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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 a tentative 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 Fushihatchee - 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
- 3:10 Paleo Point Survey in Tennessee - John Broster
- 3:50 Keynote Address: The Sloan Site: a Dalton Period Site in Arkansas - Dan Morse
- 4:50 Closing Remarks and Adjournment

October 1991

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.

The slate of officers for 1992 will appear in the November STONES & BONES, as will a list of suggested motels in the Huntsville area.

CHAPTER NEWS

East Alabama Chapter

Our October meeting was presented by Dr. David W. Icenogle, Department of Geography, Auburn University. Dr. Icenogle spent six months in Egypt this past year, during which time he had an opportunity to visit several sites of archaeological interest. He presented a program on the ancient Akhenaton palace near present-day Tell el-Amarna, dating from the latter part of the Eighteenth Dynasty (1570-1300 BC). King Akhenaton, who reigned for 16 years at the height of the Egyptian Empire, was the father-in-law of his successor, Tutankhamun (King Tut).

Dr. Icenogle also showed slides of his visit to the Greco-Roman ruins at Hermeopolis and scenes of contemporary Egyptian villages. His slide presentation was well received by 26 members present.

Our next meeting will be November 13th at 7 p.m. in the Alabama Power Company Auditorium, 230 N. Gay Street, Auburn. Visitors are welcome.

Caroline Dean
Opelika

Huntsville Chapter

The Huntsville Chapter enjoyed a talk by Rick Taylor of Nashville on September 24: a presentation on stone box graves near Nashville. This is a Mississippian site, with Middle Archaic Benton-aged burials.

Guest speaker at the October 22 chapter meeting was Charles Moore of the Muscle Shoals Chapter. Charles made a slide presentation on a trip he and Mary-Eliza took this summer through Evansville, Indiana, where they visited a Mississippian site and the Angel Mounds, and to an Adena site in Anderson, Indiana.

The Huntsville Chapter will host the Alabama Archaeological Society Annual Meeting on November 23; the state meeting will take the place of the November chapter meeting.

Several members of the Huntsville Chapter have participated in the UAH course in Prehistoric Indian Lifeways of the Tennessee Valley, taught by archaeologist and Huntsville Chapter member Blaine Ensor. At press time, classroom work is complete, and two weekend field trips are scheduled.

The Huntsville Chapter meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Public Library on St. Clair Avenue. The public is welcome. For more information on Huntsville Chapter activities, contact President Dee Hubbert at 880-1113, or Secretary-Treasurer Beth Justice at 880-2836.

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NEW MEMBERS

Glenn Allen - Montgomery, Alabama

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Dorothy A. Humpf - Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

William Roger Newberry - Goodwater, Alabama

Hugh O'Rear - Falkville, Alabama

Paul Patterson - Moundville, Alabama

Larry Smith - Jacksonville, Alabama

NEW GUINEA EXHIBIT IN SMITH HALL GALLERY

An exhibition entitled "Michael Leahy's Explorations of Highland New Guinea, 1930-35," produced by the Alabama Museum of Natural History and designed by Michael Pierce, will be on display in the Museum's Smith Hall gallery from October 11, 1991 until January 5, 1992.

Australian Michael Leahy, a young explorer in search of gold, went on a series of prospecting trips to New Guinea during the 1930's. The interior of New Guinea, the second largest island on earth, had been isolated from the rest of the world and at that time largely unexplored.

The New Guinea exhibit, made up of original photographs taken by Leahy in the 1930's and of artifacts taken from the Alabama Museum of Natural History's ethnology collection,

coincides with the publication of the book EXPLORATIONS OF HIGHLAND NEW GUINEA. The book, a journal kept by Leahy during his travels, will have a foreword by Museum Director Dr. Douglas Jones, whose father, Dr. Walter B. Jones, served with Michael Leahy in New Guinea during World War II.

Museum hours are Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:45 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Sundays, 2:00-5 p.m. The exhibit is free and open to the public. For information about the exhibit, call the Museum at 205/348-2040.

LEGAL BACKGROUND OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL PROTECTION

National Park Service (NPS) Director James M. Ridenour recently announced the issuance of a new report, LEGAL BACKGROUND OF ARCHEOLOGICAL RESOURCES PROTECTION. The report, also called Technical Brief No. 11, is the latest in a series of technical information reports that the NPS Archeological Assistance Division (AAD) publishes.

Protection of archaeological resources on Federal lands is examined in its legal context, both historically and current. Laws that shape preservation, such as the Antiquities Act of 1906 to the most recent 1988 amendments to the Archaeological Resources Protection Act (ARPA) are listed and examined in detail. Other legislation that indirectly benefit the protection of archeological resources also are described; for example, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the American Indian Religious Freedom Act (AIRFA).

Once given a legal context, the author examines the effectiveness of the law in efforts to curb the looting and vandalism that occurs on Federal lands. In doing so, the author discusses the issues related to looting and the process by which cases are prosecuted under these various statutes. The Listing of Outlaw Treachery (LOOT), which is a clearinghouse of case-specific information maintained by the AAD, provides a final and informative framework with which to understand the success and frustration of the Federal Government in protecting the irreplaceable archaeological resources located on its lands.

Technical Brief 11 is available free of charge by writing to:

Publication Specialist
U.S. Department of the Interior
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Archeological Assistance Division
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Washington, D.C. 20013-7127

CHEROKEES JOIN SUIT AGAINST MOUND DIG

(Note: The following is a follow-up to an article which appeared in STONES & BONES earlier this year, and is excerpted from an article in the "Charleston Gazette," August 14, 1991.)

United Cherokee Tribes of West Virginia has joined two archaeological organizations in a suit filed recently that asks Kanawha Circuit Court to throw out rules restricting public and scholarly access to excavation of the Cotiga Mound in Mingo County. The archaeological community has complained from the beginning that a "memorandum of understanding" between the Division of Culture and History and The West Virginia Committee on Native American Archaeological and Burial Policies is illegal.

The agreement forbids public access at the site, forbids menstruating women to handle relics or skeletal remains, forbids photographing of skeletal remains, and requires that remains and artifacts be buried within a year. The Council for West Virginia Archaeology Inc. and the West Virginia Archaeological Society Inc., as well as the Cherokee Tribes, brought the suit. The Council is for professional archaeologists, and the Society is for amateurs.

The suit says that the Division of Culture and History did not follow the law in the agreement which delegated to the Native American committee authority over the site. The suit contends that the committee is a private group and that its members do not meet legal requirements necessary to qualify them to represent native Americans. The Cherokee Tribe said that the committee did not represent them. The suit asks for court for a temporary injunction stopping the discriminatory practices until their case could be heard.

Mounds were used as burial sites by Adena people who lived in West Virginia, Ohio and other areas about 2,000 years ago. No direct link has been established between them and later Indian tribes. The Cotiga Mound is being excavated at a cost of more than \$1.8 million. The mound is in the path of highway construction. Work is now under way.

For more information on this lawsuit, contact Dr. Robert F. Maslowski; Editor, West Virginia Archeologist; P.O. Box 213; Milton, West Virginia 25541, or Council for West Virginia Archaeology, Inc.; P.O. Box 1596; Huntington, West Virginia 25716-1596.

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