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A.A.S. SUMMER MEETING

The Alabama Archaeological Society (A.A.S.) summer meeting will be held Saturday, July 11, 1992, at Dust Cave near Florence, Alabama. The summer meeting will be held in conjunction with the University of Alabama/A.A.S. Summer Dig, which was described in the May STONES & BONES.

There is no admission charge to attend the summer meeting. The site of the meeting is not accessible by private car, as it is inside a locked gate and 1.5 miles off the paved road. If you would like to attend the meeting, be at the south side of the Indian Mound in Florence before 8 a.m. on the day of the meeting; a van will ferry people to and from the site. A second run to the site will be made at 10 a.m. Return trips to the Indian Mound will be made at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., or as necessary.

Bring a picnic lunch - a picnic area is available about a 200-yard walk from where the shuttle van will park. The Board of Directors will meet at 12 noon for a working lunch.

Arrangements have been made with the Best Western Executive Inn in Florence for a special rate of \$32 (single or double); mention the Alabama Archaeological Society meeting when you make your reservation. The Best Western is located at 504 South Court Street (US 43 and 72 at SR 17 and 157). Their toll-free reservation number is 1-800-248-5336.

Other hotels in the area include the Comfort Inn, 400 South Court Street, Florence; Tel. 205/760-8888; and the Florence Tourway Inn, 1915 Florence Blvd.; Tel. 205/766-2620.

As was noted in last month's STONES & BONES, archaeological deposits began accumulating in Dust Cave over 10,000 years ago. Successive occupations by prehistoric Native Americans resulted in a series of layers of residential debris, mostly stone artifacts, bones and charred plant food remains, bone tools, and hearths. These layers measure up to four meters in thickness, showing evidence that the cave was used as living quarters as late as 6,000 years ago. Dr. Boyce Driskell of the University of Alabama has been excavating at Dust Cave for two summers in conjunction with students from the University of Alabama and the University of North Alabama.

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May 4, 1992

Dear AAS Member:

Your 1992 AAS dues are due. Please take just a minute to fill out and return the enclosed form with your dues. The June 1992 Journal, reporting on excavations at the site of the first forge at Tannehill will be going to press soon. Your membership must be current for you to receive this issue. The December issue is in development and will be devoted to a series of articles on the Bottle Creek site. Bottle Creek is the second largest Mississippian site in Alabama and one of the largest in the Southeast.

The Society continues to work on programs for members. The Alabama PaleoIndian Point Survey is ongoing. A brief article on the first year's results will soon be published in a volume by the South Carolina Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology. We will apply for a state grant this fall to try and broaden the survey.

We are also holding our second annual archaeological field school for AAS members. The 1992 field school will be in conjunction with on-going excavations at Dust Cave in Lauderdale County. Dust Cave contains some of the most well preserved Early Archaic and Middle Archaic deposits ever discovered. Four occupations of the cave date from 8,500-3,000 B.C. Excavations there so far are already rewriting our view of this time.

Other ideas are also being explored. We are investigating the possibility of sponsoring an Archaeology Day event, perhaps in conjunction with the Native American Lifeways Festival at Moundville this fall. The Newsletter editors are working on changes in the format and style of Stones and Bones.

And don't forget the Summer and Winter meetings. The summer meeting may be held at Dust Cave. Plans for the Winter meeting are not set yet but we will plan a meeting similar to last years Huntsville meeting. Good presentations on current developments in Alabama archaeology, a major keynote speaker, discount book sales, artifact displays, etc. made this one of the most enjoyable meetings in some time.

Other changes are in progress. A committee is studying changes in the Constitution and By-Laws to update AAS operations. A central business office has been set up to coordinate various AAS programs.

We need your membership and support. And we need your input. Contact your chapter president or any officer or board member and tell them how the AAS can be made more active, interesting, and relevant to you.

Please renew your membership today.

Sincerely,

Eugene Zutate
acting Treasurer

ANDREW ERIC STOWE
1973-1992

This has been a most difficult piece for me to write, but Andrew Stowe deserves a tribute from those who knew him best. Andrew wasn't an archaeologist. He wasn't even an active member of the Alabama Archaeological Society, though over the years, he has been included in our family membership and activities. He knew some of the Society's members, and his great uncle Matt Lively was one of the founders. His great grandmother and grandmother were also members, and his mom worked at Moundville in the 60's when David DeJarnette was there.

Andrew's association with archaeology during the past few years has been from the handle of a razor-back shovel, digging shovel tests. The first project he participated in was the Alabama Historical Commission's Archaeological Survey of the Fort Morgan area when he was six years old. He and his twin brother, Matthew, would scour the dunes east of the fort looking for "clues". I remember their running up with a shell or a rusty piece of iron and asking "is this something?"

One year we visited their grandmother in southeast Georgia. Right after we got there we made our annual pilgrimage to the big site on Briar Creek. The boys collected their pockets full of broken points, flakes, and pottery. Several weeks later after we returned home I gave them the job of planting 500 cedars and pines on our place in western Mobile County. One day, I got home from work to find that only a few trees had been planted and they had gone fishing just after I left for work. When they returned from fishing I confronted them and demanded to know why they quit early. Andrew told me they had hit a site, because we had't done a proper cultural resource assessment. To prove it, he showed me a couple of sand-tempered plain sherds. When they took me out to the impacted "site" there was the stuff from Briar Creek scattered around the tree planting hole.

Two summers ago, Andrew and Matt helped me on the ARCO pipeline survey in southern Mobile County. During that period it was particularly hot and the humidity was stifling. Andrew made the work lighter with his constant banter, funny comments written on the bags and his ever-present ear-to-ear smile. Recently, Matt and Andrew dug the shovel tests and were responsible for the discovery of Seed Tick (1Wn106), which is the earliest site in southwestern Alabama.

More important than his archaeological activities was the fact that Andrew was an outgoing 18-year-old who was looking forward to graduating from high school last month. He hoped to go to University of South Alabama next year and major in Biology. Instead of going to Gulf Shores on spring break, like most of their friends, Andrew and Matt decided to stay home and work. On April 20, 1992 at about 3 p.m., Andrew got into their VW, with the sound system that

was worth more than the car, and headed for Wal-Mart where he was a stock boy. At about 3:15 p.m. he had a head-on collision near Big Creek Lake and was killed.

Andrew, we sure miss you. That smile and great sense of humor would certainly make the work a lot easier during the coming summer.

His family thanks the members of the Society who called, sent cards and flowers, and offered support during this most difficult period.

Dad and Mom -
Read and Greta Stowe

Brothers -
Noel and Matthew Stowe

NEW MEMBERS

Sandy and Patrick Bernardi - Oxford, Alabama

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Stacey L. Hanson - Albertville, Alabama

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Lonnie McCormick - Huntsville, Alabama

William Rex McDow - Huntsville, Alabama

Leland Patterson - Houston, Texas

Frieda Stevenson - Birmingham, Alabama

CHAPTER NEWS

Cullman Chapter

The Cullman Chapter celebrated its 25th anniversary on Sunday, June 14 with a special display and meeting in the basement meeting room of the Colonel Cullman Home.

Dewitt T. Coleman

Huntsville Chapter

H. Blaine Ensor will be the speaker at the chapter's June 23 meeting. Blaine will give a slide-illustrated talk on the Clovis assemblage at the LD1 site. He will also present an



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Membership in the AAS is composed of a cross section of skills, trades, crafts and professions from the state, nation and foreign countries. Most professional archaeologists in Alabama are active members of the society and provide the field supervision necessary to maintain the level of professionalism desired by the Alabama Archaeological Society in its field activities.

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update on some recent field work conducted by members of the Huntsville Chapter.

Blaine is First Vice President of the Huntsville Chapter and Associate Editor of the STONES & BONES. He has recently moved to Tuscaloosa, where he works for Panamerican Consultants.

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.

Dorothy Luke

Muscle Shoals Chapter

The Muscle Shoals Chapter held its May meeting on the 11th at the Indian Mound Museum in Florence. Thirty-five members and guests attended. Blaine Ensor of Huntsville presented an excellent slide program about early excavations in the Pickwick, Wheeler and Gunterville Basins on the Tennessee River. These excavations occurred immediately before the respective TVA dams were completed. David L. DeJarnette and William S. Webb were the lead archaeologists on these projects, with WPA workers providing most of the physical work.

The chapter made plans for a hamburger cookout on top of the Indian Mound for our next meeting, to be held on June 8.

Charles Moore

Tuscaloosa Chapter

The Tuscaloosa Chapter meeting for April was held at the town library. Our guest speaker was Tim Mistovich from Panamerican Archaeological Consultants, Incorporated, out of Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

The Tuscaloosa Chapter meets once a month on the fourth Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Tuscaloosa town library.

Paul Clements

1992 DUES

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