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INCOMING PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I consider it a great honor to be elected to serve as your State Society's president for 1974. Notwithstanding the energy crisis, I will try to attend as many of your Chapter meetings as possible. If agreeable with the Board of Directors, I would like to appoint a Ways & Means Committee to define the present status of archaeology in our State. By well understanding our present position, perhaps we may be able to improve that position in the future.

As your new President, I urge you to write and advise me on any matters pertaining to the business and operations of your State Society. My address is: 887 Riverview Drive, Florence, Ala. 35630. Every piece of correspondence will be given careful consideration by me, and also by your Board of Directors, if deemed necessary.

I'm looking forward to the New Year, and with your help, I'm sure we can have another good year for archaeology in Alabama.

Charles E. Moore

HIGHLIGHTS OF 1973 ANNUAL WINTER MEETING

President B. Bart Henson called the Business Session of our 20th Annual Meeting to order, with 96 members present, on December 8, 1973, at St. Bernard College, this being the first time a State Society meeting was held at Cullman, Ala.

Miss Petronella Cullivan, President of the Cullman Chapter and hostess to the Annual Meeting, welcomed everyone to Cullman and St. Bernard College. She then introduced the Very Reverend Aloysius Plaisance, O.S.E., President, St. Bernard College, who stated that he had been interested in archaeology since his early youth and he still likes to roam over the 800 acres at the College which has one spot known as "Arrowhead Hill". Along with his gracious welcome, he asked that he be invited to our next meeting.

Mr. Rodger L. Schaefer gave his report as Secretary covering activities of the State Society for the year 1973; also his report as Treasurer, stating that as of November 30, 1973, the figures were as follows: \$7,613.79 on hand as of December 31, 1972, receipts of \$4,908.71, disbursements of \$9,601.77 and balance on hand of \$2,920.73 with all 1973 JOURNALS paid for.

Mr. Howard King, on behalf of the Nominating Committee, which consisted of himself, James W. Cambron and David W. Chase, presented the following nominees for 1974 State Society Officers:

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Dr. E. M. Lindsey (1)
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Mrs. Marjorie Gay, Program Chairman, then presented the Speakers Program, with the speakers and their subjects being as follows:

"Archaeological Salvage at the West Jefferson Steam Plant", by Ned Jenkins, Moundville, Ala.

"Highway Salvage Excavations in Baldwin County, Alabama", by John Walthall, Moundville, Ala.

"Salvage Excavations, West Point Dam, 1973", by Harold Huscher, East Alabama Chapter, Auburn, Ala.

"Activities, Office of Archaeological Research, University of Alabama", by Carey B. Oakley Jr., Director, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

"Excavations at Gaineswood, Demopolis, Alabama", by Ned Jenkins, Moundville, Alabama.

"1973 at Hunter Station", by David W. Chase, Auburn University, Auburn, Ala.

"Fort Toulouse", by Craig Ray.

"Fort Mims Excavation and Restoration; Clarke County Site Survey; and Laboratory Work", by Noel Read Stowe, University of South Alabama, Mobile, Ala.

"Status on Pebble Tools", by Steve B. Wimberly, Birmingham, Ala.

"The Alabama Historical Commission", by Warner Floyd, Executive Director, Montgomery, Ala.

"Current Archaeology in Virginia", by Col. Howard MacCord Sr., State Archaeologist of Virginia, Virginia State Library, Richmond, Va. He stated Virginia is rich in archaeological sites, there being at least 10,000 historical sites. The Virginia Archaeological Society consists of about 1,400 members with 18 local chapters. (S&B Editor's note: We've got to get going!) They are able to dig about 10 sites a year with volunteer help. When a site is reported that is being or will be destroyed, he sends out notices to all the members who live within 100 miles of the site. They all furnish their own shovels, trowels and whiskbrooms. He instructs them concerning digging at the site.

"Archaeological Work in Panama", by H. Morgan Smith, Anthropologist, Chief of Environmental Research, Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Ala. This was a very

good report with many slides showing what could be done working with people without a common language.

Following the speaker program, President Henson expressed the Society's indebtedness to Mrs. Marjorie Gay, Mr. Howard King, Dr. Albert Trowse, Miss Petronella Culivan and the members of the Cullman Chapter for the work they had done in making the meeting a success. The ladies of the Cullman Chapter did an excellent job of registering those in attendance, also in serving coffee, cookies and candy prior to the meeting and at the coffee breaks. Those members who brought displays were rewarded by crowds of viewers before, during and after the meeting.

President Henson appointed Mr. & Mrs. E. M. Harris as auditors to make a report at the next Board of Directors' meeting ^{on} the 12/31/73 financial report. New President Charles E. Moore was then introduced, and he closed the meeting.

HIGHLIGHTS OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

President B. Bart Henson called the meeting to order with 27 members of the Board present.

Secretary-Treasurer Rodger L. Schaefer gave a report on the Society's activities during 1973, also reported on finances.

Newsletter Editor Britt Thompson reported on the changes necessitated regarding publication of the Newsletter, and urged that all members cooperate in submitting material for future issues.

JOURNAL Editor David L. DeJarnette, whose report was read by Secretary Schaefer, listed the articles which will appear in the next, or June 1974, issue.

Historical Commission representative Steve Wimberly gave a brief report on the work being conducted at Fort Mims and Fort Toulouse.

Site Preservation Committee Chairman Tom Moebes reported that at the present time he knew of no sites in danger of destruction.

After considerable discussion, it was moved that the Society publish the report by David W. Chase, "Fort Mitchell: An Archaeological Exploration in Russell County, Alabama" as Special Report No. 1 of our State Society, to be printed early in 1974 and distributed to all members at no cost, with extra copies to be sold at \$2.00.

Also after discussion, it was moved that the State Society set up a scholarship fund of \$250.00 to go to the University of Alabama to be used by an archaeology or anthropology student at graduate level for one year during the 1974-75 term. It was further moved that during this coming year, the State Society consider ways and means of helping students in future years, either graduate or undergraduate, and at other schools in the State which offer archaeological study. All 3 motions passed.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE FILE

Mound State Monument has served for numerous years as the clearing house for archaeological site surveys within Alabama, and individuals conducting surveys within the State have in the past contacted us for blocks of site numbers to be used during their surveys in order that their records be accurate and conform to the established site recording system for the State. We recently contacted all those with site numbers out, in order to bring our files up to date, and we received very fine response from the following: Dr. Roger Nance, who also sent us the site information compiled by Gordon Bell; David Chase, who also reported on numbers assigned to the Montgomery Chapter; Eugene Futato, who provided information concerning numbers assigned to Carey Oakley; and Charles Moore. Three other individuals and 2 Chapters have not as yet been heard from and we would like to request that anyone having this information from the Selma or Choctawhatchee Chapters contact us.

Although it is not absolutely necessary that everyone within the State use the established site numbering system, the maintaining of an accurate, up to date and consistent numbering system eliminates the confusion which results when one site has

2 or more numbers. However, this is a "2-way" system in that we furnish the numbers to institutions and individuals and they in turn furnish us the site information for the master file. Any response or inquiries concerning the site numbering system should be directed to David L. DeJarnette, Mound State Monument, Moundville, AL 35474.

MEETINGS

The 7th Annual Conference of THE SOCIETY FOR HISTORICAL ARCHAEOLOGY will be held in conjunction with THE CONFERENCE ON UNDERWATER ARCHAEOLOGY on January 9-12, 1974 with headquarters at the Hotel Claremont in Berkeley/Oakland, Calif. (See STONES & BONES, December 1973) Registration (\$15.00 including banquet) commences on Wednesday, January 9th, but the sessions do not start until Thursday morning, January 10th. The conference is being sponsored jointly by the Oakland Museum, 1000 Oak St., Oakland, Calif. 94607, and the Adan E. Treganza Museum of San Francisco State University.

FINAL NOTICE: The deadline for submitting the title of papers to be presented at the 1974 Annual Meeting of the ALABAMA ACADEMY OF SCIENCE is January 15, 1974. To present a paper you must be a member in good standing and are expected to register at the meeting. The Academy Newsletter, Vol. XX, No. 2, November 1973 contains the form which should be used to send the required information to the Section Vice President who is Mrs. Helen Mabry, University of Alabama, University, AL 35486, for the Section XI, Anthropology. She has the responsibility of planning the program for this Section. Helen is a member of our State Society, and the Vice Chairman, Carey Oakley, is also. We should have a good presentation of papers on archaeology. This 21st meeting will be centrally located in Birmingham at the University of Alabama in Birmingham on April 5-6, 1974. Academy members, get busy and send Helen your titles. If you are not a member, write Dr. Danice Costes, Secretary, Alabama Academy of Science, Troy State University, Troy AL 36081 for an Application for Membership form. There are several classes of membership, the Individual being \$5.00 a year.

"Indians of the Lower South" is the theme of the 5th Annual GULF COAST HISTORY AND HUMANITIES CONFERENCE to be held in Pensacola, Florida, on February 7-8, 1974. This meeting is sponsored by the University of West Florida (Pensacola), Pensacola Junior College, the Historic Pensacola Preservation Board and the Escambia County Board of Education. This information was taken from THE SOUTHERN ANTHROPOLOGIST and was submitted by Lucius F. Ellsworth, Gamma College, the University of West Florida. On Thursday, the workshop sessions will focus on "Teaching of the Indian Past in History Courses". On Friday, the sessions will include "Southeastern Indians who Stayed" and "Indian Removal Policy". "Apaches as Indians of the Southeast" will be the subject of the banquet speaker, Dr. Angie Debo.

CALL FOR PAPERS: The 1974 Annual Meeting of the EASTERN STATES ARCHEOLOGICAL FEDERATION, of which our State Society is a member, is to be held in Bangor, Maine, October 17-20, 1974. Note this is several weeks earlier than usual to be ahead of the snow! Mr. Herbert Kraft, Program Chairman, urges that all 26 societies of the ESAF participate and be represented among the papers. Two sessions are already being planned: one on the Maritime Archaic and the other on the pros and cons of the Viking influences in the Western hemisphere. To quote Mr. Kraft: "It is imperative that we avoid talks that are highly technical and that are calculated to overawe the listener with esoteria...try to remember that there are 2 kinds of papers: those that are to be spoken to, and hold the interest of a live audience; and those that are to be read and pondered over. We want the former; you can publish the latter!" To submit papers or abstracts, contact Mr. Herbert C. Kraft, General Program Chairman, Archaeological Research Center, Seton Hall University, South Orange, N.J. 07079. (Marjorie Gay, East Alabama Chapter)

WEST JEFFERSON PROJECT

Work has recently been completed at the final site scheduled for archaeological salvage excavations at the site of the proposed West Jefferson Steam Plant. This steam plant will be located 25 miles north of Birmingham on the Locust Fork and will be built by the Alabama Power Company. The University of Alabama Anthropology Department provided personnel for this work under contract to the Alabama Power Company.

Laboratory analysis of the artifacts and data collected during the project has begun by Jerry Nielsen, Assistant Project Director, Ned Jenkins, Project Supervisor, and Wanda Anderson, Laboratory Aide. The final report on the project is expected to be completed in February. Ned and John C'Hear, both graduate students in anthropology at the University, will write their Master's thesis on information gathered by this salvage work.

The University of Alabama Anthropology Department has just recently been awarded a contract with the Alabama Power Company to conduct an archaeological survey of the proposed Crooked Creek Hydroelectric Dam and Reservoir in Randolph County, Ala. This work will begin in February and last through May, 1974. David L. DeJarnette will act as Project Director for this project and Jerry Nielsen will assist him. Ned Jenkins and 2 assistants will serve as the field crew. Anyone having knowledge of archaeological sites in this area which centers at the junction of the Tallapoosa and Little Tallapoosa Rivers, please contact Ned Jenkins, Research Archaeologist, Mound State Monument, Moundville, Ala. 35474. Any assistance in guaranteeing the preservation of archaeological information in this relatively unknown area will be greatly appreciated.

(Jerry Nielsen, University of Alabama)

LIBRARIES TAKE NOTE

ABSTRACTS IN ANTHROPOLOGY, now in its 4th year, plans expansion of the archaeological coverage which eventually will cover all pertinent literature on an international basis, prehistoric and historical. Eleanor B. Leacock (CUNY) will be General Editor, and Robert Schuyler (CUNY) will be Editor for Archaeology. Editors of publications which carry archaeological material should send complimentary subscriptions which are continuing to Robert L. Schuyler, Editor for Archaeology, ABSTRACTS IN ANTHROPOLOGY, Department of Anthropology, City College, Convent & W. 13th Street, New York, N.Y. 10031. Such Journals will be abstracted and indexed by his staff. Individual authors should send reprints with full bibliographical data, especially papers which appear out of the normal range, to the same address.

Libraries especially should subscribe to this publication which appears 4 times a year. Institutions are \$35.00, individuals \$20.00 (add \$2.00 postage outside U.S. and Canada). Write to Baywood Publishing Co., 43 Central Drive, Farmingdale, N.Y. 11735.

MORE ALONG THE SAME LINE

"...Rising costs and increasing delays in the production of journals have made it impossible for publications to keep up with increased rate of rescue work and of excavation generally." This is a description of conditions in British Archaeology and very well fits that in the Americas. BRITISH ARCHAEOLOGICAL REPORTS may be the answer. To be produced directly from the authors' MSS by photographic methods, they expect to be able to accept any numbers of papers, pay the contributors, publish papers within a few weeks of acceptance and be inexpensive. Potential readers, informed of the contents of an issue, may or may not purchase copies. For more information, write British Archaeological Reports, 122 Banbury Road, Oxford, England.

(Above 2 articles by Marjorie Gay, East Alabama Chapter)

DR. CORBETT VISITS U OF A

The University of Alabama Office of Archaeological Research was honored recently by a visit from Dr. John M. Corbett, archaeological consultant for the Tennessee Valley Authority. Dr. Corbett is the retired Chief Archaeologist for the National Park Service and currently resides in Washington, D.C. He flew to Tuscaloosa at the request of TVA and spent several days here making a thorough evaluation of the Office of Archaeological Research and its work thus far in the Bear Creek Watershed.

Dr. Corbett studied all field records and discussed excavation techniques with Carey Oakley, Research Associate in Archaeology and Director of the project. He also visited the laboratory facilities and studied the methods and procedures used there. While in the lab, he viewed some of the material recovered in this past summer's excavations, being particularly interested in the material from the several stone mounds excavated.

As a result of Dr. Corbett's visit and his subsequent report to the Tennessee Valley Authority, TVA and the University have entered negotiations for another field season in the Bear Creek Watershed, concentrating in the Cedar and Upper Bear Creek Reservoirs. Among the sites which may be excavated are another stone mound apparently similar to those previously examined, a bluff shelter that has about 150 centimeters of deposition and an Archaic site with a depth of about 75 centimeters. Many questions were posed by the excavations thus far and it is hoped that this additional information will help to create a more complete understanding of the pre-history of this area of Alabama. (Carey B. Oakley, University of Alabama)

KOHOUTEK INFORMATION

A course on comets and Kohoutek is being offered at Auburn University, Auburn, Ala., in the Continuing Education Program. "Comet Watch" will be held on Thursdays from January 24 to March 14, from 7:00 to 9:00 PM in the Allison Lab. The instructor is John French, the fee is \$18.00 and the deadline to register is January 18. Since there will be a limited enrollment, if you are interested, you might better telephone the Coordinator's Office, 826-5100.

A free booklet, about Kohoutek and comets in general, may be obtained from The American Museum-Hayden Planetarium, Central Park at 81st St., New York, N.Y. 10024. (Young members take note). SMITHSONIAN MAGAZINE, December 1973, has an article which describes this phenomenon with charts to help locate it at certain dates. (Marjorie Gay, East Alabama Chapter)

BOOK REVIEWS

THE CRYSTAL SKULL, the story of the mystery, myth and magic of the Mitchell-Hodges crystal skull discovered in a lost Mayan city during the search for Atlantis, by Richard M. Garvin, Doubleday, N.Y. 1973 - \$6.95.

This is one of the world's strangest items, said to have been hand carved from a solid block of crystal. The skull is 5 inches high, 7 inches long and 5 inches wide, weighs 11 pounds and 7 ounces. The jawbone is moveable.

It was supposedly found in 1927 by Anna, the adopted daughter of explorer F. A. Mitchell-Hodges. The site was beneath a Temple Mound in Honduras. Controversy has raged over this find ever since it was found and even today it is an object much discussed. Whether it is a genuine archaeological find or not, questions remain unanswered as to when it was made, how, who made it and what it was made for. Smaller crystal skulls are in existence and they, too, cloud the picture.

The author of the book mentions psychic phenomena of this skull as well as many other facets pertaining to it. In 1972, the skull was loaned to the Museum of the American Indian in New York, by the finder. It is hoped it will be a permanent loan. It is truly a magnificent item.

UNDERWATER ARCHAEOLOGY, Treasures Beneath the Sea, by Roy Pinney, Hawthorn, N.Y. 1970, \$4.95.

This is a most interesting, informative book on the subject. There are numerous stories of finds in many underwater sites, particularly in the Mediterranean areas. The work of finding and locating the sites, then the actual work, makes good reading. History of diving and how Cousteau invented many novel ideas towards salvaging the finds. There are chapters on the work on the Mayan cenotes and also chapters on the work of John Goggin in Florida's Sewanee River areas with the aid of his students at the University of Florida. Dangers in diving, new diving inventions and submarines for exploration, etc., are discussed. Availability of treasure maps and charts from the Library of Congress and lists of cartographic works issued by private and commercial publishers are given. (Roy Pinney is a noted anthropologist)

ANIMALS IN ARCHAEOLOGY, edited by A. Houghton Brodrick, Praeger, N.Y. 1972, \$15.00.

This informative, well illustrated book has 7 chapters on animals in archaeology - Old Stone Age, New Stone Age, Mesopotamia, Egypt, Aegean, India and China. Experts in each field describe and give numerous details on the items included in this book.
(Margaret Perryman Smith, Atlanta)

LESSONS FROM THE PAST

In today's world of priorities and the question of what is most important ecologically, a remark made by Dr. Arthur R. Kelly, Univ. of Ga. emeritus professor of anthropology, merits thought and consideration. In an article by Laurel Kracen, published in the Univ. of Ga. RESEARCH REPORTER, Fall, 1972, he explains that the archaeological excavations at Bell Field Mound near Chatsworth, Ga., were being conducted in an attempt to learn about the life of the Indians. He said: "Archaeology is an important measure of the extent to which humans throughout time have adapted to their environment. And in that, perhaps, there is a lesson for modern man... After all, Indians lived close to nature and had their own technology, yet they did not pollute as we do."

This remark, made over a year ago, is even more significant today, when every attempt to conserve our energy resources seems to result in greater pollution. I have found that some people feel that archaeological investigations are a hobby, a luxury, not vital in this time of shortage. The fact that significant information is being lost under man-made lakes and the concrete of shopping and industrial centers, information which with the proper understanding and interpretation might give the answer to some of our problems, is not considered.

(Marjorie Gay, East Alabama Chapter)

CHAPTER NEWS

Birmingham Chapter meets at 7:30 PM on the 1st Thursday of each month in Room 213, Reid Chapel, Sanford University. The speaker at the January 3 meeting will be Mr. Edward Green, many time visitor to Mexico, on the subject "Signs, Saints & Symbols".

Choccolocco Chapter meets at 7:30 PM on the 3rd Thursday of each month in Regar Museum, Anniston. A general meeting was held by the Chapter in December. Officers for 1974 elected at the November meeting are: President, Cecil Stedham; Vice President, Brown O'Quinn; Secy-Treas, Nancy Grace; Editor, Barbara Willing; Elected to Board of Directors, Harold Timmons and Larry Craft.

Huntsville Chapter meets at 7:30 PM on the 3rd Tuesday of each month in the Twickenham Hotel Building. At the December meeting, Rev. John Jackson, minister of the 1st Christian Church, Huntsville, will speak on "Archaeology in the Holy Land". Officers for 1974 elected at the November meeting are: President, John Martz; 1st Vice President & Program Chairman, Bill Shrout; 2nd Vice President & Membership Chairman,

Harold Biggs; Librarian, Georgia Dunn; Secy-Treas, Ruby Walter.

Muscle Shoals Chapter meets at 7:30 PM on the 2nd Monday of each month at the Indian Mound Museum, Florence. The supper meeting held December 10 was attended by 26 members and guests. The Chapter will be happy to host a State Society meeting in the Muscle Shoals area, with Florence State University as host institution.

Tuscaloosa Chapter meets at 7:30 PM on the 1st Tuesday of each month in Room 314, Ferguson Center, University Campus. The January meeting will be held on the 2nd Tuesday, January 8, for that month only, and the speaker at that meeting will be Charles Hubbert, Muscle Shoals Chapter, on the subject "Paleo Indians".

ANNOUNCEMENTS - STATE NEWS

NEW MEMBERS FOR DECEMBER:

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BAD ADDRESS: Kenneth L. Roman, formerly 1225-6th St.N., Apt.36, Columbus, Miss.

STILL MORE DIG DONORS: In addition to the 3 fine folks listed under "State News" last month, we have now received 5 more who want to be numbered among those contributing to our Fourteenth Annual Archaeological Fund Drive. They are:

William J. Given, Foley, who has made a total of SEVEN over a period of years, and well deserves to be numbered among our faithful archaeological supporters.

Dr. R. B. Polhill Jr., Birmingham, not only a new State Society member this year, but also our FOURTH NEW DONOR of the year. We welcome him into both ranks.

Dr. Joseph M. Dixon, Birmingham, for the FOURTH year, very generously lets us know he is behind whatever surveys and excavations we attempt archaeologically.

Tatham R. Eskrigge, New Orleans, also for the FOURTH time in recent years, is being numbered again among our greatly appreciated contributors.

Mr. & Mrs. Robert W. Gay, Standing Rock, raise to ELEVEN the number of consecutive years they have made their checks available to us, in addition to their labors.

Adding those listed above and those listed last month, to the listing published in our November issue, we have received a total of 39 contributions from individuals, for the grand sum of \$1,884.00 donated to our Dig Fund, and \$45.00 to the Dan Josselyn Memorial Fund. The Research Association is most appreciative.

YOUR 1974 STATE SOCIETY DUES: Please be reminded that the time of the year has come to take care of this obligation. We are anxious for you to renew your membership, and the sooner you get this off your mind, the more time you'll have to look after other things. Just clip out the center section of the inside back cover of this issue of the Newsletter, attach your check and mail to Rodger. Thanks!!!

THIRTY!: With this issue of the Newsletter, and after 12 years of consecutive monthly publication, the Harrises, Bea & Milt, gracefully (more or less) bow out of their service as Editorial Assistants on our beloved STONES & BONES. Over the years, getting out the publication each month has been both a pleasure and a chore, but in passing the baton over to others, we wish to express our appreciation for the cooperation and encouragement we have received from the State Society membership, also from our most capable and patient Editor, Britt Thompson.

We hope that each of you will continue to be of all possible assistance in the future to Britt and the new Editorial Assistants, Judy and Jerry Nielsen, who for a while, at least, will need all the help each of you can render.

THE ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Following are the objectives stated in our Constitution, slightly modified for emphasis: To promote informed interest in the study of Archaeology in Alabama and neighboring States; to encourage careful scientific archaeological research in such ways as surface scouting, mapping, marking, studying and especially reporting; to promote and support professionally directed excavations and discourage unsupervised "digging"; to promote the conservation of archaeological sites and to favor the passage of laws prescribing such; to oppose the sale of antiquities, and the manufacture and sale of fraudulent artifacts; to encourage and develop a better understanding of archaeology through providing Newsletters, Journals, Chapter and State meetings, helpful associates and good fellowship; to serve as a bond between individual archaeologists in the State, both non-professional and professional; and perhaps most importantly, to give everyone the opportunity to "do something about archaeology" through the accomplishment and enjoyment of these high aims.

The Society needs and welcomes as members, all persons whose ideals are in accord with the objectives set forth above. Active members receive the JOURNAL OF ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGY, devoted to articles on the archaeology of Alabama and nearby States, and also receive the STONES & BONES NEWSLETTER, published monthly, containing news of members and their activities, also State, national and worldwide events of archaeological importance.



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