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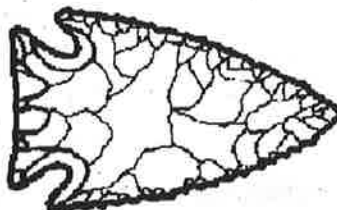
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AAS Winter Meeting

The Alabama Archaeological Society will hold its Winter Meeting at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa on December 13th. The meeting will be in the Ferguson Student Center, Room 313, on the UA campus. Directions are given at the back of the newsletter.

Preliminary Program

8:00-9:30 Registration

9:30-9:40 Welcome/Introduction

9:40-10:00 Greg Hendryx

"Preliminary Discussion on the Three Excavated Sites in Southeast Marion County."

10:00-10:20 N.R. Stowe and Rebecca Lumpkin

"Archaeological Excavations at the Town of Old St. Stephens"

10:20-10:40 Judith Gillies

"Stylistic Analysis of Moundville Engraved Pottery"

10:40-10:50 Break

10:50-11:10 Matthew Gage

"Deep Core Testing of Mound R at Moundville"

11:10-11:30 Ashley Dummas and George Shorter

"Cultural Patterns During the Late Woodland McLeod Phase"

11:30-1:00 Lunch; Board of Directors Meeting at UA Ferguson Center Food Court.

1:15-1:40 Business Meeting
UA Ferguson Center, Room 313

1:40-2:00 Tony Boudreaux and Hunter Johnson

"Recent Excavations at the Florence Mound"

2:00-2:20 Boyce Driskell
"Dust Cave Update"

2:20-2:40 Eugene Futato
"Re-analysis of Stone Tools from the Pickwick Basin"

2:40-2:50 Break

2:50-3:10 Keith Jacobi
"A Time Capsule of Physical Anthropology:
The Charles E. Snow Letters of 1940-1941"

3:10-3:30 Jason Mann and Craig Sheldon
"Emergent Mississippian in the Tallapoosa
River Valley"

3:30-3:50 Julie Lyons and Boyce Driskell
"Project Archaeology"

3:50-4:10 Garnet Garvin
"The Mitchell Site: A Weeden Island and Mis-
sissippian Site in Covington County"

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Attention!!! Change in the AAS Winter Reception

The Alabama Archaeological Society is sponsoring a reception for Dr. Tom Maher, state archaeologist with the Alabama Historic commission, and the AAS members the night before the Winter meeting. The reception will be at the museum at Moundville, December 13, from 7:00 pm till 9:00 pm. This will be a nice chance for the AAS members to meet Tom and have a special time at the museum.

Chapter News

Muscle Shoals Chapter

The Muscle Shoals Chapter met on October 14th at the Indian Mound Museum in Florence. Hunter Johnson and Tony Boudreaux of the Alabama Museum of Natural History presented a program on the excavations on the Florence Indian Mound. The mound has traditionally been considered to have been constructed during the Mississippian stage, but in 1996, Dr. Jim Knight and Dr. Ian Brown, along with students from the University of Alabama, opened two test units at the base of the mound. The preliminary evidence indicated that the mound could have been constructed during the Woodland stage. The current project involves the opening of units at or near the top of the mound in order to gain a clearer picture of the date of construction. The project is funded by the City of Florence and the Alabama Historical Commission and is under the direction of Dr. Jim Knight.

The chapter met on November 11th. Charles Moore presented a slide show on sites in the Four-Corners Region and the Rio Grande Valley. Also, it was reported that artifacts obtained, thus far, from the excavations near the top of the Florence

Indian Mound indicate a Woodland stage construction.

*Submitted by
Joe Copeland*

Troy State University Chapter

The Troy State Archaeological Society met Thursday, November 6th, at 4:30 p.m. to have pictures taken for the Troy State yearbook, *Palladium*. We also discussed payment of club dues and attending the Winter AAS meeting as a group.

*Catherine Crowell
President*

East Alabama Chapter

The East Alabama Chapter met on November 11th, for a program, presented by Ron Cloud of Newell, Alabama, entitled "Demonstration of PaleoIndian Chipping-tool Techniques. The program was a demonstration and question - and - answer session focusing on lithic materials and chipping techniques used in making flake tools, projectile points, knives, and other stone items. Mr. Cloud is particularly intrigued by stylistic trends and the chronological development of lithic technology by PaleoIndians. In addition to demonstrating flintknapping techniques, he will provide his own perspectives in the dating and interpretation of stone artifacts uncovered at Paleolithic sites.

*Submitted by:
Caroline R. Dean*

Cullman Chapter

The Cullman Chapter meets every third Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the Cullman Library.

Birmingham Chapter

The Birmingham Chapter meets every second Thursday at 7:00p.m. at Alabama Outdoors in Homewood.

Huntsville Chapter

The Huntsville Chapter meets every second Monday at 7:00 p.m. at the Huntsville Library.

Florence Chapter

The Florence Chapter meets every second Monday at 7:00 p.m. at the Mound Museum.

We would like to remind everyone that the Stones and Bones newsletter is interested in any information or archaeological endeavor that involves our members. Please send member news to our Troy State address.

What's Happening Around the State

The University Of Alabama, Office of Archaeological Services (OAS), was contracted by Almon Associates, Inc. to conduct a Phase I cultural resources survey of the proposed Duck River Impoundment in Cullman County, Alabama. Jeffery M. Meyer served as field supervisor and Carey B. Oakley was the Principal Investigator. The proposed water impoundment will encompass an area of roughly 1300 acres. In addition, a proposed 4.5 mile long waterline right-of-way associated with the project was surveyed. The impoundment area includes a steep sided ravine of Duck River. The primary focus while surveying the proposed water impoundment was locating the aboriginal rockshelter sites along Duck River and its tributaries. As a result of the Phase I cultural resources survey, 22 new archaeological sites have been added to the Alabama State Site File. Of the 22 sites recorded, 18 are rockshelters, one

is a historic punch mine, one is an open-air lithic scatter, and two are historic structural remains. Twenty sites are considered ineligible for nomination to the NRHP, while two rockshelter sites, 1Cu221 and 1Cu224, contain intact midden deposits and are recommended as potentially eligible for nomination to the NRHP. Both rockshelters have an estimated cultural depth of approximately 95 centimeters. No diagnostics were recovered from site 1Cu221, but they are not unexpected. Site 1Cu224 was tentatively associated with the Archaic, Woodland, and Mississippian stages. Both of these sites have been subject to looting, as have many of the other Duck River rockshelters. At present, the looting activities at the potentially NRHP eligible site have been minimal.

On August 21, 1997, Nolan Gardner and Dan Hines of northern Shelby County assisted the OAS crew during the survey for the Duck River Impoundment. Gardner, the son of Bill and Linda Gardner, and Hines, the son of Dan and Margaret Hines, are members of Boy Scout Troop #5 which is sponsored by Christ Church United Methodist. The scouts participated in the archaeological survey project to fulfill requirements for the Archaeology Merit Badge. The newly offered badge requires scouts to meet a number of criteria before receiving the award. Gardner and Hines attended the National Boy Scout Jamboree in Virginia for two weeks where they took on the Archaeology Merit Badge challenge. The work conducted by Gardner and Hines during the Duck River project served as the final step for the completion of their merit badges. Both also saw the detrimental damage looting can have on archaeological sites and understand the value of professional archaeological research. The University archaeologists applaud the Boy Scouts for educating their members on the significance of archaeological resources.

Submitted by:

Marla Spry from the University of Alabama, Office of Archaeological Services

Closing of Fort McClellan raises interest in area's past

As the Army's occupation of Fort McClellan draws to a close, archaeologists are identifying and preserving archaeological sites on the base and surveying sites that may be eligible for a national historic registry.

The land has been fenced off and virtually untouched for the past 80 years. A well-trained observer can find objects ranging from stone mounds and pot sherds made by prehistoric Indians to mining tools and relics from early white settlements.

Archaeologists from Atlanta, Auburn University, University of Alabama at Birmingham and Jacksonville State University have been regulars on the base since 1976, investigating the early history of the fort's 45,679 acres.

"The Army has been a great tenant," said Jacksonville State Archaeologist Chris Hill. "They've done a better job protecting these sites from looting than anyone else in Calhoun County."

The fort's location, up against the Choccolocco Mountain range and near several ancient beds, made it a choice spot for nomadic and agrarian Indian tribes, who moved into the area about 1500 B.C. In the 19th century, miners built and settled in several villages, attracted by iron ore deposits in the Pelham Range.

After the Army vacates the fort in 1999, many of the 162 sites identified by archaeologists will stay under federal protection. More than half are in the Pelham Range area, which will be under the National Guard's control. The rest will be in danger of being looted.

A final survey will be done to determine which sites should be excavated and protected by deed covenants after the fort's land is sold. The archaeologists then will partially excavate the eligible sites and send artifacts to the University of Alabama laboratory in Moundville. The sites will then be closed with the original dirt, allowing for future excavations.

AAS Scholarships

The Alabama Archaeological Society will award two scholarships this year in the amount of \$250.00 each to two students actively engaged in an archaeological research project. Proposals for the scholarships must be submitted to the Scholarship Committee by January 31st. The Scholarship Committee will review the proposals and make recommendations to the Board of Directors at the Spring BOD meeting. The Board of Directors will vote on the proposals at the Spring meeting and an announcement of the recipients will be made by March 31st.

Minimum criteria for the grants are: 1) the student recipients must be a member of the Alabama Archaeological Society, 2) the research project that the student is involved with must be located in the state of Alabama, 3) the student must be an undergraduate or a graduate student enrolled in a college or university in the State of Alabama with an active anthropology program, 4) the student must submit a letter of endorsement from an anthropology program, and 5) the student will be required to present a paper on his or her research project at the 1998 Winter meeting.

Research Grant

The Alabama Archaeological Society will grant an award of \$500.00 this year to a deserving archaeological research project. Grant proposals must be submitted to the Archaeological Resources Chairman by January 31st. The Archaeological Resources Committee will review the proposals and make recommendations to the Board of Directors at the Spring BOD meeting. The Board of Directors will vote on the proposals

at the Spring meeting and an announcement of the recipient shall be made by March 31st. Minimum criteria for the grant are: 1) the project director/grant administrator must be a member of the Alabama Archaeological Society, 2) the project must be located in Alabama, 3) the project director or his or her representative will be required to present a paper on the archaeological project at the Winter meeting and, 4) the project director or other personnel working on the project must submit a written report for publication in the Journal of Alabama Archaeology within twelve months of receiving the grant.

Public Education

The Alabama Archaeological Society will award public education grants this year in the amount of \$500.00. Single grant awards shall not exceed \$500.00. Proposals for the grants must be submitted to the Public Education Committee Chairman by January 31st. The Public Education Committee will review the proposals and make recommendations to the Board of Directors at the Spring BOD meeting. The Board of Directors will vote on proposals at the Spring meeting and an announcement of the grant recipient (s) shall be made by March 31st.

Minimum criteria for the grants are: 1) the project director/grant administrator must be a member of the Alabama Archaeological Society, 2) the public education project must be located in the State of Alabama, 3) the project director or his or her representative will be required to give a presentation on the project at the Winter meeting.

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Donations

Donations can be made to the above grant programs any time during the year. Donations to the Stephen B. Wimberly Scholarship Fund provides 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
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Moundville, Alabama 35474

Special Note:

Mr. Bob Cline and his sister Mrs. Alice Cline Parker made a donation for the Steven B. Wimberly Fund in the amount of \$250.00, in the memory of their mother, Elizabeth Jebeles. Ms. Jebeles was a strong supporter of the Alabama Archaeological Society and served on several committees as well as Editor of *Stones and Bones* in the early days of the society.

This generous donation is greatly appreciated.

*Editors
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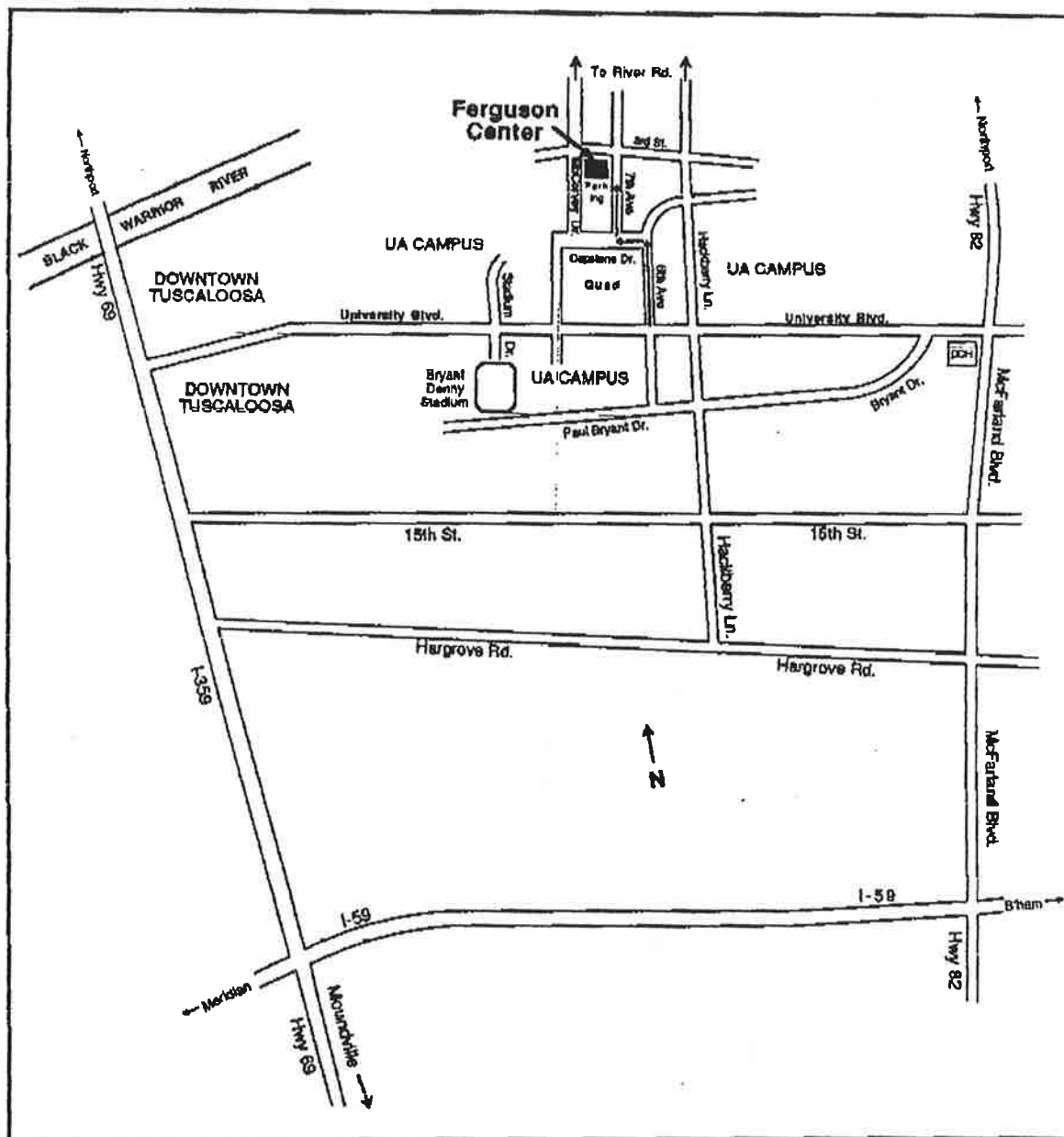
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The AAS Meeting will be in Room 313 in the Ferguson Student Center

Via Highway 69

Take Hwy. 69 to Downtown Tuscaloosa (69 becomes I-359 in town); turn east on University Blvd. (last street before river when heading north, first street after crossing the river heading south); Follow University Blvd. through town to UA Campus; go past the UA Quad (Denny Chimes); turn left (north) on 6th Avenue; go north along edge of Quad; left at stop sign (Capstone Drive); right at next stop sign (7th Avenue); Ferguson Center is on left at intersection of 7th and 3rd.

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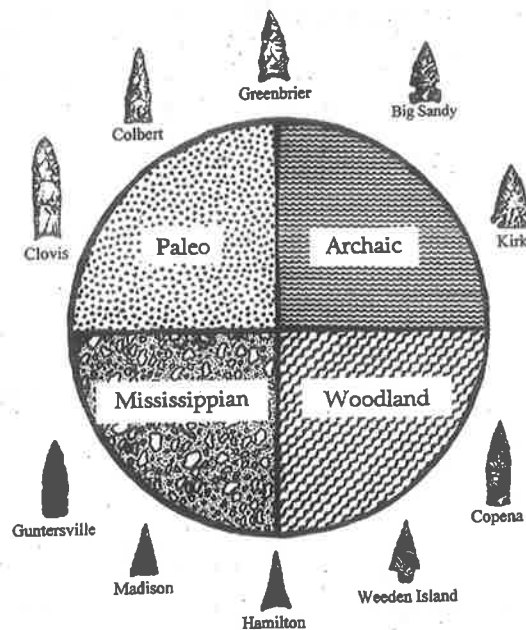
Take McFarland Blvd. (82) to University Blvd.; turn west on University (at DCH Hospital); go about 1 mile to UA Campus; turn right (north) on 6th Ave. (SE corner of UA Quad); go north along edge of Quad; turn left at stop sign (Capstone Dr.); turn right at next stop sign (7th Ave.); go one block; Ferguson Student Center is on left at intersection of 7th and 3rd St.

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The AAS now has T-shirts in your choice of navy blue or hunter green with beige lettering. Each shirt is \$15.00 which includes shipping and handling. It has the design featured below on the back with "Alabama Archaeological Society" on the front pocket. If you are interested in purchasing a shirt please return this order form along with your check or money order to:

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