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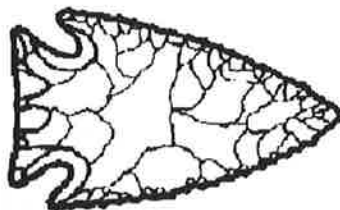
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### A. A. S. Annual Winter Meeting

Troy State University will host the Alabama Archaeological Society Winter Meeting on December 10, 1994. The theme for this year's meeting will be current research in the Southeastern United States. Please submit papers to be presented at the meeting by November 1st, 1994, to McDonald Brooms, 304 Wallace Hall, Department of Sociology, Troy State University, Troy, AL 36082.

Due to popular demand we are happy to announce that we will be holding a silent book auction like the one that was so successful at last year's winter meeting. Individuals are welcome to bring books to sell. If you would like to sell a book or books please contact Jim Lee at 205-881-0527 to let him know of your intentions. A 10% commission fee will be charged.

We will have tables for artifact displays. If you are interested in setting up an artifact display please call April Smith at 205-670-3637 or 205-670-3638 to reserve a space.

There will also be a table where your Paleo Points can be recorded. If you have a Paleo Point that has not yet been recorded for the Paleo Point Survey please bring it along with a topo

map. See last month's issue for more information on the Paleo Point Survey. Fill out the form and bring it with you. This is the perfect opportunity to stop procrastinating and have that point recorded!

Below is a list of hotels in Troy if you need overnight accommodations.

**Holiday Inn and Holiday Inn Express**

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Room for one or two people - \$45.00

Includes full breakfast buffet

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Single room - \$36.00

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1 person, 2 queen beds - \$43.00

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**House of Dunn's Bed and Breakfast**

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Double Room - \$50.00

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\*If you call any of the above hotels tell the reception clerk that you are attending the A.A.S. Meeting at Troy State University as some of the prices listed are the discounted Troy State rates.\*

The cost of registration will be \$10.00 per person which will pay for a holiday buffet complete with desert and wassail as well as the facilities. The registration form is at the end of this *Stones and Bones*. Please make checks out to Troy State University Archaeological Society.

Look for a map of Troy and the Troy State Campus showing the location of the meeting in the November and December Newsletters.

If you have any questions about the meeting please contact Gwen Barron or McDonald Brooms at 205-670-3638 or 205-670-3637.

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## Winners of the A.A.S. Essay Contest

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As mentioned in previous issues of the *Stones and Bones*, the Alabama Archaeological Society recently sponsored an essay contest for high school students throughout the state interested in archaeology. We are currently running the five essays that were entered in the contest in the *Stones and Bones*. This month's essay was written by Molly Madden from Carroll High School in Ozark, Alabama and is entitled "What does Alabama Archaeology Mean to Me?"

### "What does Alabama Archaeology Mean to Me?"

Alabama, the 22nd state of the United States of America, is now approaching 175 years of existence. What has happened during those years? What may have happened before Alabama became a state? These and many other intriguing questions are being answered by thousands of archaeologists all over the world. An archaeologist studies man's past by means of his material

remains and traces. It is an absorbing study that has captivated not only the professional and amateur, but also the general public. The study of archaeology is very important in determining the history of Alabama. In order to understand one's future or present conditions, it is imperative to examine, review, and draw conclusions about the past and its events. This can only be done through the study of archaeology. The achievements of Alabama archaeology, its limits, and the broad outlines of its historical settings need to be refined. Although we have the bible and other manuscripts from Biblical times which help support the archaeological findings from that region; Alabama does not have a written history. Therefore, we must rely on the uncovering of our history by archaeologists. Through their efforts we will piece together the regions known as Alabama. We may have a preliminary classification of pre-historic Alabama, but the technical equipment, soil profile, and projectiles need to be investigated until proven. When we can prove the existence and importance of these, then we will be able to fill in the many gaps of our Alabama history. Then we will be able to write our own archaeological guide to Alabama which can be used in future generations. As we advance our education of Alabama's archeological makeup, then we will progress our understanding and knowledge of Alabama's significance in history, and it's historic composition of flora and fauna which will give us clues to our past and guidelines for our future.

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## Preservation Easement Update

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On April 25th, E. I. DuPont de Nemours Company donated an easement on its portion of the Old Mobile site to *The Archaeological Conservancy*, a private, non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the most significant archaeological sites in the United States. The easement created the Conservancy's first preserve in the state, and provides a model for other Old Mobile site landowners to follow.

This easement is a major step toward permanent preservation of the fragile archaeological site, insuring that at least this portion will be available for future research. (Taken from *The Old Mobile Project Newsletter*, Fall 1994)

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## Archaeology - The Next 25 Years

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Analysis of questionnaires returned by chairs of academic departments of anthropology for the American Anthropological Association's 1994 *Survey of Departments* is complete, and the final report has been published in the 1994-95 *AAA Guide*. To learn how the discipline is evolving, the question was asked, "From your viewpoint as chair, what does the next 25 years hold for archaeology in your department?"

Regarding the future of academic archaeology, what follows are thoughts and opinions of colleagues who, as chairs, are among the most qualified anthropologists in the US to make predictions about our future presence on campus. From their aggregated written comments, six themes emerged:

1. Over the next 25 years, archaeology's presence in the modal department of anthropology will grow - both absolutely (more faculty, classes and research) and relatively (as a percent of the budgetary pie).

Even worst-case scenarios forecast by chairs were benign, and predicted that archaeology would stay the same in their programs, rather than down size. No chair saw a shrinkage on archaeology's horizon.

2. Chairs saw archaeology as being the most lively, exciting and attractive program in the department, currently, and as the subfield most likely to promise jobs to graduating anthropology graduate students.

3. Archaeology's current excitement comes, in part, from a dazzling assortment of new exploration technologies - such as remote sensing - and a kit bag of high-tech tools available for use by

faculty and students alike. Chairs indicated that, during the next 25 years, they and their successors would invest in electronic instruments of the trade and build more specialized archaeology labs for their departments.

4. Chairs predicted that over the next 25 years, archaeology would expand in the following areas: historical archaeology and reconstruction projects, maritime archaeology, public archaeology, local archaeology, applied archaeology, cultural resource management (CRM) and contract work. As grants and contracts increase, archaeology research associates will be added to departmental faculty, again increasing the ranks.

5. Some chairs mentioned future collaborations with archaeology programs in other schools. Joint archaeology appointments with area museums was listed a number of times, on the general theme of "increasing the opportunities for collaborative work with other institutions, schools and departments."

6. Finally, most chairs felt archaeology would continue contributing to the interdisciplinary study of *Homo*, which is institutionalized in the traditional three-to-four-field department.

Bottom line, the qualitative portion of the 1994 *Survey of Departments* shows archaeology to be a likely growth industry, in which the average department of the future will invest a greater percent of its budget. In written comments, the chairs were noticeably more optimistic about archaeology than about the other three subfields. Thus, while sociocultural anthropology will remain the core of most departmental programs into the foreseeable future, archaeology will dig in and narrow the gap. (Taken from *Anthropology Newsletter*, September 1994, written by David B Givens, Director, American Anthropological Association, Department of Academic Relations)

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## New Publications

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**The Archaeology of Gender: Separating the Spheres in Urban America** *Diana diZerega*

*Wall. Interdisciplinary Contributions to Archaeology.* New York: Plenum Press, 1994. 242 pp. \$37.50 (cloth)

**The Art of Stoneworking: A Reference Guide.** *Peter Rockwell.* New York: Cambridge University Press. 1993. 320 pp. np (cloth)

**Building an Ethical School.** *Robert J. Starratt.* Bristol, PA: Taylor and Francis, 1994. 158 pp. np (paper)

**The Combing of History.** *David William Cohen.* Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1994. 264 pp. \$47.50 (cloth)

**Flintknapping: Making and Understanding Stone Tools.** *John C. Whittaker.* Austin: University of Texas Press, 1994. 342 pp. \$24.95 (paper), \$49.50 (cloth)

**Quest for the Past: Great Discoveries in Archaeology.** *Brian M. Fagan.* Prospect Heights, IL: Waveland Press, 1994. 282pp. \$16.95 (paper)

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## Chapter News

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### Cullman County Chapter...

The Cullman County Chapter held its first meeting of the fall on Monday, September 19th in the basement of the Colonel Cullman Home. This meeting was dedicated to sharing, comparing, and discussing points found over the summer. The point for September was the Limestone. It is a small to medium sized, incurvate-based point with tapered shoulders. It was named for an example taken from a shell mound on the Tennessee River in Limestone County, Alabama. It is associated with the late Archaic to early Woodland time period.

### Huntsville Chapter...

The Huntsville Chapter held its September meeting Tuesday, September 27th. The guest speaker was Father Robert Wagner who discussed

Biblical Archaeology, focusing primarily on sites in Rome and the Holy Land.

Father Wagner is a Salvadorian priest and Associate Pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, primarily involved with retreat work. He is a graduate of Marquette University and did post-graduate work at St. John's, Notre Dame, and Fordham. He lived in Rome for four years and visited the Holy Land several times.

### Coosa Valley Chapter...

The Coosa Valley Chapter held its initial meeting for 1994-1995 on September 21st. The slate of officers elected were Dr. Phillip E. Koerper, President; Donald Frazier, 1st-Vice President; Chris Hill, 2nd vice-president; Brigitte Cole, Secretary-Treasurer and Larry Smith, Newsletter Editor.

The Chapter discussed the Alabama Archaeology Week for September 26th - October 1st, 1994. Our chapter will participate in local programs. Dr. Harry Holstein, sponsored by Jacksonville State University and the Anniston Museum of Natural History, will conduct tours to the Wright's Farm, Dry Branch, and Ten Island sites.

With forthcoming grants, Dr. Holstein and the JSU Archaeological Resources Lab will attempt to locate the Cave Creek Iron Furnace and conduct tests on the Janney Furnace site in Ohatchee.

The Coosa Chapter will provide exhibits and programs for the Jacksonville State University Parent's Day on October 15, 1994.

The meeting adjourned following an excellent slide-lecture presentation on the Dry Branch site by Dr. Holstein and Chris Hill.

The Coosa Chapter meets monthly at 7:30 in Martin Hall, Room 221, on the Jacksonville State University Campus. For information on the chapter, call 782-5656 or 782-5604.

### Troy State Chapter...

Troy State's chapter held its September meeting on the 29th at 4:30. Mr. Bill Grantham, new assistant professor of anthropology, presented

a slide show featuring sites he has worked on in the Near East. The slides included an Persian Period dog cemetery, Iron Age Philistine cities, sites around the Dead Sea, and Bedouin burials. We were pleased by the larger than normal turnout in attendance.

There was a terrific response to the coloring contest sponsored by TSU's Archaeological Research Center. 1000 pictures were sent out, we received over 1400 entries. A winner was selected for each class and a ribbon awarded to each winning student. Certificates were given to each class that participated.

As an Archaeology Week activity, members of TSU's Archaeological Society gave presentations at area and local schools. Since the demand for presentations was so great, TSU speakers Natalie Maddox, Garnet Garvin, Gwen Barron, Kate McLauren, and Buffy Ashton presenting about four presentations each, daily. The presentations were about 45 minutes long and consisted of a slide show, display of artifacts from sites here in the Southeast, and a question and answer period. The participation in the coloring contest and interest in presentations as well as the overwhelming enthusiasm exhibited from both teachers and students demonstrates the vast interest in archaeology. We believe that this is an important and impressive step in involving our youth in archaeology. In essence, bringing archaeology, the past, to the present and giving us an outlook on archaeology in the future. Because of the incredible outcome of TSU's Archaeology Awareness Campaign during Archaeology Week we plan to continue our campaign throughout the year. We intend to spotlight schools and students who's participation during Archaeology Week and enthusiasm is commendable.

Regional schools interested in having a speaker from TSU's Archaeological Research Center should call 205-670-3637 or 205-670-3638 and ask for Garnet Garvin.

### **East Alabama Chapter...**

The East Alabama Chapter held its first fall meeting on September 28th. Our speaker for

this occasion was Frank T. Schnell, Archaeologist at the Columbus Museum, Columbus, GA. Mr. Schell presented a program entitled, "Archaeological Activities at Lake Blackshear, Georgia." Located on the Flint River between Americus and Cordele in southwestern Georgia, Lake Blackshear is an area in which a multitude of archaeological sites have been discovered, mostly representing the Woodland and Mississippian Transition Periods. This artificial reservoir was constructed during the 1930s. In 1972, when the lake was drained to remove submerged stumps and snags that were interfering with boating activity, more than 200 sites were discovered in an archaeological survey of the exposed lake bottom. During the devastating floods in Georgia earlier this year, the dam at Lake Blackshear broke, draining the lake once again. This has resulted in the exposure of still more areas which were not previously available for archaeological testing. Schnell and others associated with the Columbus Museum will be conducting further surveys at this site. Twenty-one members were present for our September meeting.

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## **What's Happening Around the State**

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### **Jacksonville State University...**

From June 1st until August 31st of this year Jacksonville State was involved in the excavation of the Dry Branch Site located off Highway 202 in Bynum, Al. The site yielded Early, Middle, and Late Woodland components. During the course of excavations 133 two by two meter squares were excavated with an average depth of 50cm. Approximately 60 post molds were uncovered, several of which suggested circular structures. In addition, 30 shallow pits were excavated in which good charcoal and botanical remains were found. Overall, thousands of bifaces and other artifacts were found with a tremendous density and diversity of material.

Pottery from Early to Late Woodland was abundant with fragments of steatite vessels and ornaments turning up as well.

What made this site particularly interesting was the discovery of an early 19th century homestead in the NE corner of the site. Fragments of green, black, and lavender glass were found, along with domestic dishwear. The remains of a chimney/hearth area were uncovered as well.

With the diversity of material found within the Woodland components of the site, including crystal quartz, galena, and large concentrations of mica, it is believed that Highway 202, which was once US. 78, was originally a major east-west trail leading from the Piedmont.

The Jacksonville State crew members are currently busy with the analysis of their finds.

### **University of Alabama...**

Since the summer of 1992, The University of Alabama has been involved with the excavation of 1 Li 15, also known as Red Fox Mound. Located near Decatur, the site is part of the Wheeler Wildlife Refuge. Approximately two thirds of the original linear mound is left, with one third of it having been destroyed by wave action. The remaining portion is 35 meters long, 18 meters wide and approximately 3 meters tall.

The mound consisted of a total of 10 building layers which included shell, limestone, and grog tempered pottery. A borrow pit was also found which had been partially destroyed during the building of the mound. Both above and below the pit were sterile layers, but within the pit were two hearths, one near the top and one near the bottom of the pit. The debris bearing layer included limestone, grog and shell tempered pottery. Charcoal samples were submitted from both of the hearths as well as the general debris bearing layer. A Late Woodland date of A.D. 870 to A.D. 900 is expected. The mound was originally tested in the summer of 1992. University of Alabama graduate student Dan Shinn used this information to write his M.A. thesis in 1993. During the summer of 1994, Mr. Shinn served as field supervisor during

mitigation of the mound. Mr. Shinn is currently attending the University of Kansas for his Ph.D..

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## **In the Alabama Archaeological Society's Past**

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### **Archaeology and Youth....**

In spite of the headlines screaming that the younger generation is going to the dogs, today's youth is for the most part the best educated, the most intellectually curious and the most interested in his fellow man of any generation recorded in history. By and large, the youngster of that much maligned age group would really like to know some answers about what makes man "tick". This is also the age of idealism during which the actions of his elders and respect which these actions attain can influence the future of the teenager. With the recent popular interest in archaeology as a hobby, and the collaboration between professional and amateur on the rise not only in Alabama but in many parts of the nation and the world, there lies before us an opportunity to enroll youth in an adventure into the past- one which can challenge his skills, motivate his search for knowledge, teach him the integrity of scientific ethics, school him in the patience of the scholar, and begin his journey toward understanding of man's existence.

Hardly has there been an American boy or girl whose ears have not been alert for tales of Indian treasure, whose eyes have not been searching for a glimpse of something real from the heritage of the past nor who has not thrilled to the anticipation of discovery. Alabama and all of America has hidden in its rocks and hills, its purple mountains and golden plains the story of the past. To the teacher, the scientist, the responsible citizen, the historian, the sociologist, this heritage and its safekeeping represents a responsibility to the future. The future lies in the hands of the youth. Should we not take the challenge, fling it to the

ready minds of the young, join them and guide them in this search for knowledge?

From the President's daughter to the farmer's son the plea to "teach me, show me" comes to professional and amateur archaeologists both. The enthusiasm, strength and stamina of youthful zeal needs only the wisdom, patience and sanction of age to channel these assets into a force which can safeguard and study this heritage before it is destroyed by the bulldozer and the exploiter. Let us as a group in the Alabama Archaeological Society accept the opportunity, and enjoy the privilege of urging tomorrow's men and women to help in the job to be accomplished today.

The acceptance of this challenge is no easy task for without guidance and supervision enthusiasm can run rampant and become exploitation. A revitalization of the local society with a close contact with professional archaeologists and historians can combine with youth to make a team of researchers with definite goals, proper orientation to the purpose and action which could lead to real discovery and most certainly to the safekeeping of Alabama's rich heritage of the past. Who among you dares to take lead in this opportunity. *Mrs. Mary Louise Andridge, Mauvilla Chapter* (Taken from the October, 1967, issue of the *Stones & Bones*.)

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## The Calendar

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**November 4-6, 1994 - Eastern States Archaeological Federation** will hold its annual meeting in Colonie, NY. For further information, contact Dean Snow, STJNY - Albany, Dept. of Anthropology, Social Science 262, Albany, NY 12222, or call (518)422-4700.

**November 9-12, 1994 - Southeastern Archaeological Conference & Midwest Archaeological Conference** will be held jointly at the Radisson Plaza Hotel, Lexington, KY. For information on local arrangements, contact: Mary Lucas Powell, W.S. Webb Museum of Anthropology, 221 Lafferty Hall, University of

Kentucky, Lexington, KY 40506-0024, or call (606) 257-7112.

**October 7-9, 1994 - Indian Cultural Festival:** Columbus College Campus, Columbus, Ga. For more information, contact Terri Parodi, (706)-322-1613 or 1-800-999-1613.

**October 8, 1994 - Indian Skills & Artifacts Identification Day:** Kolomoki Mounds State Park, Blakely, Ga. For further information, contact Bill Thomas, (912)-723-5296.

**Alabama Chitlin' Jamboree:** Ruritan Park, Clio, Al. 7 a.m. until. Admission charge. Arts & crafts, games, entertainment and more. Contact Alex Brock, (205)-397-4518.

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## Member News

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The Huntsville Chapter was saddened to learn that Judy Zoller died on September 14th. Judy and her husband, Lowell, have been active members of the chapter for some time. The editors of the *Stones and Bones* would like to send our condolences to her husband and family.

Mr. Eulis King, a member of the Cullman County chapter celebrated his 80th birthday over the summer. The Cullman County chapter, as well as the editors of the *Stones and Bones* would like to wish him a Happy Birthday.

### New Members:

David M. Byrd  
Newton, Al

The *Stones & Bones* would like to welcome back Margaret C. Russell to the Alabama Archaeological Society. Ms. Russell was involved in AAS-VOFA Projects in Mud Creek, Tower Creek, Buttahatchee Valley, and Sand Mountain

in the 1960's. She wrote several reports that were published in the A.A.S. Journal.

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## **Steven Wimberly Scholarship Fund**

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A special thanks is extended to Robert Beasley for his contribution to the Steven Wimberly Scholarship Fund.

A proposal has been made to add undergraduate scholarships next year as well as continue the graduate scholarship program. Your contributions are more important than ever. Please keep this in mind when you send in your membership renewal in December.

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## **Registration Form**

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**Alabama Archaeological Society  
Annual Winter Meeting  
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To preregister, return this form along with your registration fee of \$10.00 (includes lunch) by December 1, 1994 to McDonald Brooms, 304 Wallace Hall, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, Troy State University, Troy, AL 36082.

**Name(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

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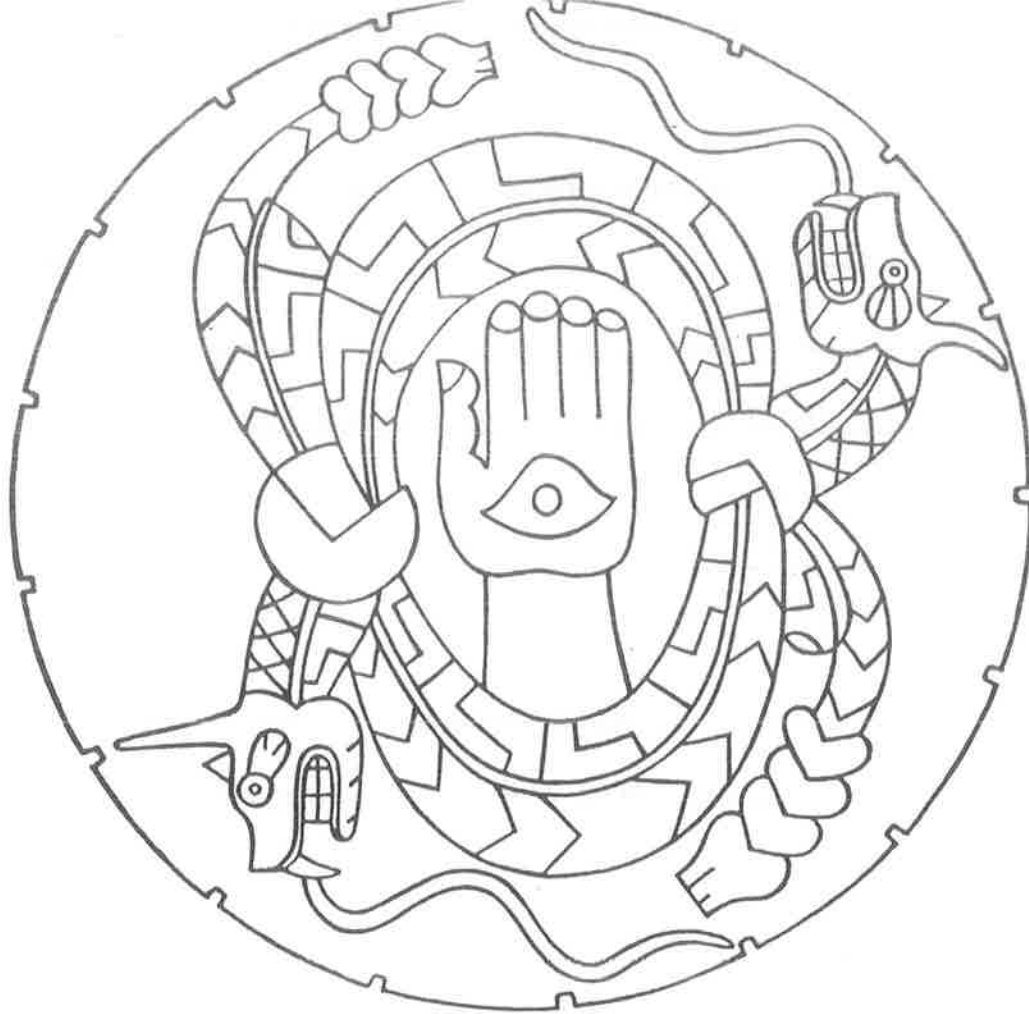
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