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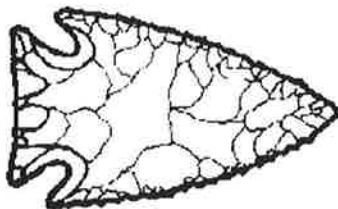
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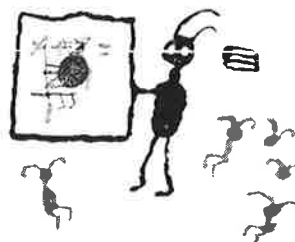
Chapter News

East Alabama Chapter

The East Alabama Chapter recently hosted a presentation given by Eugene Futato on Bronze and Iron Age occupations at Tel Halif, Israel. The presentation was held at the Alabama Power Company Auditorium in Auburn on February 16, 1999. Eugene Futato is Senior Archaeologist/Curator of Archaeological Collections for the University of Alabama Museums. He is Editor of the Journal of Alabama Archaeology and serves on the Council of Alabama Archaeology. He spent parts of the four years between 1986 and 1993 at excavations of Tel Halif, an archaeological site west of the Dead Sea in present-day Israel dating to ca. 1500-1000 B.C.E. Mr. Futato brought with him a number of artifacts recovered from the Tel Halif excavations.

On Tuesday, March 16, 1999 the East Alabama Chapter hosted a presentation by Bonnie Gums from the Center of Archaeological Studies, University of South Alabama, Mobile. Ms. Gums has excavated many French colonial and early American sites in Illinois and most recently has been working with Dr. Greg Waselkov on colonial sites in southwestern Alabama. The

presentation, entitled "Underground History of Mobile" focused on several historic sites in and around Mobile which date from the colonial period to the late 19th century.



Troy Chapter

The Troy Chapter held its February meeting on February 25th in the TSU Archaeology Center. Fund raising projects for a summer trip to the Southwestern United States were discussed.

Muscle Shoals Chapter

With 26 people in attendance, President Barry Watters presided over the March meeting of the Muscle Shoals Chapter. Short reports were given on the recent board meeting of the state society. Charles Hubbert of the University of Alabama's Office of Archaeological Research presented a program of Paleo Indian. The next chapter meeting will be held at 7:15 on April 12th at the Florence Indian Mound Museum. Van King will present the program.

Blue Circle to Explore Coweta-Tallahassee Options

A delegation from Blue Circle Aggregates recently met with representatives from the Historic Chattahoochee Commission, Alabama Historical Commission, Natural Resource Conservation Service and The Columbus Museum to discuss the future of the Coweta-Tallahassee archaeological site in Russell County, Alabama. This was the site of a substantial Creek Indian town with a sizable population. Benjamin Hawkins, "Principal Agent for the Indians South of the Ohio" established an agency here as well as a demonstration farm to teach the Indians European farming techniques. Blue Circle Aggregates, Inc., of Norcross, Georgia unknowingly purchased the fourteen-acre tract of land on which the Coweta-Tallahassee is situated. When the importance of the site was called to their attention, Blue Circle paid to have the site surveyed and its boundaries identified. In September, the Historic Chattahoochee Commission (HCC) listed the Coweta-Tallahassee site as one of six Chattahoochee Valley Threatened Landmarks for 1998. Following this listing, Blue Circle representatives contacted the HCC and asked for its assistance in setting up a meeting to discuss the options available for the use and/or preservation of this site.

Because human burials had already been identified at the site, the Alabama Historical Commission advised Blue Circle that the company would need to comply with the provisions of the Alabama Cemetery and Human Remains Protection Act. That was the focus of the conversation held recently at the site. As a result of the meeting, Blue Circle has agreed to consider two options: a full-scale archaeological investigation of the site and the donation of an easement on the site to the Alabama Historical Commission or the Historic Chattahoochee Commission.

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1999 AAS Committee Appointments

*Denotes new committee members.

Nominating Committee

Linda Derry (Chair)*
Van King*
Amos Wright*

Program Committee

Julie Lyons (Chair, as 1st VP)
Bill Fowler*
Greg Waselkov*

Publicity Committee

Judith Knight (Chair, as 2nd VP)
Rex Oggs (as AAS Photographer)*
Joe Watkins (as AAS Webmaster)*
McDonald Brooms*

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Jean Allan (Chair)(3 years to serve)*
Lee Luis (3 years to serve)*
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Tim Mistovich (1 year to serve)
Bob Pasqual (1 year to serve)

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Jim Lee (2 years to serve)*
Carey Oakley (1 year to serve)*

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Ian Brown (2 years to serve)*
Joe Copeland (1 year to serve)*
Eugene Futato (as Editor)

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Gary Mullen (2 years to serve)*
Julie Lyons (1 year to serve)
Beverly Curry (as Treasurer)

Scholarship Committee (special)

Margaret Russell (Chair)*
McDonald Brooms
Craig Sheldon
Van King*
Scott Meeks*

Education Committee (special)

Linda Derry (Chair)
Boyce Driskell*
Jack Bergstresser*
Bonnie Gums*

Membership Committee (special)

Howard King (Chair)
Charles Moore
Bill Adkison
John Van Valkenburg
Nancy Copeland*

Donations Received

The following people made donations to the **Public Education Fund**:

G.T. Atkins, Auburn, AL (non-member)
Jennifer R. Charles, Maylene, AL
Linda Derry, Selma, AL
Julie Lyons, Selma, AL

McDonald Brooms of Matthews, AL made donations to each of the **Edward C. Mahan Fund**, **Wimberly Scholarship Fund**, and the **Public Education Fund**.

Your donations are greatly appreciated!!!

Donations can be made to the grant programs any time during the year. Donations to the Stephen B. Wimberly Scholarship Fund provide the financial support necessary for the Student Scholarship program, while donations to the Edward C. Mahan Fund are used to fund research grants. Funds for the Public Education grants are provided by the Public Education Special Projects Fund.

Please send your donations to:

AAS
13075 Moundville Archaeological Park
Moundville, AL 35474

Current Fund Balances

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Edward C. Mahan Fund	245.00
Public Education Fund	444.00

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<http://www.gulfmart.com/org/aas.htm>



1998 Renewals

Alabama Historical Commission,
Montgomery, AL
Florence-Lauderdale Library, Florence, AL
Ned J. Jenkins, Wetumpka, AL
Stacy T. Kunz, Murfreesboro, TN
Patrick Livingood, Ann Arbor, MI

New Members 1999

Eric Baer, Troy, AL
Jennifer R. Charles, Maylene, AL
Joan Cox, Killen, AL
Katherine H. McGhee-Snow, Tuscaloosa, AL
Mr. & Mrs. James T. Pursell, Sylacauga, AL

1999 Renewals

Donald E. Dean, Florala, AL
Charles L. Forrester, Ashford, AL
Donald and Linda Frazier, Alexandria, AL
William B. Gresham Jr., Birmingham, AL
Landmarks Foundation, Montgomery, AL
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Johnny Syler, Andalusia, AL
George Thurlow, Huntsville AL
Brian C. Valimont, Tuscaloosa, AL
Christine Wimberly, Panama City Beach, FL

Reminder

The staff here at Stones and Bones would like to encourage everybody to send in articles for the newsletter. Those of you that already do, thank you and keep up the good work. Please try to remember to send us the information (particularly things like meeting announcements) in plenty of time, preferably one month in advance.



2000 Renewals

McDonald Brooms and Family, Matthews, AL

Available Publications

Available Issues of *Journal of Alabama Archaeology*

Vol. 20-31, each issue (<i>two issues per volume</i>)	\$3.50pp
Vol. 32 & up, each issue (<i>two issues per volume</i>)	\$6.00pp
<i>Stanfield-Worley Bluff Shelter Excavations (Journal of Alabama Archaeology)</i>	
Vol. VIII Nos. 1 & 2 - Reprint.....	\$7.50pp
<i>The Archaeological Sequence at Durant Bend, Dallas County Alabama</i>	
Special Publication 2	\$6.00pp
<i>Archaeological Investigations at Horseshoe Bend</i>	
Special Publication 3	\$8.00pp
<i>Handbook of Alabama Archaeology Part I, Point Types</i>	\$15.00pp
<i>Pebble Tool Paper</i> by Lively, Long, and Josselyn	\$3.00pp

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Archaeological Services
13075 Moundville Archaeological Park
Moundville, AL 35474

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☐ Steven B. Wimberely Scholarship Fund* \$ _____

☐ Edward C. Mahan Research Fund* \$ _____

☐ Public Education Special Projects Fund* \$ _____

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