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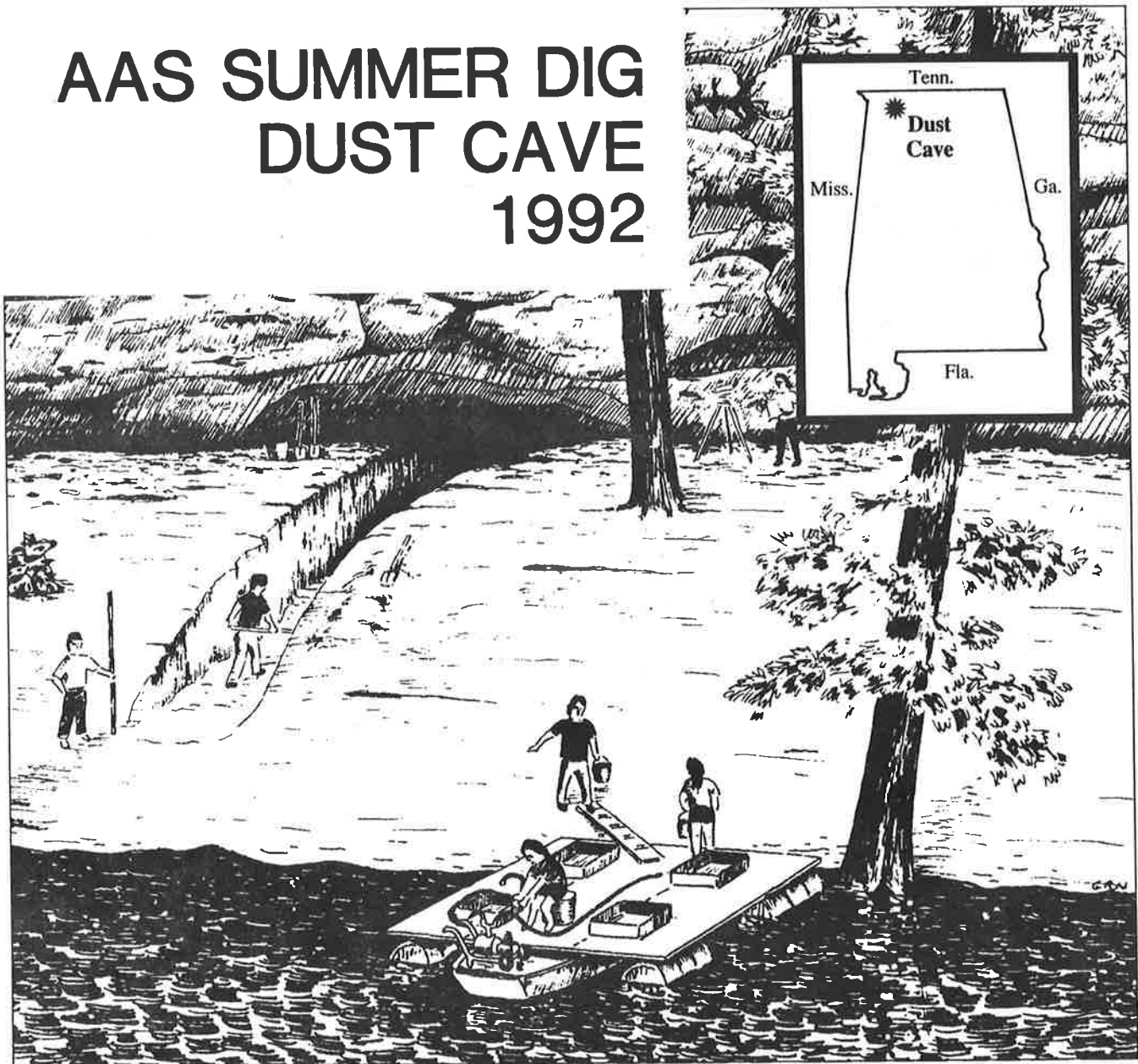
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## AAS SUMMER DIG DUST CAVE 1992



JOIN ARCHAEOLOGISTS AND STUDENTS THIS SUMMER AT DUST CAVE AS PART OF THE SOCIETY'S SUMMER DIG PROGRAM! SEE INFORMATION AND APPLICATION FORMS INSIDE.

May 1992

### 13TH MID-SOUTH ARCHAEOLOGICAL CONFERENCE MEETING

As noted in the March STONES & BONES, the 13th meeting of the Mid-South Archaeological Conference will be held at Moundville Archaeological Park on Saturday, May 23 and probably continue through Sunday, May 24. The conference is sponsored by the Archaeology Division of The University of Alabama Museum of Natural History.

The topic is Historic Native Americans in the Mid-South: Archaeology of the Choctaws, Chickasaws, Creeks, and Cherokees, and will focus on the 17th and 18th centuries.

In addition to the conference, there will be an open house at the David L. DeJarnette Laboratory of Archaeology, and tours of the Erskine Ramsay Archaeological Repository. There will also be a reception at the Holiday Inn on Friday evening, and a barbeque at the park on Saturday evening (which will cost \$5). Shuttle service will be available for those who fly into Tuscaloosa. There is no charge for attending the conference, which includes admission to the park and museum. You may bring your own lunch to the conference, or eat at Miss Melissa's (plate lunches for \$4).

Moundville Archaeological Park is located 13 miles south of Tuscaloosa on Highway 69. Come to the park and watch for directions to the meeting place. For more information on this meeting, contact Eugene M. Futato; Division of Archaeology; 1 Moundville Archaeological Park; Moundville, AL 35474; Tel. 205/371-2266.

### CHAPTER NEWS

#### Birmingham Chapter

Our final meeting for the 1991-92 season will be Friday, May 18 at 7 p.m. Our guest speaker for this month will be Dr. Dick Diehl of The University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. Dr. Diehl will present a talk/slide presentation on Tula, a Toltec (pre-Aztec) site in Mexico. Dr. Diehl is considered one of the foremost authorities on this site. The meeting location will be on the UAB campus, in Campbell Hall, Rm. 158.

Bobby Hawkins

#### Coosa Valley Chapter

The Coosa Valley Chapter/JSU Archaeology Club held its monthly meeting March 5, 1992.

Dr. Phillip Koerper announced that Dr. Harry Holstein and Jacksonville State University received a grant to survey Pelham Range. This is a 5,000-acre survey. There will be an historical dig at Bells Mill. Both of these projects will need the help of club members. There will possibly be a dig conducted at Davis Farm for 12 days in June, which will also require the help of club members. Chris Hill announced that he would take a group to Moundville in April to tour the Lab and mounds.

The program for the evening was a slide presentation on Chaco Canyon Culture, presented by Dr. Phillip E. Koerper.

The club will attempt to recruit young people from high schools in the area, to introduce them to the experience and knowledge of archaeology. The Coosa Valley Chapter meets the last Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in Room 221 in Martin Hall on the campus of Jacksonville State University.

Brigitte Cole

#### Cullman County Chapter

The April meeting was a jam session - members brought unusual finds that they had trouble classifying, and special pieces to show fellow chapter members.

Congratulations to Van and Melissa King on the new addition to their family: Molly Ann, born April 6.

Dewitt T. Coleman

#### East Alabama Chapter

Our March program was presented by Ned Jenkins, Archaeologist and Park Manager of Fort Toulouse-Jackson Park. This 164-acre park is on a peninsula at the confluence of the Coosa and Tallapoosa Rivers, about three miles south of Wetumpka, Alabama. The first inhabitants of the area were nomadic bands of hunters. Later, other Indians lived in the area, establishing large hunting base camps between the two rivers. Subsequent inhabitants built several large mounds here.

In 1717, in order to check the growing influence of the British, the French built a fort on this spot and named it Fort Toulouse. A small garrison of 20 to 50 men manned the fort. It was rebuilt in 1751. In 1814 General Jackson built another fort in this area. To date, evidence of both forts has been uncovered, from the wooden palisade walls and interior structures of Fort Toulouse to the massive earthen and log walls, extensive moats, and demilune of Fort Jackson. Thousands of artifacts have been uncovered for study and for display. Ongoing archaeology continues to provide detailed information. (Continued on P. 6.)

SOCIETY'S SUMMER DIG SET  
FOR DUST CAVE

President Phillip Koerper announced that the society-sponsored summer dig and summer meeting for 1992 would be at Dust Cave near Florence, Alabama. Dr. Boyce Driskell of the University of Alabama has been excavating at Dust Cave for two summers in conjunction with students from the University of Alabama and the University of North Alabama. This summer, the dig will begin the week of June 1 and extend through the week of July 6. All AAS members are encouraged to attend one of the weekly sessions offered. Each session begins on Tuesday and extends through Saturday. A fee of \$100.00 per participant covers tuition, food, and lodging costs for the week at the field camp. Several motels are located nearby for the less adventurous.

The camp, located within easy walking distance of the cave, consists of a screened kitchen/meeting area, latrine, cold water shower, and cabin-style tents equipped with cots for two people. Participants may reserve bunk space or opt to bring personal camping gear. (Continued next page).

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SUMMER DIG APPLICATION

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SIX WEEKLY SESSIONS ARE OFFERED TO MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY.

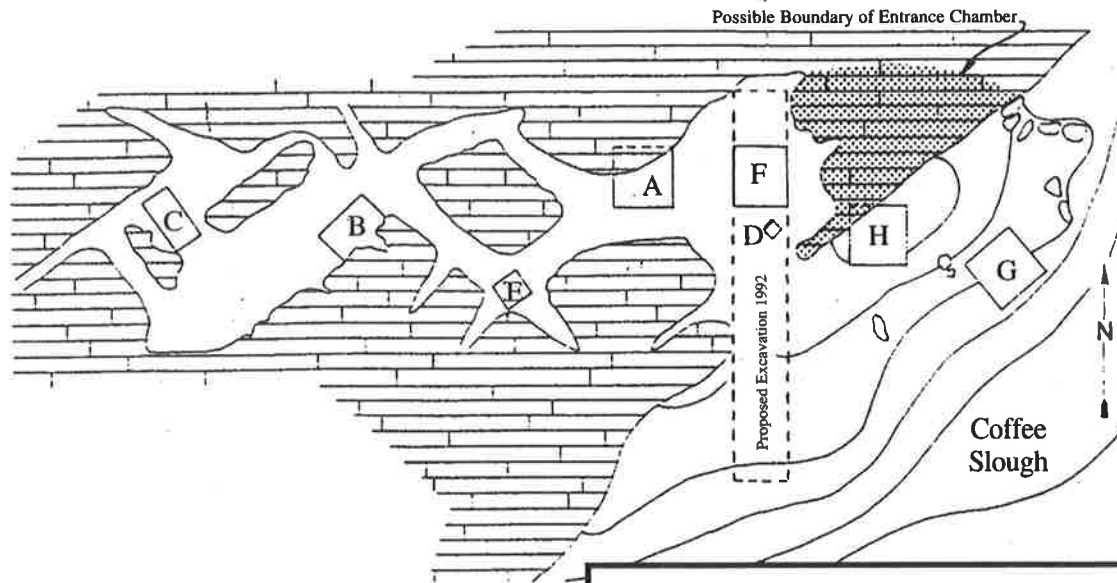
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| June 2 - 6   | _____ | June 23 - 27     | _____ |
| June 9 - 13  | _____ | June 30 - July 4 | _____ |
| June 16 - 20 | _____ | July 7 - 11      | _____ |

My Check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\$100.00/participant/week) is enclosed. MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

**\*Limited to 5 participants each session; selection based on first applicants received.**

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Alabama Archaeological Society  
1 Moundville Archaeological Park  
Moundville, Alabama 35474

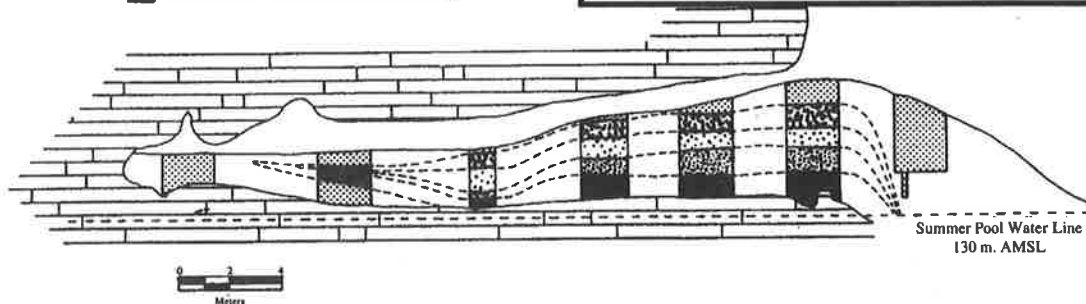


Plan View of Dust Cave and  
Excavated Test Units

-  Non-artifact Bearing Deposits
-  Component of Seven Mile Island Phase (5,600-5,000 B.P.)
-  Component of Eva / Morrow Mountain Horizon (7,000-6,000 B.P.)
-  Component of Kirk Stemmed Horizon (8,000-7,000 B.P.)
-  Component of Big Sandy Horizon (9,500-10,500 B.P.)

#### About Dust Cave...

Archaeological deposits began accumulating in Dust Cave over 10,000 years ago. Successive occupations by prehistoric Native Americans resulted in a series of layers (strata) of residential debris, mostly stone artifacts, bones and charred plant food remains, bone tools, and hearths. These strata measure up to 4 meters in thickness, showing evidence that the cave was used as living quarters as late as 6,000 years ago.



Postulated East-West Cross Section of Deposits

We can also make arrangements to park tent campers and R.V.'s in an open field within easy walking distance of the camp. No hookups are available and this area is about 1.5 miles off the paved/improved roadway.

**SUMMER MEETING:** The summer meeting has been tentatively scheduled for Saturday, July 11, 1992 at the Cave.

Archaeologists and Park personnel present a Living History program at the Park. A special program sponsored by the Alabama Historical Commission was presented May 1-3.

Our April meeting was presented by Dr. Kelly Alley, Cultural Anthropologist, Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work, Auburn University. Her program was entitled "On the Banks of the Ganga". Dr. Alley showed slides and described life in Varanasi, India, on the banks on the Ganges River.

Our next meeting will be May 13 at 7 p.m. in the Alabama Power Company auditorium in Auburn. Dr. Craig Sheldon, Archaeologist, Auburn University/Montgomery, will present the program.

Caroline R. Dean

#### Huntsville Chapter

Dr. Roger Nance, Chairman of the Department of Anthropology, University of Alabama/Birmingham, was the guest speaker at the April 28 chapter meeting. Dr. Nance spoke on work at La Calasada, an Early Man site in northeastern Mexico. The next chapter meeting will be May 26. Richard Walling of Pan American Consultants is scheduled to give a slide-illustrated talk on work conducted at Pinson Mounds in Tennessee.

We join the Cullman Chapter in congratulating Van and Melissa King on the birth of their daughter. The Huntsville Chapter meets the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Auditorium of the Public Library on St. Clair Avenue. The public is welcome.

Dorothy Luke

#### Muscle Shoals Chapter

The Muscle Shoals Chapter held its February meeting on the 10th at the Indian Mound Museum in Florence. Thirty-eight members and guests attended. Charles Moore presented a program on point identification. After making general comments about points from each cultural period, he showed color slides of examples of about 50 point types, most of which were types from the northwest Alabama area.

The March meeting was held on the 16th. Dr. Joe Copeland of Florence brought us a program about the Hopewell Phase. He showed color slides of Hopewell sites, mostly in the Ohio Valley. He discussed how the Adena Phase evolved into Hopewell, and how the Hopewell influence spread over a wide area of the Midwest, extending into Alabama. Twenty-five members and guests attended.

Charles Hubbert brought us the April program on the 13th. His subject was "Indian Life in the Bankhead Forest." He discussed Indian occupation of the Bankhead Forest area and how some of the occupation may have been on a seasonal basis. Some Indians may still use this area for ceremonial purposes. This forest has partly remained as one of the premier stands of virgin timber in the country, and all efforts should be made to keep it in its natural state - not only for its beauty, but also for site preservation and for recreational purposes. Forty members and guests attended the April meeting.

Charles Moore

#### NOTE TO A.A.S. MEMBERS

The following was received from Charles E. Moore - Chairman, Florence Historical Board; Project Officer Indian Mound Museum; and Director, Alabama Archaeological Society; and Mary-Eliza Moore - President, Muscle Shoals Chapter, A.A.S., and Director, A.A.S.

Unfortunately, it is necessary to issue a disclaimer concerning an exhibition at the Indian Mound Museum in Florence of "Mississippian" and mixed-type artifacts allegedly found in a bluff shelter near Haleyville, Alabama.

Neither I, nor Mary-Eliza, nor any knowledgeable member of the Muscle Shoals Chapter of the Alabama Archaeological Society had any part in planning this exhibition; by the time we knew about it, it was too late to stop it. A small sign saying that the Museum took no responsibility for the authenticity of the displays was posted. We had hoped for a more prominent sign that would have helped preserve the integrity of the Museum, but we are afraid the damage has been done, as many will not have heeded the disclaimer. Everything possible is being done to keep this from happening again.

#### BURRITT MUSEUM - EARTH CAMP '92

Huntsville's Burritt Museum will be offering several unique new camp programs and some returning popular programs created to immerse your child in the wonder of nature. Each camp is centered upon hands-on learning activities designed to explore ecological, environmental and cultural issues. The camps are day-time programs on Nature Crafts (5-6 years), Bugs! Bugs! Bugs! (5-6 years), Chickasaw Braves & Cherokee Princesses (7-8 years), and Eco-Detectives (9-11 years). Each camp will be offered twice over the summer months. For more information contact the Burritt Museum Earth Camp; 3101 Burritt Drive; Huntsville, AL 35801.

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