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## MILT HARRIS

Milt died January 16, 1986. For 16 years he was Assistant Editor of the Stones & Bones, making a substantial contribution to the Stones & Bones tradition of publishing 12 issues a year. Milt also contributed to the Stanfield Worley project, to scholarships and special carbon dating needs. Those of us closest to the Stones & Bones can best appreciate the contribution Milt made and the dedication it takes to get 12 issues out on time. We will all miss Milt and express our deepest sympathies to Bea and the family. The following appeared in the January 17 "Birmingham News":

Earl Milton Harris, 85, of 3237 Carlisle Road, died Thursday. He was a native of Atlantic City, New Jersey, and a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Atlantic City. He was a retired executive with Liberty National Life Insurance Co., and was a member of the Alabama Archaeological Society, the Archaeology Research Association of Alabama, the Birmingham Museum of Art, Red Mountain Museum and Zoological Society and the Shell Club of Naples, Florida. He was an Air Force veteran of World War II. Funeral was today at Johns-Ridout's Southside, with private entombment at Elmwood Mausoleum. Survivors include his wife, Beatrice Roberts Harris, and a nephew, Byron L. Harris, Atlanta. The family requests memorials be made to a favorite charity.

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## RUSSELL CAVE TO SPONSOR INDIAN ARTIFACT DAY

Russell Cave National Monument will sponsor an Indian Artifact Understanding Day on Saturday, April 19, 1986, at the park visitor center. Activities will include demonstration and instruction in flint chipping by early Indian methods, Indian-style pottery making and the construction and use of early Indian weapons and tools.

Archaeologists will be available to provide artifact identification. The public is invited to attend this program. Hours will be 10 a.m. to 4 p. m. Admission is free. For further information contact the Superintendent, Russell Cave National Monument; Rt. 1, Box 175; Bridgeport, Alabama 35740; Telephone 205/595-2672.

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## CHAPTER NEWS

### Birmingham Chapter

The Birmingham Archaeological Society met on Thursday, February 13, at the Red Mountain Museum Auditorium. Guest speakers were Charles and Mary-Eliza Moore, who talked about the archaeology of the Southwest. The Moores are from Florence, Alabama.

Annette Weeks Otts

### Cullman Chapter

Our monthly meeting was held Monday night, February 17, at the Cullman County Courthouse.

Howard King

### Huntsville Chapter

The Huntsville Chapter met on February 18 to hear a very interesting program by Charles Moore of Florence. Charles discussed where Paleo Indian material might be found - primarily along terraces paralleling river basins. He brought with him several dozen uniface tools, including end scrapers, burins and flake knives used in the preparation of bone tools and for processing meat and skins. Using a deer hide, Charles demonstrated how the tools might have been used to flesh a hide. Chapter members were intrigued with the practical applications of the tools; a lively discussion session followed the program.

The Huntsville Chapter meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the conference room of the United Way office on Traylor Island. For more information call program chairman Houston Wright at 881-2485.

Dorothy Luke

### Muscle Shoals Chapter

The Muscle Shoals Chapter held its January meeting on the 13th at the Indian Mound Museum in Florence. Eighteen members and guests were in attendance. Colonel William McDonald, who is Chairman of the Florence Historical Board, presented a paper on Chickasaw Chief George Colbert. Colbert, whose father was a Scotch trader who lived with the Chickasaws, was the principal local chief of his tribe at the time of the removal in the 1830's. Prior to that time, he owned and operated a ferry across the Tennessee River at the Natchez Trace, about 18 miles west of Florence.

The chapter held its February meeting on the 17th at the Indian Mound Museum. Twenty-four members and guests braved thunderstorms to attend the meeting after having been delayed one week because of snow and ice on February 10.

Houston Wright of Huntsville brought the chapter an interesting slide narration about Paleo and Archaic stratigraphy and occupation characteristics in the Tennessee River Basin.

The next meeting of the Muscle Shoals Chapter will be held on March 10 at the Indian Mound Museum in Florence.

Charles Moore

#### Tuscaloosa Chapter

The February meeting of the Tuscaloosa Chapter was conducted by Mr. John William (Bill) Adkison, who was also the speaker. Mr. Adkison presented information on West Central Alabama point types, offering examples of each type and answering questions on the artifacts.

Rhonda L. Majors

#### SEVENTH ANNUAL MID-SOUTH ARCHAEOLOGICAL CONFERENCE

The conference will be held in Natchez, Mississippi, May 31 to June 1, 1986. Topic Area: The Paleo Indian Period - Fluted Points to Dalton. Call for Papers: You are invited to present a paper relating to Paleo Indians in the Mid-South. Paper titles and abstracts must be submitted to the chair by March 30. Please state needs for projectors, etc. Bring publications to sell, as the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Grand Village of the Natchez Indians, will supply personnel to handle sales.

Accommodations: Information will be forthcoming. Natchez has a variety of restaurants, bars, and more historic homes than you can possibly look at. Tours of the Grand Village will be given, and the Emerald Mound and several other famous sites are within a few minutes' drive.

Conference Chairman: Sam Brookes; Environmental Section; Vicksburg District Corps of Engineers; P. O. Box 60; Vicksburg, Mississippi 39180. Phone: Home - 601/634-0675; Office - 601/634-5442.

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#### AWARD PRESENTED

Our congratulations to Bart Henson of the Huntsville Chapter. Bart received the Alabama Archaeological Society's "Outstanding Society

Member" award at the 1985 Annual Meeting for his contributions to the Society over the years.

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#### BOOK REVIEW

SPATIAL ORGANIZATION AND EXCHANGE: ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY ON NORTHERN BLACK MESA. Edited by Stephen Plog, 1986. Southern Illinois University Press; P. O. Box 3697; Carbondale, Illinois 62902-3697. 377 pages, numerous charts, maps and illustrations. \$30.

This book consists of a collection of 13 essays on the archaeology of the Kayenta region in extreme northeast Arizona, northeast of Flagstaff. The survey is in a large strip-mine area. A summary by chapter:

- Chapter 1. The models and methods of Southwestern research.
- Chapter 2. The environment of the survey area.
- Chapter 3. The survey techniques employed.
- Chapter 4. Site characteristics and summary of major periods of occupation.
- Chapter 5. Site dating and methods.
- Chapter 6. Ceramics - petrographs - comparisons.
- Chapter 7. Production and use of stone tools - raw materials.
- Chapter 8. Basic settlements defined.
- Chapter 9. Variation in settlement locations and village characteristics.
- Chapter 10. Population levels, growth rates and patterns.
- Chapter 11. Information exchange and integration, A.D. 931-1150.
- Chapter 12. Change in regional trade networks.
- Chapter 13. Understanding cultural change in northern Southwest.

SPATIAL ORGANIZATION AND EXCHANGE is a detailed and comprehensive review of archaeological resources in the Black Mesa; it is slanted to professional archaeologists but would be of interest to any serious student of the Four Corners area of the Southwest.

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#### IGBO ARTS EXHIBITION

Members of the Huntsville Chapter visited the Birmingham Museum of Art February 22 to view the touring Igbo Arts exhibit. This excellent exhibit of African art included pottery, textiles, wood sculptures and paintings. The following is abstracted from the program.

The visual arts are vibrant and valuable celebrations of life among the Igbo-speaking people of southeastern Nigeria. These arts are notable for their quality, diversity, and quantity. Among the reasons for this is the importance of art in both everyday and ceremonial life, in both domestic compounds and large community structures.

Living largely in a tropical rain forest environment, in villages or village-groups, the Igbo have occupied their current lands for at least two or three thousand years. Igboland is bounded by the Cross River on the east, is split by the great Niger in the west, and lies immediately north of the Niger Delta.

Most art emerges out of spiritual concerns. It is mainly made to honor and placate important deities and family ancestors. The world is sacred to the Igbo, and nature deities - earth, rivers, the sky - as well as markets - are anthropomorphized in shrine sculptures that are the recipients of periodic sacrifices. As subsistence farmers, the Igbo pay special attention to the Earth goddess, Ala or Ani, to insure abundant harvests of yam, cassava (manioc), and other crops. Hunting and fishing are supporting occupations, and market-trading has long been of great economic importance.

Igbo artistic roots are very deep, beginning at least as long ago as the tenth century A.D., the time when some extraordinarily refined and sophisticated objects in bronze, copper, and ceramic were made. These archaeological finds are identified by the village-group, Igbo-Ukwu, where they were discovered and excavated. Most of the works seem to be regalia or ritual implements associated with a wealthy spiritual leader, the king of Nri peoples (Eze Nri), who probably also had considerable temporal power. This office survives and has long been linked with the conferring of titles upon men of high moral stature, elevated personal success, and great wealth.

Bart Henson

#### SMITHSONIAN TO SELECT 40 INTERNS

The Smithsonian Institution is offering five-week internships to 40 students who will graduate from high school this year. Seniors may apply for positions in areas including archaeology, biology, public affairs, photography, history, veterinary science, art, carpentry, library science, and computer science.

Students chosen for the program will each receive a living allowance of \$500. In addition to their duties as interns, the students will tour sites that many visitors to Washington, D. C. do not see, such as the Organization of American States and Embassy Row. As part of the program, the interns will hold seminars to explain to the group both their assignments and the function of the host office.

Acceptance is based not as much on academic achievement as on a demonstrated interest in a particular subject area or career; the program has been designed to enable students to pursue their special interests while working with museum professionals.

In addition to the living allowance, interns who come from outside the Washington area will receive housing in a nearby dormitory. The Institution will also provide their transportation to and from Washington.

INTERN '86 will offer two separate sessions of the program: Session One, from June 8 through July 11; and Session Two, from July 13 through August 15. For applications and complete information, high school seniors should telephone 202/357-3049 or write to INTERN '86; Office of Elementary and Secondary Education; Arts and Industries Building, Room 1163; Smithsonian Institution; Washington, D. C. 20560.

(Article in The Randolph Leader, Roanoke, Alabama; January 22, 1986)

Marjorie Gay  
Standing Rock



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The Society would like to especially acknowledge and congratulate its newest life member—CHARLES M. HUBBERT—of Huntsville, Alabama.

## 1986 MEMBERSHIP DUES

If you do not receive your April Newsletter, this will be an indication that you have not paid your 1986 membership dues. Please check your records if you do not remember paying them and, if you have not, send a check to the secretary so you will receive your publications continuously. THANK YOU!!

## PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

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