Marietta Lane, Houston, 77021
(747-1053)
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(337-3982)
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(522-6193)
Paul V. Heinrich, 112 Lakewood Dr., Baytown, 77520
(424-5933)
Eric Simon, 6374 Creekbend, Houston, 77096 (988-6089)

UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

The Houston chapter of the American Institute of Archaeology will meet at 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 22 in Room 309, Sewall Hall, Rice University. Dr. Robert Bianchi of the Brooklyn Museum will talk about the archaeology of Alexandrian Egypt.

The First Annual Southeast Historical Ceramics Workshop, January 12, 2 p.m., Brazosport Museum of Natural Science. For more information call Joan Few (666-3496) or Sheldon Kindall (334-2160).

Weekend of fieldwork at the Gloriana Site, January 19-20 (alternate date is January 26-27). Pick up maps from Joan Few at the January meeting or call her at 666-3496.

Anne Sullivan will talk to the Bellaire Historical Society on January 17 about the Galveston Jean Lafitte Site. (668-5156)

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

The Scholarship Committee is very pleased to announce the award of scholarships to Bob McMahon and Tom Nuckols to take courses in archeology during the spring semester at the University of Houston. Congratulations, Tom and Bob!

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MEETING NOTICE, OCTOBER, 1985

Date: Friday, October, 11, 1985
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: University of St. Thomas
M. D. Anderson Hall
Speaker: Dr. Ken Brown, Chairman
Anthropology Department
University of Houston, University Park
Program: Archeology of the George R. Brown
Convention Center Site in Houston
SEE NOTE BELOW

LABORATORY SCHEDULE

Monday October 14, 7-10 p.m., Archeology Lab of Sewall Hall (Room 103), Rice University. Barnhill Site material (from May workshop excavation).

Monday October 28, 7-10 p.m., Archeology Lab, Hoffman Building, University of Houston. Lafitte Site (Galveston) material.

Call Dick Gregg at 721-4865 (evenings) for more information.

A PREVIEW OF THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM

Recent archeological discoveries are re-writing Houston's history. Popular theory once held that our area was a wilderness before 1836, when the Allen brothers plotted a city on the southern banks of Buffalo Bayou and named it for Sam Houston. Through deliberate and painstaking work at the George R. Brown Convention Center site, a team of University of Houston archeologists uncovered evidence of settlement by 1820. Even more

surprising, ceramics dated to the late 1700's were recovered. Household-type objects indicate that early Houstonians were families, not the adventurers and fortune seekers that legend would have us believe.

One and one half million artifacts have been recovered. Most of these are fragments of ordinary, everyday life, but they have a lot to say about Houston's past. Be sure to attend this month's meeting to hear about this exciting project.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Many thanks to Lonnie Griffin and Sherry Johnson for assisting Selma with refreshments for the September meeting. If you appreciated the cold drinks, mention it personally to Selma or Lonnie.

MUSEUM LECTURE ON ROCK ART

Dr. Deborah Marcus will present a talk, "Painted Visions: A Comparison of the Rock Art from Utah and Aboriginal North America" at 11 a.m., November 2 at the Houston Museum of Natural Science, 1 Hermann Circle Drive. Dr. Marcus's talk is being co-sponsored by the Houston Museum of Natural Science and Earthwatch.

If you can't attend this program at the museum because you'll be attending the TAS meeting in San Antonio the first weekend in November, you will still have an opportunity to hear this talk. Dr. Marcus will repeat the program on Saturday afternoon in San Antonio at the TAS meeting. She is being sponsored there by the South Texas Archeological Society.

FIELD WORK REPORT

Twenty-two members from the Houston Archeological Society took part in the archeological survey and testing project (announced in last month's mailing) at a location in southern Waller County on September

21-22. Sixty-eight low mounds were mapped. One mound was trenched and a profile drawn. The profile of another mound exposed by erosion on a creek bank was examined. No artifacts were discovered and there was no evidence that these mounds were artificially constructed. Results of the project will be reported to State Archeologist Bob Mallouf.

The mounds that were the subject of this investigation appear to be examples of "Mima mounds," or "pimple mounds" as they are usually called in this area. They are of natural origin, probably the result of gopher activity. Mounds such as these are often associated with artifacts in some places, such as western Harris County, but there was apparently no such association in the Waller County area investigated.

Thanks to all the participants of this project: Dave Atherton, Frank Brezik, Rich and Eleanor Ebersole, Margie Elliott, Joan Few, Dick Gregg, Lonnie Griffin, Joe Hudgins, Nancy Jircik, Bob Knapp, Charles Magan, Linda Moorrees, Ray McCausland, Tom Nuckols, David Pettus, Bill Schurmann, Bert Slaight, Emily Standish, Anneliese Unterharuscheidt, Mike Woods, and especially to Sheldon Kindall who directed the work.

Special thanks to our hosts for this project, Mr. and Mrs. Winston Sheffield.

To learn more about pimple mounds, see "Mounds of Mystery," by George W. Cox in the June 1984 issue of Natural History Magazine.

AIA PROGRAMS RESUME FOR 1985-86

The first lecture of this season sponsored by the Houston branch of the Archaeological Institute of America will be Monday, October 14, 8:00 p.m., 301 Sewall Hall, Rice University. Susan Rotroff will discuss "Perfumes in Antiquity."

Enter Rice University campus through Entrance 2 off Main Street and park in Parking Lot M.

MARKER DEDICATION SEPTEMBER 29

The dedication of the marker from the Texas Historical Commission for the Boys' School Archeological Site will be held at 4 p.m. on

September 29 at Clear Lake Park. Houston Archeological Society members assisted Lawrence Aten in the excavation of this National Register site in the late 1960's. The dedication is sponsored by the Harris County Historical Commission and is open to the public.

HAS SPEAKERS BUREAU

One of the important services provided by our Society to the local community is to answer requests from school teachers, civic groups, and other organizations for people to talk about archeology. We usually receive several such requests each month and we feel this is a good opportunity for a little public education as well as good publicity for HAS. We are always in need of volunteers for this program. If you would like to participate, please call Joan Few (666-3496) and sign on. HAS owns a slide and cassette-tape program you can use to make the job easier if you are a little uncertain about what to say, and we'll be glad to help you out with other suggestions.

Thanks to Laurie Newendorp for volunteering this month to speak to the fifth graders at Kennedy Elementary School in the Alief School District.

HAS GOES TO FALL FESTIVAL AT ARMAND BAYOU

We're taking our public education display to the Fall Festival sponsored by Armand Bayou Nature Center on October 19-20. Several thousand visitors are expected for this event, which will include a wide variety of displays and demonstrations of traditional craft activities. We still need volunteers; call Doreen Cooper (1-689-1842) or Margie Elliott (682-3556).

TRAVEL ADVENTURES IN ARCHEOLOGY

Information about two trips/expeditions have recently arrived in our mail. If you're looking for the ideal experience to help relieve the tedium of the coming winter, you might consider these.

The University Research Expeditions Program of the University of California, Berkeley, includes three sequential sessions in Belize entitled "Lost Civilization of the Ancient Maya." Each session

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR 1985-86

lasts two weeks, and the first session begins on April 1, 1986. Team members will work with Dr. Anabel Ford, Social Process Research Institute, University of California at Santa Barbara, excavating, making field drawings and collecting artifacts of ancient Maya civic and ceremonial centers. Field collections will be followed by cleaning, cataloging and recording artifacts. Accommodations will be dormitory style in a local house. Field work is moderately demanding physically, but strenuous activities like digging and screening will be balanced by more sedentary lab work. Skills in surveying, photography, or wilderness experience are especially sought, but no previous archeological or anthropological experience is required. Cost is \$1185 for each two week session, not including transportation to and from Belize City. For further information and a free catalog, contact: University Research Expeditions Program (UREP), University of California, Desk K2, Berkeley, CA 94720, or call (415) 642-6586.

If your tastes run toward more opulent adventures, consider the National Trust's "Sailing to the Land of the Maya" aboard the tall ship Sea Cloud.

The Sea Cloud is the legendary yacht built in 1931 for E. F. Hutton and his wife Marjorie Merriweather Post. It is a square-rigged, four-masted barque and the largest private sailing ship ever built, 316 feet in length with a 49-foot beam. The ship was refurbished in 1979 and is now capable of accommodating 70 passengers in the thirteen original suites and staterooms and twenty-eight newly built staterooms.

The trip itinerary includes the archeological sites of Uxmal, Kabah, Sayil, Chichen Itza, Coba, Tulum, and an optional side trip to Tikal. Plenty of time has been included for other sightseeing as well as for swimming and snorkeling. The cost of this trip starts at \$3695 per person, round trip from Miami. Contact the National Trust for Historic Preservation, 1785 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036 or call (202) 673-4000.

1985 TAS ANNUAL MEETING

Don't forget to make plans to attend this year's annual meeting of the Texas Archeological Society on November 1-2 in San Antonio at the Sheraton San Antonio Resort and Conference Center, 1400 Austin Highway. Contact Shirley Van der Veer at (512) 691-62 or (512) 732-5970 for more information.

The following officers were elected at the September meeting to serve for the year that begins this month: President - Margie Elliott; Vice President - Joan Few; Secretary - Dorothy Boyle; Treasurer - Tom Nuckols; Director-at-Large Position #1 - Bill Schurmann (term expires September 1988). Thanks very much to Norma Taylor for her very capable services as Elections Officer.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE REQUESTS ASSISTANCE

Many of the successes enjoyed by our organization can be traced directly or indirectly to the hard work by members of the Public Relations Committee. The current project of this committee is to compile press kits about HAS, to be delivered in person to representatives of the local broadcasting and publishing media. The committee needs your assistance to make these contacts effective. If you know someone who works for one of the local radio or television stations or for a local newspaper or magazine, please contact Melissa Marrs (558-5683 or 621-9138) or Pam Wheat (523-8048 or 623-6938).

IDEAS INVITED FOR PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

The Board of Directors is making plans for this year's calendar of events. If there is a subject you think would make an interesting program topic or if you have been thinking about a special activity for HAS, mention your idea to a member of the Board. If you didn't like a previous program, speaker, or special event, let us know that too. We welcome all suggestions and will even agree to keep them anonymous if you prefer. Here are addresses and telephone numbers of all members of the Board:

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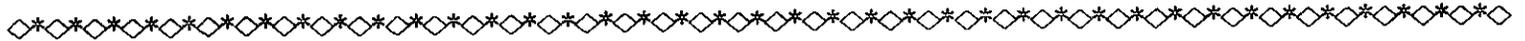
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Date: Friday, November 8, 1985

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: University of St. Thomas
M. D. Anderson Hall

Speaker: Dr. David Carlson
Anthropology Department
Texas A & M University

Program: Settlement Patterns of the Archaic and
Late Prehistoric Periods in the Ft. Hood
Area of Texas

NOTICE: Everyone is invited to meet for
Dutch Treat supper at Butera's on Montrose
at 6:00 p.m.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Many thanks to Melissa Marrs and Elizabeth Reap for
providing cookies for our October meeting.

DEVELOPING A FIELDWORK POLICY

Several times in past years the Houston Archeological Society has taken steps to establish a policy governing field work activities. From time to time, committees have been appointed, met, studied the issue, and reported their recommendations. But the Society's position regarding field work has remained unclear in many respects because the results of the studies were filed away and often forgotten. The Board of Directors believes it is important to take a careful look at field work activities of the Society and to develop a policy that can be incorporated into our Standing Rules.

Three considerations should guide the formulation of a field work policy:

1. All projects and activities involving the resources and/or name of the Houston Archeological Society must be approved by the Board of Directors. Members of the Board have legal responsibilities that cannot be fulfilled when their role as decision makers has been overlooked or bypassed.

2. To the maximum extent possible, field work must be open to all members who want to participate. Announcements about field work should be made at meetings, in the newsletter, and by telephone when necessary. Training opportunities must be available to those who are new to archeology.

3. The Society must continue to emphasize the scientific nature of archeology, as we have always done in the past. The responsibilities that go along with scientific archeology must be addressed by our field work policy and by each project we undertake.

Please be prepared to share your views about this subject at the November meeting.

LABORATORY SCHEDULE

Both lab sessions this month will be at the University of Houston. There is still a lot of material from Anne Sullivan's Galveston project that must be processed. Please come and help out.

Mondays November 11 and 25, 7-10 p.m.

Archeology Laboratory, Room 376 Hoffman Building,
University of Houston.

Call Dick Gregg at 721-4865 (evenings) for more information.

AIA PROGRAM

The public is invited to attend this month's meeting of the Houston Society of the Archaeological Institute of America on November 11 at 8:00 p.m. in Room 301, Sewall Hall, Rice University. This month's program, by Walter M. Widrig of Rice University, is "The Tenth Season at the Roman Villa on Via Gabina." A reception will follow.

RAIDER OF LOST ARCHAEOLOGY
FINDS POIGNANCY IN THE PAST

by Toni S. Turner

(This article first appeared in the June 23, 1985, edition of the Dallas Times Herald and is reprinted here through the courtesy of the author and Dallas Times Herald.)

When I was a child, my favorite place on Earth was an old farmhouse on a wooded hill in East Texas. On summer nights I would sit on the front porch with my grandparents, listening to the rhythmic hum of cicadas and watching the flutter of the fireflies. I listened to a litany of tales about the Caddo Indians, and of the local mounds that yielded their pots and bones. I would shiver deliciously in the humid night air, believing that the spirits of the Indians watched from the shadows.

My grandmother told me that before the house was built, prospectors camped and dug there, among trees in which the Caddo had carved birds, fish and human faces. Legend had it that the woods behind our house were haunted. The locals said the Indian priests had buried gold there, and various treasure hunters tried to find it. When the house was built, those carved trees had been cut down. My grandmother said she hated to see them go with the mystery of their meaning still unsolved.

During the daytime, I was an avid relic collector. I found the litter of the past everywhere. I would walk the old farm roads, savoring the oily smell of the hot blacktop and prying arrowheads and pottery from the sticky surface. I later learned that these roads were surfaced with oil mixed with sand that often came from the same soils favored by the Caddo for their burial sites. The relics of the first East Texans still lie encased in the black gold that brought so much prosperity—and destruction—to the area.

Fossils, arrowheads, fragments of pottery—all held a fascination for me. How did arrowheads end up near the barn's foundation? How did white glazed china get into the old cistern? I wanted to learn more about the past inhabitants of the farm; to establish my place in the long life-chain stretched out before and after me. And I wanted to meet other people who shared my interest in uncovering Texas's rich cultural heritage.

I began attending local and state archaeological society meetings; I went on excavations; I pieced broken pots together, cataloged arrowheads and got dirtier than I ever dreamed possible. Indiana Jones I was not. The glamour and excitement of storybook archaeology disappear fast in Texas heat and dust.

I remember one dig on a farm near Quitman that brought the distant past to life for me. A burial site had been exposed while fencepost holes were being dug and fortunately the landowner notified a local archaeologist to excavate it properly. Three professional archaeologists and I went there on a June weekend to salvage what information we could as quickly and carefully as possible so the farmer could continue his fencing.

The temperature soared and the landscape shimmered in the heat. Ticks, flies and mosquitoes feasted on our sunburned arms and legs. I questioned my sanity and my dedication.

But by late afternoon, we had unearthed a sight whose humanity touched me deeply. Two bodies had once lain side by side, although the acid soil of East Texas had left little of the bones intact. But we found two identical arrays of pots: one large and one small. A mother and child had died and been buried together, and loving hands had made sure that these two would each have a personal store of provisions for the journey to the afterlife.

I felt a strong bond with these people who cared so much for their dead. The reality of archaeology suddenly struck me. We had entered into a private resting place of other human beings who had died centuries before. And although nothing but their dust remained, we still knew a great deal about them. The pots were expertly finished and lavishly decorated. They still retained traces of food inside. A series of beads lay scattered where the torso once rested.

But less tangible tales were told to us by the objects these people left behind. They had a wide trade network, because the shell that formed the beads came from the Gulf Coast. They believed in life after death or they would not have placed food in the grave. And they believed that the bond between mother and child continued into another plane of existence.

As I stood in the June sunset near this little cemetery, I felt a mixture of emotions ranging from sorrow to joy. The Indian villages were long since gone. The thatched houses had disappeared. The temple mounds had been pillaged or leveled for farming. The bear, the panther and the red wolf were extinct. All of these lifeways were dissipated by a wave of settlement and land alteration that often ripped out the pages of history and threw them away.

This experience helped me understand the true significance of archaeology and to value the material record of our history as a people and as a republic.

This history is threatened by the very prosperity that makes Texas one of the nation's most viable states. We are building, developing and growing at an incredible rate, and there is always a price.

That price is the past and the vast body of knowledge our predecessors can share with us. With the loss of each archaeological site to development, looting or vandalism, a part of our cultural heritage is gone forever.

During the Sesquicentennial celebration, Texans will be looking at a century and a half of remarkable history. The greatness of Texas results from many things, among them a vast wealth of natural resources and settlement by courageous and fiercely independent people.

But we should also remember that the last 150 years of our history is just the tip of a cultural iceberg covering at least 10,000 years. A part of our spirit of celebration and renewal should be dedicated to those who laid the cornerstone of our state's cultural foundation.

1985-86 APPOINTMENTS ANNOUNCED

Constitution Committee: Dick Gregg (chairperson); Rennie Ebersole; Mike Kremheller.

Library Committee: Shirley Wetzel (chairperson); Fr. Ed Bader; Mike Johnston.

Arrangements Coordinator: Eugene Heitzman

Bookshop Manager: Bernard Naman

Hospitality Committee Chairperson: Selma Naman

FLYER ON ARCHEOLOGY PUBLISHED

With assistance from HAS, the City of Houston Archeological and Historical Commission has just published a flyer entitled "Archeology and Houston's Heritage." Information in the flyer includes a brief explanation of why it is important to our understanding of the past not to disturb archeological sites and a summary of some of what has recently been learned about the history of Houston through archeology. The flyers will be available at the November meeting, or you can obtain a copy by calling Barrie Zimmelman at 222-4851.

LIBRARY OPENS THIS MONTH

Beginning this month, the HAS library will be open one hour before the meeting. Librarian Shirley Wetzel will be on hand at 6:30 p.m. in the second floor of the Carriage House located behind the Link-Lee Mansion at University of St. Thomas, where our library is located, to help you check out a book or to explain the library to you. If you have questions, please call Shirley at 270-9452.

ARMAND BAYOU FALL FESTIVAL REPORT

The number of visitors who, despite the rains, came out to the Armand Bayou Fall Festival were only slightly fewer than had been anticipated. Members of the Houston Archeological Society braved the weather and insects to hand out information and talk to hundreds of people about archeology, making this one of our most successful public education projects. Thanks to all those who helped out: Dave Atherton, Dorothy and Charles Boyle, Doreen Cooper, Richie Ebersole, Margie Elliott, Joan Few, Lou Fullen, Lonnie Griffin, Marcy Grubbs, Betty and Sheldon Kindall, Melissa Marrs, Jim Misener, Bernard Naman, David Pettus, Bert Slaight, Pam Wheat and her guest Steve Cook.

USED BOOK SALE TO RAISE FUNDS

Save your books for the used book sale, being planned as an HAS fund-raising event. Please volunteer to help out by calling committee chairperson Betty Kindall (326-2160).

SAA HONORS OUTSTANDING SENIOR ARCHEOLOGISTS

At the 50th annual meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, 50th Anniversary Awards were presented to 75 individuals who have made significant contributions to American archeology over the past five decades. Several Texas archeologists were among the recipients. Our congratulations to E. Mott Davis, Jack T. Hughes, and Dee Ann Story.

ROSETTA BEING RESTORED AS TOURIST ATTRACTION

Egypt is preparing to spend \$2.4 million in an effort to improve tourist attractions at the ancient town of Rosetta, famous as the site of 1799 discovery of the Rosetta Stone. To view the Rosetta Stone, however, you will still need to travel to the British Museum in London.

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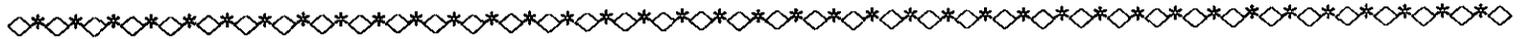
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Plantation, Brazoria County, Texas

The archeology laboratory at the University of Houston is in Room 376 of the Hoffman Building. Call Dick Gregg at 721-4865 (evenings) for more information, or the Anthropology Department at UH (749-3921) for instructions about location.

REMINDER ABOUT LIBRARY

Don't forget that the HAS library will be open one hour before the meeting with Librarian Shirley Wetzel on hand beginning at 6:30 p.m. to help you check out publications. Our library is on the second floor of the Carriage House, located behind the Link-Lee Mansion at University of St. Thomas. If you have questions, please call Shirley at 270-9452.

EAGLE ISLAND PLANTATION (41 BO 143), SITE B

In 1984 and 1985, the Brazosport Archaeological Society excavated the brick foundations of a structure built in the mid-1840's and destroyed in the 1900 hurricane. The structure was originally part of the Eagle Island Plantation and may have served as the home of the plantation overseer. This site is located in the present city of Clute, Texas.

FIELDWORK OPPORTUNITY IN BELIZE

Dr. Thomas R. Hester of the University of Texas at San Antonio and Dr. Harry J. Shafer of Texas A & M University have issued an invitation to archeological volunteers in Texas to join them in the 1986 excavations at Colha, Belize, Central America. Fieldwork is scheduled for February and March and is being sponsored by EARTHWATCH. Three sessions of two weeks each have been scheduled beginning February 9.

AIA PROGRAM

The public is invited to attend this month's meeting of the Houston Society of the Archaeological Institute of America on December 9 at 8:00 p.m. in Room 301, Sewall Hall, Rice University. This month's program, by Abraham Abramowitz, is "Judaic Dura Europus. A reception will follow.

The objective of the field research is to examine more closely the Postclassical Mayan settlement at Colha. Residents of this small hamlet were engaged in extensive production of stone artifacts, but in a technological tradition clearly distinctive from that of the Late Preclassic and Classic periods. Volunteers will be used in all phases of excavation. Skills in photography, mapping and drafting are especially welcome, though not necessary.

LABORATORY SCHEDULE

Only one lab session is scheduled for December. It will be at the University of Houston on Monday, December 9, 7-10 p.m. Please come if you can and help out in the processing of the material from Anne Sullivan's Galveston project.

Volunteers must bring their own tents. A camp cook will prepare meals. Immunizations are not required, but typhoid, tetanus and malaria preventatives are recommended.

The cost of each session is \$1340 per person, not including airfare to and from Belize City. Most of this cost goes directly to the support of the fieldwork. Both costs and airfare are tax-deductible.

For more information, contact Jane Flaherty, Expedition Coordinator at EARTHWATCH, 10 Juniper Road, Box 127, Belmont, Massachusetts 02178, (617) 489-3030.

FIELD WORK POLICY

A special committee, the Field Work Policy Committee, has been appointed to draft a standing rule addressing the subject of Society field work. This draft will be presented to the Board of Directors in January. Members are invited to contact any of the three members of this committee with further comments and suggestions. Names, addresses, and telephone numbers of committee members are:

Sheldon Kindall (ch.)
414 Pebblebrook
Seabrook, Texas 77586
326-2160 (H)
333-3133 (W)

Texas Anderson
807 Glenchester
Houston, Texas 77079
465-4043 (H)

Bill McClure
6218 Doliver
Houston, Texas 77057
781-1639 (H)
875-1400 (W)

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS PROPOSED

In accordance the provision governing amendments to our constitution, notice is hereby given that the Secretary has received two proposed amendments, reproduced below.

These proposals will be given a first reading at the December business meeting. Second reading will be made at the January meeting, at which time the report on these proposals from the Constitution Committee will also be given. Discussion of the proposals and vote will take place at the January meeting. If you need a copy of the current constitution for comparison, please call either Dorothy Boyle (474-2946) or Margie Elliott (682-3556).

(1) A new section (Section 6) is proposed to be added to Article IV, Officers.

"Article VI, Section 6. The position of President shall not be an elective office. This position shall be filled by the elected Vice-President from the preceding year."

(2) Substitutions of one section in each of two articles (Section 4, Article IV, Officers; and Section 2, Article VI, Meetings) are proposed.

"Article IV, Section 4. Two months prior to the Annual Meeting, the President shall appoint a Nominating Committee of at least three members. This committee shall nominate at least one candidate for each office. These nominations shall be announced orally at the regular meeting of the Society one month prior to the election. Nominations shall also be accepted from the floor at the same meeting that nominations are announced by the committee. Written notification of nominations shall be sent to all members, and balloting shall be conducted by mail. The candidate receiving a plurality vote shall be elected."

"Article VI, Section 2. The regular September meeting shall be known as the annual meeting and shall be for the purpose of announcing elected officers, receiving reports of officers and committees, and for any other business that may arise."

INFORMATION REQUESTED ABOUT TUBULAR STONE PIPES

Rochelle J. Leneave is seeking any information about tubular stone pipes for a study on Archaic tubular stone smoking pipes. Information sought includes general description of the pipe; inside and outside measurements; special features, such as incising, pipe stem, fill; material from which pipe is made; exact location where found; context in which pipe was found. Contact Rochelle J. Leneave at Center for Archaeological Research, University of Texas at San Antonio, San Antonio, TX 78285, (512)691-4462.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Thanks very much to Cynthia Corry, Lonnie Griffin, and Linda Moorrees for providing cookies at our November meeting.

HOUSTON ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY
NOVEMBER 1985 GENERAL MEETING

Friday, November 8, 1985
7:30 p.m., M. D. Anderson Hall
University of St. Thomas

President Margie Elliott welcomed guests and invited them to sign the guest register. She announced that Bernard Naman has order blanks for the HAS t-shirts and encouraged everyone to purchase a t-shirt within 3 weeks (close-out of sale). T-shirt sales help raise funds for HAS.

Program

Vice-President Joan Few introduced Dr. David Carlson, Anthropology Dept., Texas A & M University, who presented "Settlement Patterns of the Archaic and Late Prehistoric Periods in the Fort Hood Area." Dr. Carlson answered questions from the audience.

A short intermission allowed members and guests to enjoy refreshments.

Business Meeting

Tom Nuckols read the minutes of the October General Meeting for the Secretary. The minutes were approved as read. Tom also reported a balance of \$1745.60 and announced HAS has 7 new members.

Committee Reports

Lab - Dick Gregg announced changes in the Lab Schedule due to the Thanksgiving holidays. He also mentioned next year's TAS Field School will be in El Paso.

Publicity - Melissa Marrs asked if there was any response from those who had accepted the Publicity Kits at the last meeting. There was no response. She asked that members please notify her if they know of future archeology events. She will be printing a new Schedule of Events for the members.

Book Sale - Betty Kindall asked everyone to save books until after the holidays. Dave Pettus will help Betty with the Book Sale. Margie asked for more volunteers.

Old Business

Margie reported the 1986 Annual TAS meeting will be held in Laredo. The TAS Board has received our invitation to host an annual meeting. No action has been taken on that invitation yet. Joan Few and Joe Hudgins presented papers at the TAS meeting. 325 people registered.

Margie reported on the HAS participation in the Armand Bayou Fall Festival. Several hundred people received literature about HAS and archeology in Texas.

Field work policy - The Board recommends that a field work policy be included in the Standing Rules of HAS. Copies of the Constitution and blank paper were distributed. Margie invited comments on the proposed field work policy. Discussion ensued. Written comments were also accepted. The Board will report its recommendations at a future meeting.

New Business and Announcements

Proposed amendments to the Constitution have been received and will be announced in the December PROFILE. First reading as outlined in the Constitution will be at the December meeting.

Roger Moore was featured in the Sunday Houston Chronicle.

Also in the Houston Chronicle was a report on treasure hunters at Camp Logan in Memorial Park. Margie wrote letters of concern to City Councilmember Tinsley, Chairman of the Texas Antiquities Committee Bill Reeder, and Chairman of the Houston Archeological and Historical Commission Gene Harrington.

Everyone is invited by EARTHWATCH to participate in their activities in Belize in the spring. Texas Anderson has more information on this to share.

The Texas Antiquities Committee has reached a decision on the Platoro collection. Half the artifacts will be in Houston, the other in Corpus Christi.

Archaeological Institute of America - everyone is invited to their November 11 meeting.

George Wolf reported that the bones from the trench near the Texas City Dike were sent to the Smithsonian for analysis and the results were that one of the bones was the leg bone of a duckbill dinosaur.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy Boyle, Secretary

INFORMATION REQUESTED FOR LITHICS RESEARCH PROJECT

Bob Doyle, a consulting geologist and one of newer members, is conducting research on lithic artifacts in Texas with the objective of identifying artifact lithology and seeking out material source areas. He is interested in examining local lithic artifact collections. Bob would be pleased to hear from any member with collections of over 100 specimens—artifacts and flakes—for which the collecting locality is known. He will go to the collections at the convenience of the owner.

Please call or write:

Robert G. Doyle
10 East Woodtimber Court
The Woodlands, TX 77381
(713) 292-1576.

TAS ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

More than 30 HAS members were among the 325 people registered at this year's annual meeting of the Texas Archeological Society in San Antonio on November 1-3. Congratulations to two of our members for their very successful presentations on the program. Joan Few presented a paper "Ceramics from the 19th Century Homes," and Joe Hudgins discussed "Post West Bernard, 1837-1839."

A special event on this year's program was a panel discussion on Friday afternoon sponsored by the Committee for Protection of Human Remains and Sacred Objects and the Council of Texas Archeologists. CPHRSO is an outgrowth of consultations and meetings over the past year between and among representatives of the Texas archeological community, including the Office of the State Archeologist; museums and archeological repositories; and several Native American organizations. The concerns of this committee are issues that have arisen repeatedly in other parts of the United States during the past 20 years but for some reason have taken a long time to reach Texas. We can expect to hear more about these concerns in future months and years.

To date, CPHRSO has passed at least three resolutions:

I. "This Committee is against the buying, selling and trading of human burial remains and related objects of American Indians and will support all investigative actions of Committee members." (passed June 15, 1985)

II. "Skeletal material and the objects recovered with those remains should be stored together in all institutions." (passed June 15, 1985)

III. "It is the policy of the Committee that there should be no public display of American Indian skeletal elements in Texas museums." (passed June 15, 1985)

In other matters reported by the TAS Board of Directors, El Paso was announced as the location of the 1986 annual TAS field school. A Pueblo site has been selected for excavation by the field school. We'll be hearing more about these plans after the first of the year.

After several previous attempts, Laredo has finally been given the nod for the site of the 1986 annual meeting. The invitation from HAS to come to Houston for a future annual meeting was received by the TAS board, but has not yet been acted upon.

Efforts are being made to catch up on the publication of Volumes 54, 55, and 56 of the Bulletin of the Texas Archeological Society. All three volumes are expected to come out during the next 8-10 months. Volume 56 will contain an article by two of our members, Leland Patterson and Joe Hudgins, "A Review of Paleo-Indian Occupations in Wharton County, Texas."

USED BOOK SALE

The Book Sale Committee is making plans for a used book sale, to be held in early 1986. Please begin to collect and save your used books for this event. Look for a future announcement about date of the sale and when and where to take your books. The committee still needs more volunteers. Please call Betty Kindall at 326-2160 if you can lend a hand.

HOUSTON CHRONICLE SENDING MIXED SIGNALS

You might be interested in requesting a back copy of the November 3 issue of the Houston Chronicle if you haven't already seen it.

The "Texas" insert in the Houston Chronicle Magazine of that issue contained a feature article about Roger Moore, urban archeology, and Roger's dissertation project across the street from Old Market Square. Our thanks to Roger for successfully communicating important information about archeology to the reporter on this story. And our congratulations to Karen Kane on her excellent reporting.

But in another part of the same paper we were treated to yet another article on treasure hunting at the old site of Camp Logan in Memorial Park. Since artifacts from sites located on nonfederal public lands in Texas belong to the State and since any digging in these sites requires a permit

from the Texas Antiquities Committee, the reported activity is strictly forbidden by state law. If you would like to help try to put a stop to the looting of our public heritage, please contact Margie Elliott at 682-3556.

SUMMER INSTITUTE IN AMERICAN INDIAN HISTORY

Secondary school teachers may be interested to hear about a summer program for learning more about American Indian history. Friends and members of HAS are encouraged to share this information with teachers and school administrators in their districts.

The past decade has seen the explosion of public interest in Native American history and culture. Scholarly publications now provide an enormous amount of information on this subject. However, most secondary teachers still do not have access to this information, and textbooks often omit or distort Native American topics.

The D'Arcy McNickle Center for the History of the American Indian will sponsor an Institute in American Indian History for secondary school and reservation college teachers for six weeks beginning June 30, 1986. The purpose is to encourage an informed presentation of the history of Native Americans in the classroom; to develop greater

awareness of the contributions Native Americans have made to the history of America; to provide teachers with methods for the analysis of events in Native American history; to introduce new sources for teaching that history; and to prepare curriculum materials for history courses.

Twenty fellowships are available. The stipend for the six-week period is \$2,000 plus \$200 to be contributed by the applicant's school.

Deadline for applications is March 15, 1986. Address inquiries to:

Summer Institute
D'Arcy McNickle Center for the History of
the American Indian
The Newberry Library
60 West Walton Street
Chicago, Illinois 60610

WANTED: YOUR OPINION

Members of the Board have been discussing workshop topics of possible interest to HAS members. An interest survey card is enclosed. Please take a few minutes to fill it out and mail it back to us.

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