

HOUSTON ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Regular Monthly Meeting

Friday, January 14, 1971

Houston Museum of Natural Science

Room 2

7:30 p.m.

Speaker: Alton K. Briggs  
Survey Archeologist  
Texas State Historical Survey Committee

Mr. Briggs is presently engaged in reservoir surveys and has been working with the State Archeologist since 1968. He received his B.A. in 1967 and will soon receive his M.A. in Anthropology. His work has included L.B.J. State Park, the George C. Davis Site, and Miller Creek, Ingram, Texarkana, and Millican Reservoirs.

Subject: ETHNO-ARCHEOLOGY OF TWO RAILROAD LABOR CAMPS  
IN VAL VERDE COUNTY, TEXAS, 1881-1883

These labor camps are located along the original route of the second Transcontinental Railroad and were excavated in 1969. Chinese and Anglo laborers constructed the tracks, made road cuts, excavated the first two railroad tunnels in the state, and bridged the Pecos River. Upon completion of the railroad, the workers deserted the semi-permanent labor camps where they had lived during the construction of major projects. The discussion will hover around the material they left in their wake.

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Friday, August 13, 1971

7.30 p.m.

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Speaker: Mr. Thomas E. Cobb

Head Librarian

Albert Sidney Johnston Junior High School

Houston Independent School District

Subject: "The Post of Arkansas"

Mr. Cobb will discuss his recent experience at an early 19th Century site with the professional archeological field school conducted by the University of Arkansas.

Note: Ballots for the election of officers for the coming year will be mailed on August 16 to those members who have paid their dues for 1971-72. After the September meeting, all persons who have not paid dues will be dropped from the mailing list.

HOUSTON ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
Friday, September 10, 1971  
7:30 p.m.  
Houston Museum of Natural Science  
Room 2

Speaker: Mr. Marvin E. Tong  
Executive Director  
The Centre on the Strand  
Galveston, Texas

Subject: "Why Dig Up Dead Indians, Anyway?"

Mr. Tong, Director of Galveston's developing cultural enrichment center and museum, is considered an expert on the relationship of archeology to the amateur. A native Missourian, Tong has served as Trustee of the Missouri Archaeological Society, was a recipient of the Society's "Man of the Year" award, and the Achievement Award of the University of Missouri. He has served as Director of the Museum of the Great Plains, Museum of the Great Lakes, and of the Great Plains Historical Association. He has been Chairman of the 19th Plains Archaeological Conference, Mountain-Plains Museums Conference, and President of the Oklahoma Museums Association. Under his direction, the Museum of the Great Plains excavated the first two "Man-Mammoth" sites in Oklahoma, the site of Spanish Fort on the Red River, and has conducted archeological excavations and expeditions in Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Michigan, and Mexico. He has authored numerous articles in the field of archeology and history. His talk, "Why Dig Up Dead Indians, Anyway?", was first delivered at the Plains Conference in 1954 and has received nationwide recognition.

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Friday, October 8, 1971

7:30 p.m.

Houston Museum of Natural Science

Room 2

Film: 4-Butte-1: A Lesson in Archaeology

This film records the excavation of a Maidu Indian village in California's Sacramento Valley by a party made up of UCLA faculty and students.

4-Butte-1 has won the CINE Golden Eagle Award as well as five other Film Festival Awards.

"For those who want an archaeological film to be a witless, dull, matter-of-fact presentation of minutiae and who assume that the goals of Art and Science are diametrically opposed 4-Butte-1 will offend. It is for people who want a film that will capture the attention of their students through its superb visualness and cause them to think about archaeology in anthropological terms."

Jay Ruby, Anthropologist, Temple University  
American Anthropologist, 71:2, 1969.

Discussion: A discussion of Society activities for the coming year will follow the film presentation.

Lab Sessions: Sunday, October 10, and again on Sunday, October 24, from 12 noon until 7 at the Fullens' house, 717 Dartmouth, in Deer Park, to catalog material from the test excavations at Presidio Ahumada and Mission La Luz. All Society members are invited regardless of training or skill.

Note: The November meeting date has been changed to the first Friday, November 5, to permit members to also attend the Annual Meeting of the Texas Archeological Society in Fort Worth November 12-14. Dr. Richard Blanton, Rice University, will be the speaker and you will be notified in the usual manner.

Invitation: Mr. John Edstrom of the Sharpstown Center Council has extended an invitation to visit an exhibit of Pre-Columbian Art in the Sharpstown Shopping Center Mall October 7-9.

HOUSTON ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
Friday, November 5, 1971  
Houston Museum of Natural Science  
Room 2  
7:30 p.m.

Speaker: Richard Blanton, Ph. D.  
Department of Sociology and Anthropology  
Rice University

Subject: Variability in Urban Organization During the Classic  
Period in Mescamerica: A Comparison of Teotihuacan,  
Tikal, and Monte Alben

Note: This meeting is being held on the first Friday this  
month to permit members to attend the Annual Meeting  
of the Texas Archeological Society November 12-14 in  
Fort Worth.

Lab Session: Sunday, November 7, 1971, from 12 noon until ?  
at the Fullens' house, 717 Dartmouth Lane, Deer Park.  
Call 479-3748 for directions and information. Unskilled  
labor is welcome! A lot of progress has been made and  
with good luck the remainder of the material from the  
Presidio Ahumada and Mission La Luz can be cataloged.

New Members:

Katherine Salzar..6021 Clover Ridge..Houston 77017..645-2589  
James Calvert.....8803 South Main....Houston 77025..668-4714  
Johnny Maduzia....11006 Hoffer.....Houston 77034..944-3745  
Leo Hunter.....6336 Vanderbilt....Houston 77005..664-9464  
Marie Sortin.....3507 Aberdeen.....Houston 77025..667-4285  
Barbara Kuether...3745 Arnold.....Houston 77005..664-3621  
Rebecca Alzofon...4414 Waycross.....Houston 77035..723-2298  
Alice Borchardt...101 W. Alabama,#5..Houston 77002..522-9610  
Clifford Borchardt.101 W. Alabama,#5.Houston 77002..522-9610

Change: Karen Stein...8282 Park Place,#G-9.Houston 77017.641-1541

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Monday, November 29, 1971: 8:00 p.m., Room 309, Sewall Hall  
Rice University

Subject: FUNDAMENTAL TECHNIQUES OF CHIPPED STONE TOOL PRODUCTION

Speaker: Bruce Bradley, B.A., University of Arizona  
Mr. Bradley has studied lithic technology in France with Francois Bordes and is currently touring American universities to give demonstrations and exchange information prior to beginning studies at Cambridge University next year.

The Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Rice University has extended an invitation to the HAS to attend this lecture and demonstration.

Sunday, December 5, 1971: Noon until ? at the Fullens' house

Lab Session and Discussion of Ceramic Typology

The remainder of the artifacts from the Presidio Ahumada and the Mission La Luz will be cataloged. A discussion of the typology used in this area to classify Indian ceramics will follow the lab work. Everyone interested is urged to attend. Call 479-3748 for directions.

Friday, December 10, 1971: 7:30 p.m., Room 2, Museum of Natural Science

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Subject: THE RUINS AND THE RIVER: ARCHEOLOGICAL WORK AT THE CITY OF STOBI, JUGOSLAVIA

During excavations at this Macedonian city by the Smithsonian Institution and the National Museum in Yugoslavia information was recovered concerning major environmental events that may have had a drastic effect on its history. The Roman city was in ruins by 700 A.D. but for many centuries had been an important civic and religious center.

Speaker: E. Mott Davis, Ph.D., Department of Anthropology  
The University of Texas at Austin

Dr. Davis is a native of Massachusetts and was educated at Harvard. He came to the University of Texas in 1956 and is now Associate Professor of Anthropology and the Director of the Radiocarbon Laboratory as well as the President of the Texas Archeological Society. His archaeological research has concerned the Central Great Plains, East and Central Texas, and the past two summers, Stobi, Jugoslavia.