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### A.A.S. ANNUAL MEETING

The Alabama Archaeological Society 1991 Annual Meeting will be held at the Huntsville Marriott on Saturday, November 23. The following is the agenda for this meeting.

- 8:30 Registration and Artifact Displays, Book Sales
- 9:00 Welcoming Remarks: President Dr. Boyce Driskell
- 9:10 Recent Excavations at Mound Q, Moundville:  
Dr. Vernon J. Knight
- 9:50 Petroglyphs of the Southeast: B. Bart Henson
- 10:30 Break
- 10:50 Recent Research at Fusihatchee: Dr. Craig Sheldon,  
Dr. John Cottier
- 11:30 Recent Investigations at Dust Cave: Dr. Boyce Driskell
- 12:00 Lunch and Board Meeting
- (Note: Chapter presidents are members of the Board of Directors for the year they are in office, and are invited to the Board of Directors meeting.)
- 1:00 Business Meeting and Election of Officers for 1992
- 1:30 The Search for Coosa in the Weiss Basin: Dr. Harry Holstein
- 2:10 Archaeological Research of Mobila: Dr. Greg Waselkov
- 2:50 Break
- 3:30 Keynote Address: The Sloan Site, a Dalton Period Site in Arkansas: Dan Morse
- 4:30 Closing Remarks and Adjournment

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Several university presses - including Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Tennessee - will be represented at the Annual Meeting, with books for sale at discounted prices.

After the Annual Meeting, there will be a dinner at the home of Beth and Donald Justice: 2711 Cynthia Lane, in southeast Huntsville. If you are planning to spend Saturday night in Huntsville, please plan to have dinner at the Justices' with the Huntsville Chapter members. BYOB; setups will be provided. For reasons of space, it is requested that you not bring children to the party. The Justices will give directions to the party on the day of the Annual Meeting.

### **HUNTSVILLE**

Huntsville can be reached from the north and south by way of I-65; watch for signs for the new interstate spur, I-565, near Decatur. The Marriott is located just off Hwy. 20 (Governors Drive), next to the Alabama Space and Rocket Center. For non-interstate drivers, Hwy. 231 becomes Memorial Parkway inside Huntsville; the Marriott is about two miles west of the Parkway, off Governors Drive.

From the east and west, Huntsville is accessible via U.S. 431 (Governors Drive East), Hwy. 20 (Governors Drive West) and U.S. 72 (72 East runs along Lee Highway and the North Memorial Parkway; 72 West is University Drive inside the city limits).

### **MOTELS IN THE HUNTSVILLE AREA**

The A.A.S. Annual Meeting will be held at the Huntsville Marriott; 5 Tranquility Base (next to the Alabama Space and Rocket Center); Phone 205/830-2222. A few of the other motels in the Huntsville area are listed below:

Courtyard Marriott: 4804 University Dr.; 205/837-1400

Holiday Inn Space Center: 3810 University Dr.; 205/837-7171

Huntsville Hilton: 401 Williams Ave.; 205/533-1400

La Quinta Inn: 3141 University Dr.; 205/533-0756

Radisson Suite Hotel: 6000 Memorial Parkway S.; 205/882-9400

Ramada Inn: 3502 Memorial Parkway S.W.; 205/881-6120

## PROPOSED OFFICERS FOR 1992

The Nominating Committee appointed by President Dr. Boyce Driskell has come up with the following slate of officers for 1992. Elections will be held at the business meeting, 1:00 p.m., Saturday, November 23.

President:	Phil Koerper - Jacksonville
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## CHAPTER NEWS

### Muscle Shoals Chapter

We had our October meeting after the summer recess on the 14th at the Indian Mound Museum in Florence. Charles Moore gave a slide-illustrated program on Indian and archaeological sites in the upper midwest, a report on a trip he took with his family in August. Thirty-six members and guests attended. Van King will bring us the November program, which will be on the 11th. Van's subject will be the Apple Orchard Clovis site in Washington State.

Charles Moore

## MOUNDVILLE RENAMED

Mound State Monument, the epicenter of trade and farming for the prehistoric Indians who lived along the Black Warrior River between A.D. 800 and 1500, has recently been renamed "Moundville Archaeological Park." The 317-acre park is located in Moundville, Alabama, and is the site of 20 prehistoric Indian mounds.

"The Moundville site is known in archaeological circles the world around," explained Dr. Douglas E. Jones, Director of the Alabama Museum of Natural History. "The new name capitalizes on this international recognition, as well as connoting pleasurable recreation."

The lands forming the park were acquired by the late Dr. Walter B. Jones, State Geologist and Director of the Alabama Museum of Natural History (1926-1961). The Museum's Board of Regents, incorporated in 1926, was also instrumental in purchasing the land from the private owners during this period.

During the 1930's, the Civilian Conservation Corps and the National Park Service joined in extensive archaeological excavations and built the present-day museum, which opened in 1939. In 1962 the Moundville site was transferred from the Museum Regents to The University of Alabama and is now administered by the Alabama Museum of Natural History.

Named a National Historic Landmark in 1964, the site has been developed to reveal the lifeways of the Native Americans who once populated the areas. Besides the museum, which recently celebrated the 50th anniversary of the park's opening, another feature is an Indian temple atop the highest mound. Also located at Moundville Archaeological Park are the offices and laboratories of the Museum's Division of Archaeology.

Moundville Archaeological Park offers educational programs through the Alabama Indian Resource Center, along with recreational activities such as camping, hiking, picnicking, ponds for fishing, and a conference center.

The Alabama Museum of Natural History is now creating a major site development plan for the park, which will include expansion and modernization of public facilities, exhibits, and recreation areas. The Museum's Board of Regents will provide leadership and financial support for the development plans.

Alabama Museum of Natural History

#### **MUSEUM ASSISTS IN ACQUISITION OF FOSSIL SITE**

Thomas E. McMillan, Jr., Chairman of the Board of Regents at the Alabama Museum of Natural History, announces the recent purchase for the Museum of an internationally known fossil site in Dallas County near Selma. Situated in the Harrell Station area, the 130 acres of forest and eroded chalky sediments are rich in the remains of marine animals that lived some 80 million years ago.

"The area is of international significance," said Dr. Douglas E. Jones, a geologist and Director of the Alabama Museum of Natural History. "The site has already yielded a fantastic number of fossil specimens and has produced one of Alabama's most nearly complete dinosaurs as well as the state's only dinosaur egg." The Museum's collecting efforts have so far produced portions of giant turtles, mosasaurs, fishes, sharks, and ancient birds. "We plan to use the site as a field station for scientific work and for the Museum's popular series of natural science programs," added Dr. Jones.

The geological formation known as the Selma Chalk, on which Harrell Station is located, is part of the Black Prairie Belt that underlies much of west and central Alabama from the Mississippi line to a point east of Montgomery. The Black Belt is rich in fossils which were deposited in a shallow sea, and paleontologists have been excavating the area since the turn of the century. An important series of papers entitled THE VERTEBRATE FAUNA OF THE SELMA FORMATION OF ALABAMA, published by the Chicago Field Museum of Natural History between 1948 and 1970, was based on fossil material collected in a single month at Harrell Station.

"The acquisition of this property by the Alabama Museum of Natural History through private donations made by the Museum's Board of Regents is evidence of the Regents' and of The University of Alabama's commitment to the presentation of a significant natural history site," added Dr. Jones. "To my knowledge, this is the first time in Alabama that private funds have been used to purchase such a site for public education and scientific research purposes.

Alabama Museum of Natural History

#### **REDSTONE ARSENAL HONORS AMERICAN INDIANS**

Redstone Arsenal (Huntsville, Alabama) began its observance of American Indian Heritage Month on Saturday, October 26. The opening event featured American Indian dancing; Indian arts and crafts were on display.

Several other activities are planned during November for the Arsenal work force and the local community. Articles in the October 30 issue of "The Redstone Rocket" featured Ben Nighthorse Campbell, the only American Indian currently serving in Congress; and a career Air Force man of Native American descent who supports American Indian Heritage Month "as a wake-up process about the heritage, culture and contributions of Indians to this nation."

## PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Available issues of *Journal of Alabama Archaeology*

Vol. 20-31, each issue .....	\$3.50 pp
Vol. 32 & up, each issue .....	\$8.00 pp
<i>Stanfield-Worley Bluff Shelter Excavations</i> (Journal of Alabama Archaeology) Vol. VIII Nos. 1 & 2 - Reprint .....	\$7.50 pp
Special Publication 2 — <i>The Archaeological Sequence at Durant Bend, Dallas County Alabama</i> .....	\$6.00 pp
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<i>Handbook of Alabama Archaeology Part 1, Point Types</i> .....	\$15.00 pp
Lively, Long, Josselyn - <i>Pebble Tool Paper</i> .....	\$3.00 pp
<i>Investigations in Russell Cave</i> , published by the National Park Service .....	\$10.00 pp
<i>Exploring Prehistoric Alabama through Archaeology</i> (Juvenile) .....	\$9.00 pp

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                                  Division of Archaeology  
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