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A.A.S. ANNUAL MEETING

As reported in last month's STONES & BONES, The Alabama Archaeological Society Annual Meeting will be held at the newly restored State Capitol in Montgomery on Saturday, November 21. The theme of the meeting is Paleo Man in Alabama.

The meeting will be held in the Auditorium, on the east side of the Capitol building. Since the meeting will be held on a Saturday, you may park across from the building in the large lots. Enter from Union Street through the large brass doors and turn left; you will be directed from there to the meeting place.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m.; there is no registration fee. Papers will begin at 9:00 a.m. The following is a tentative list of speakers and papers.

Dr. Harry Holstein	"Wright's Farm 1Ca18, a Woodland Village in Calhoun County, Alabama"
Mr. Chris Hill	"Archaeological Surveys of Prehistoric and Historic Cultural Resources of Ft. McClellan's Pelham Range, Calhoun County, Alabama"
Ms. Charlotte Hood	"Early Indian Settlements in Calhoun County, Alabama"
Mr. Read Stowe	"Paleo and Early Archaic on the North-Central Gulf Coast"
Mr. Blaine Ensor	"The Clovis Assemblage from the Belle Mina PaleoIndian Locale, Limestone County, Alabama"
Mr. Lee Luis	"Windover Farms: An Early Archaic Mortuary Site, Florida"
Dr. Boyce Driskell	"Investigations at Dust Cave"

We will break for lunch at 12:00; the afternoon session will resume at 1:30. Lunch is on your own; directions will be given to various fast-food and other restaurants in the area.

November 1992

The Board of Directors will meet over lunch; reservations have been made (at \$15 per person) for Board members at a restaurant near the Capitol.

Dr. David Anderson of the National Park Service is scheduled to be the keynote speaker. Following the keynote address, there will be a brief tour of the restored Capitol building.

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Riverfront Inn, 200 Coosa Street, in downtown Montgomery. (The Riverfront Inn is located in a renovated turn-of-the-century railroad freight depot.) The rate is \$44 (single or double). This is a government rate; upon making reservations, A.A.S. members should mention the Alabama Historical Commission. For reservations call Ms. Pat Horne at 205/834-4300.

There are also a number of motels in Montgomery, including Holiday Inn, Days Inn, Hampton Inn, La Quinta, Ramada, etc.

FLUTED POINT SURVEY

The Alabama Archaeological Society is sponsoring a project to record fluted projectile points of the PaleoIndian Period. This project is proceeding well, with over 100 projectile points recorded thus far. This number includes examples of Clovis, Cumberland, Quad, Beaver Lake, and Scotts Bluff projectile points.

Members (and non-members) who have PaleoIndian artifacts in their collections are requested to bring them along to the winter meeting. A table will be set up there where the points will be measured, photographed and drawn.

This is an important project which, when completed, will contribute greatly to our understanding of the PaleoIndian presence in Alabama during those long ago days at the end of the Pleistocene. Who were those people who lived in the time of the giant mammoth, sloth, and bison? Did they hunt those fearsome creatures in the pristine Ice Age forests of Alabama? Help seek answers to those and other questions. Bring your PaleoIndian spearpoints to be recorded. The success of this project depends upon your participation.

Charles Hubbert
Huntsville

POINTS OF INTEREST - MONTGOMERY

Those who can spare the time will enjoy seeing the sights of Montgomery, including the Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church, where Dr. Martin Luther King was pastor from 1954 to 1960; First White House of the Confederacy, the home of Jefferson Davis when Montgomery was the Confederate capital; Old Alabama

Town, a collection of buildings representing various 19th century lifestyles from pioneer to middle class; the State Archives and History Museum, which explores the development of Alabama through Native American and pioneer artifacts, military history displays, portrait galleries and a children's gallery. Also nearby are Jasmine Hill Gardens and Fort Toulouse/Jackson Park, both near Wetumpka, off U.S. 231 north of Montgomery. Fort Toulouse was built in 1717 to establish trade in the heart of Creek Indian territory. Andrew Jackson reopened the fort in 1814 after the Battle of Horseshoe Bend. Fort Toulouse has been reconstructed, and Fort Jackson has been partially reconstructed.

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The Nominating Committee proposes the following slate of officers for 1993. Elections will be held at the Annual Meeting in Montgomery on November 21.

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CHAPTER NEWS

Cullman County Chapter

The Cullman County Chapter met on Monday, October 19 at the Cullman County Courthouse. The program, presented by Howard King, Van King and Ron Morrow, was on the Kirk point type. The

Kirk is named after examples excavated in the North Carolina Piedmont and estimated to be about 8,000 years old. Practically all examples from surface collections are from early Archaic sites.

Some of our fellow members have been doing public service this month. Ron Morrow has visited Vinemont 6th graders and given a talk and exhibition on early Indians. Van King is also scheduled to visit Vinemont School to present an exhibit on making arrowheads.

Dewitt T. Coleman

East Alabama Chapter

For our October meeting, Dean Wood, Archaeologist in the Cultural Resource Program at Fort Benning, Georgia, presented a program on the various archaeological activities and issues in which he is involved on the extensive military tract at Fort Benning. Having worked many years previously as an archaeological consultant, Mr. Wood assumed his present position with the Cultural Resource Program at Fort Benning about a year ago. He is also a past president of the Georgia Historical Society. His program was received with enthusiasm, and we look forward to field trips to the Fort Benning sites.

Our next meeting will be November 10th, at which time Archaeologist Gail Schnell of Columbus, Georgia will present a program on the archaeology at the time of the first European contact.

The East Alabama Chapter meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Alabama Power Company Auditorium, 230 N. Gay Street, in Auburn. Visitors are welcome.

Caroline Dean

Huntsville Chapter

The Huntsville Chapter October 27 program consisted of a slide presentation on Chaco Canyon. Eugene Futato is scheduled to speak on November 23 on his recent archaeological activities in Israel. Elections for 1993 chapter officers will also be held at this meeting.

The Huntsville Chapter meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Public Library on St. Clair Avenue. The public is welcome.

Dorothy Luke

Troy State Chapter

During June and July the Troy State University (TSU) field school worked on a Woodland period site in Pike County. The first five levels, 50-60 cm., yielded sand-tempered, complicated-stamped, and Weeden Island varieties of pottery, including zone punctate. Post molds and small features were found as well. Underneath, the 50-60 cm. zone contained small lithic flakes. An Early Archaic-Transition Paleo zone was discovered from 70-90 cm., indicating reverse stratigraphy. Two corner-notched points and one large stemmed point were found in this zone, as well as a number of large flakes. A small pit of charcoal was revealed 10 cm. below the Early Archaic/Paleo zone. Samples were collected and will be sent off to obtain a C14 date.

During August and September TSU was involved with a testing program for a power transmission line project in Geneva County. During Phase II testing, one site showed the potential to be very significant. The site appeared to have an undisturbed Late Archaic-Early Woodland component in which fiber-tempered pottery was found in association with features at a depth of 67 cm. below the surface. Additional work on this site is planned for the future.

During our October meeting we elected chapter officers for the new year. April Smith was selected as President, Chris Ulmer as Vice President, Gwen Barron as Treasurer, and Garnet Phalen as Secretary. Designs were discussed for our annual T-shirt, and new members were welcomed into the society. Chapter meetings will be held on the first Thursday of each month at 3:00 p.m. in the TSU archaeology lab. Anyone interested in archaeology is encouraged to attend. Contact Professor McDonald Brooms at 670-3571 for information.

Garnet Phalen

Tuscaloosa Chapter

The Tuscaloosa Chapter met on September 24, 1992 at the town library. Our guest speaker was Shari D. Moore of Panamerican Consultants, Inc. She gave an interesting discussion and slide program on the excavation of three sites in Fayette County.

The Tuscaloosa Chapter meets once a month on the fourth Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at the Tuscaloosa town library. The public is welcome.

Paul Clements

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