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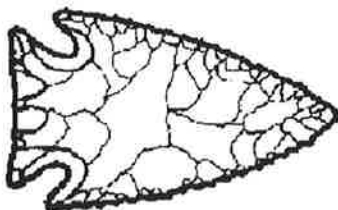
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AAS Winter Meeting!!!

The Alabama Archaeological Society will hold its Winter Meeting in Birmingham at UAB's Hill University Center Auditorium on December 14. The program is as follows:

8:00 - 9:30 Registration

9:30 - 9:40 Opening

9:40 - 10:00 Timothy Griffith
"Excavations at the Old Mahan
Homestead in Bibb County"

10:00 - 10:20 Chris Hill
"Civil War Iron Industry of Northeastern
Alabama"

10:20 - 10:40 John Cottier/Craig Sheldon
"Fatal Attraction: The Fusihatchee
Project"

10:40 - 10:50 Break

10:50 - 11:10 Bill Varnedoe/Bart Henson/
Jean Allen "Turkey Cave : A Dark Zone
Petroglyph Site in North Alabama"

11:10 - 11:30 Harry Holstein/Keith Hill
"The Hog Island Site, 1CE421, A Cocker
Ford Village Site in Cherokee County"

11:30 - 1:00 Lunch / Board of
Directors Meeting at the "Pita Stop" 1106
12th Ave. South

1:15 - 1:30 Business Meeting
UAB's Hill University Center Auditorium

1:30 - 2:00 Jean Allen
"Warfare Iconographs in North Alabama
Rock Art"

2:00 - 2:20 David Morgan
"Survey of the Eastern Bluffs of the
Mobile Tensaw Delta"

2:20 - 2:40 Scott Meeks/Boyce Driskall
"Excavations at Dust Cave"

2:40 - 2:50 Break

2:50 - 3:10 Mike Finn
"Report on Excavations at the Three Tree
Site in Jackson County"

3:10 - 3:25 Donna Cobb
"Investigations at a Large Cave Site in
Northeastern Alabama"

3:25 - 3:40 Dena' Hand
Topic to be announced

3:40 - 4:00 Charles Hubbert
"Beartail Rock Shelter" (Tentative)

AAS Nominations for 1997

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Annual Book Sale

We will have the annual book auction and sale again this year from a number of University presses. This is an excellent opportunity for society members to get both new and rare, out-of-print publications at excellent prices. If anyone would like to bring their own books to sell and would like to set up a table contact Jim Lee at 205-881-0527.

What's Happening Around the State

Site 1 JA206 - the Three Tree Site - is located outside Bridgeport, Alabama close to the Tennessee/Alabama state line. The Three Tree site is situated on a small knoll or terrace remnant some 100 meters north of Jones Creek, a small tributary to the Tennessee River located some two miles to the east. The site area occupies a position near the boundary of the Tennessee River Valley, Sequatchie Valley, and the Jackson County Mountains.

A phase III mitigation of the site was undertaken in 1994 by the University of Alabama, Division of Archaeology for the Alabama Department of Transportation in conjunction with the construction of a new segment of Alabama Highway 72 in Jackson County, Alabama.

Over 400 square meters were excavated in a single block unit. While there was little evidence noted of discreet, vertical separation between occupations, most of the diagnostic artifactual material appear to date to the Archaic period. Based upon comparisons with regional projectile point typologies, the major usage of the site area occurred from the Middle Archaic through the Late Archaic periods, covering a time span from 6,000 B.C. to 1,500 B.C. Both early and Late Archaic projectile points were found, but

the predominate point type appears to be Morrow Mountain variants, a Middle Archaic type. The entire prehistoric component is composed of lithic material; there were no aboriginal ceramics found although a number of different Woodland points were recovered. The other major class of artifacts found include groundstone tools such as hammerstones, nuttingstones, metates, anvilstones, and celts. Several fragments of atlatl weights were also retrieved. Relatively few features were noted, probably indicating the site was utilized by groups with a mobile strategy that required short stays in any one locale and seasonal movement between separate sites in the region. The Three Tree site is located about five miles from the famous Russell Cave site, and may well have been used by the same groups who occupied 1 JA206, albeit at different times of the year.

Chapter News

East Alabama Chapter

The chapter met on Tuesday, November 11th, with 20 members attending. Frank T. Schnell, Director of the Archaeological Collections and Exhibits at the Columbus Museum, presented the results of a recently completed survey of the damage done in 1994 to archaeological sites in Georgia as a result of Hurricane Alberto. The chapter will not meet in December. Our next meeting will be January 14th.

Cullman County Chapter

Our November meeting was held on the 21st at the Cullman County Library. Van King gave a program on flintknapping, which included information on the gathering of stone as well as the specific tools needed for working stone. Our point of the month was the Garth Slough.

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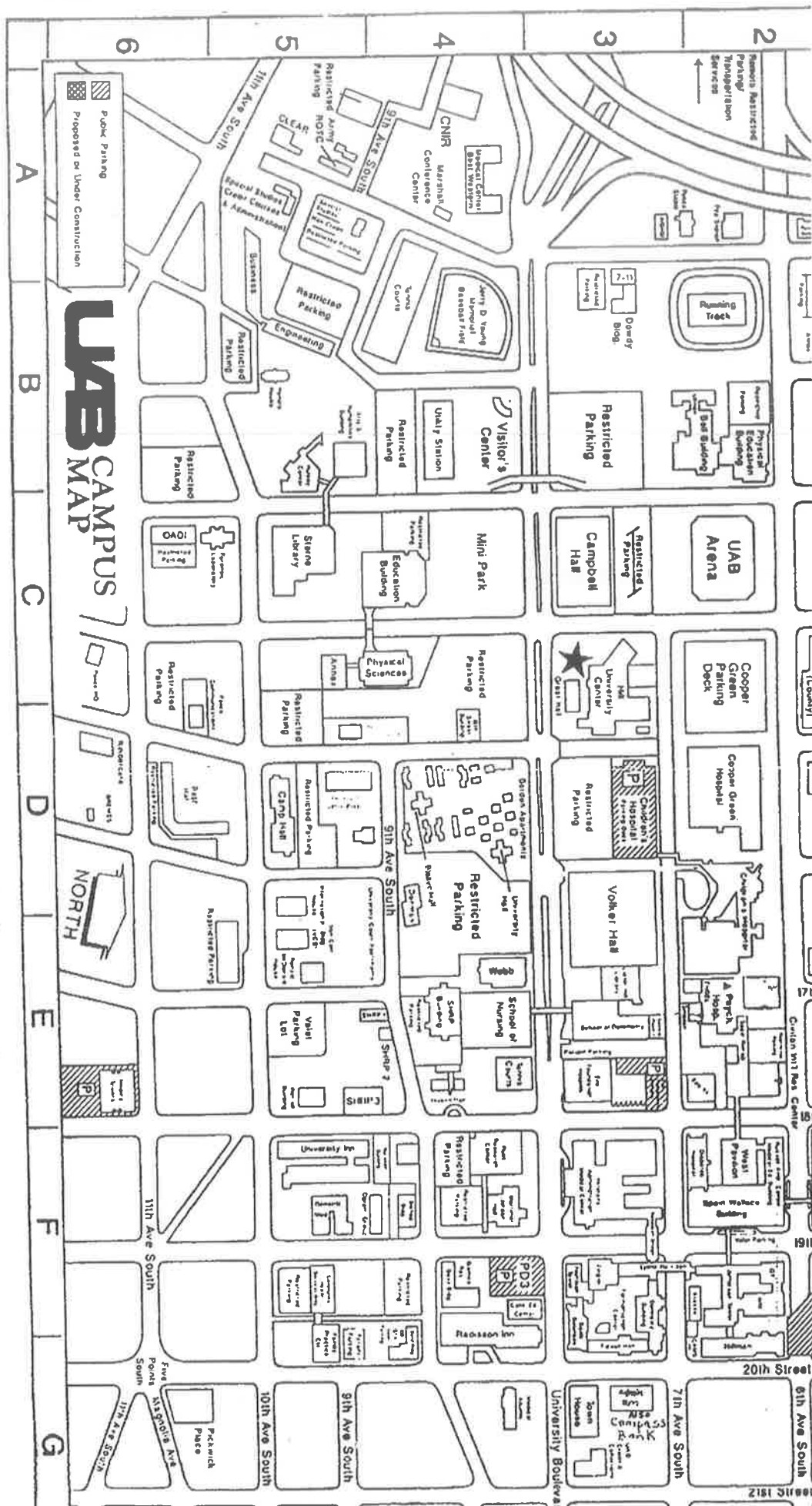
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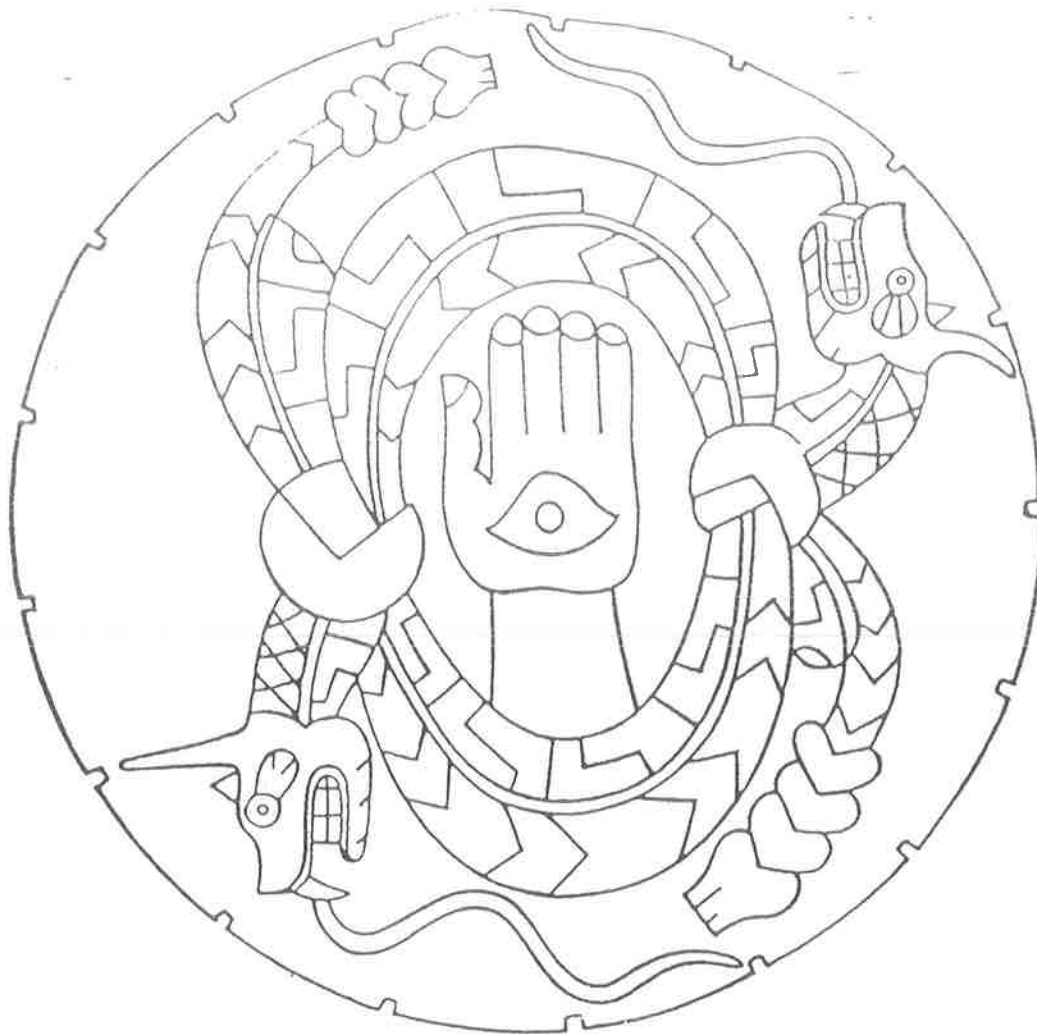
Donations

We would like to extend our thanks to R. Craig Ray who recently made a donation to our Education Fund. With only a little over a month left in this year's fund drive, please send your donations to the Public Education Fund, Scholarship Fund, and Research Fund today !

The Calendar

Jan. 8-12 1997 Society for Historical and Underwater Archaeology will hold it's annual conference at the Marriott Bayfront, Corpus Christi, Texas. Contact: Dr. David L. Carlson, Program Coordinator, Anthropology Department, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX 77843-4352; 409-847-9248; Fax 409-845-4070.





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