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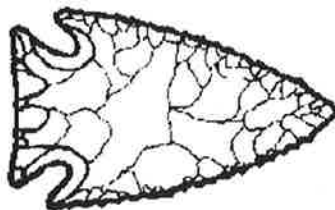
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What's Happening

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The University of Alabama will once again conduct an **archaeological field school** at Dust Cave, in northwest Alabama near Florence. Deadline for application is **March 15, 1999**. Pending renewal of a grant from the National Science Foundation's Research Experiences for Undergraduates Program, the University of Alabama will provide **financial support for each of ten students accepted** for the 1999 summer field school at Dust Cave. Support is anticipated to include \$2,500 cash stipend, tuition, fees, lodging, food, and reimbursement of some or all travel expenses for each student. Selection will be competitive based on academic achievement and faculty recommendations.

Students participate in an intensive 8 week program which involves field and lab methods, computer technology in archaeology, and lectures/workshops on archaeological topics by the staff and visiting professional mentors. IBM Corporation, a co-sponsor of the field school provides lap top computers and field networking capabilities. For additional information contact Dr. Boyce Driskell at (205)348-7774 or

Chapter News

Cullman County Chapter

The Cullman County Chapter of the Alabama Archaeological Society recently elected its 1999 officers. The 1999 President is Howard King. Vice-President of Programs is Vann King. Secretary/Treasurer is Eulis King. Recording Secretary is Brenda Camp. Newsletter Editor is Howard King.

Troy Chapter

The Troy Chapter held its January meeting on January 28th in the TSU Archaeology Center. There was a video presentation about Peruvian mummies. A summer trip to the Southwestern United States was also discussed.



Digitized Soil Surveys

As of December 16, 1998, 25 archived Soil Surveys in six states and the Caribbean area have been digitized. That number will continue to grow. The Soil Survey Geographic Database, SSURGO, is available to anyone that has a computer that can download data over the World Wide Web. To access SSURGO data, go to: www.nrcs.usda.gov, then click on Technical Resources, then Soils Data, then SSURGO. Everything from a description of SSURGO to databases for the nation can be downloaded. Blount, Marengo, St. Clair, Shelby, Walker, and Wilcox Counties are SSURGO certified in Alabama. CDs covering one or more of these areas may be purchased for \$50.

In Alabama, new Soil Surveys for Perry, Butler, Henry, and Pike Counties were published in 1998. For a free copy, contact your nearest NRCS Field Office (usually located in the county seat- check the white pages under the US Government, Dept. of Agriculture). On-line surveys (text only) are available for Butler, Wilcox, Marengo, Perry and Russell Counties.

The Butler County Soil Survey is the first fully accessible on-line survey in the Southeast. Text, tables, and maps are available at:

www.statlab.iastate.edu/soils/soildiv/surveys/albutler/albutler.html

Expedition 21

On Sunday, June 13, 1999, the Alabama Museum of Natural History and the Alabama Historical Commission team up to offer an exciting trip into Alabama's past with the twenty-first annual **Museum Expedition** at Fort Morgan, Alabama.

Members of the Expedition plan to survey and map portions of the Civil War fort and excavate a 19th century citadel, a large structure

which was destroyed during the Battle of Mobile Bay in 1864. Participants work alongside scientists and historians as they reconstruct Fort Morgan's Past, uncovering for the first time barracks for Confederate soldiers, showing what life was like for military troops on the Gulf Coast during the Civil War.

The Museum Expedition is divided into four one-week sessions beginning Sunday, June 13, and ending Saturday, July 10. Each session begins on Sunday and lasts until the following Saturday morning. Members of the Expedition include high school students, teachers, and other history enthusiasts who will participate in scientific research alongside archaeologists and historians.

Fort Morgan, located on Mobile Point, was built to protect Mobile, the "back door" to New Orleans on the Gulf of Mexico. Mobile Point has been occupied by various military units from just after the War of 1812 through the end of World War II. Construction of the present fort began in 1819 and was completed in 1834. It was named for Revolutionary War hero Daniel Morgan. Built on the original site of Fort Bowyer, Fort Morgan was one of two small forts guarding the entrance of Mobile Bay. The other was Fort Gaines, three miles away on Dauphin Island.

Seized by the secessionists at the beginning of the Civil War, Fort Morgan kept Mobile Bay open for Confederate blockade runners until early on the morning of August 5, 1864. Admiral David Farragut of the Union Navy ordered his fleet of 18 ships past the guns of Fort Morgan. When one of his ships was sunk by a mine, or "torpedo," Farragut gave his famous order, "Damn the torpedoes-- full speed ahead!"

Despite a spirited Confederate defense, the Union Navy was victorious. During the cannon fire, the citadel caught fire and collapsed, destroying the living quarters of the Confederate troops. The building was never repaired and was eventually torn down at the turn of the century.

During the Spanish-American War and World War I, Fort Morgan served as a defense fortress for the Mobile area. After World War II, Fort Morgan was turned over to the state of

Alabama and is now administered by the Alabama Historical Commission as a historic park. On August 6-8, the annual reenactment of the Battle of Mobile Bay, sponsored by the Alabama Historical Commission, will take place at Fort Morgan.

Museum Expedition cost for the members of the Alabama Natural History Society is \$300 per week; for nonmembers, \$350. Food, tents, and scientific equipment are provided. High school students may earn elective credit and teachers may earn University of Alabama Continuing Education Units or Professional Development Hours. For further information about the Expedition, call (205) 348-0534.



Donations Received

The following people made donations to the **Public Education Fund**:

Linda Derry, Selma, AL
Stacye Hathorn, Montgomery, AL

Teresa L. Paglione of Auburn, AL made donations to each of the **Edward C. Mahan Fund**, **Wimberly Scholarship Fund**, and the **Public Education Fund**.

Your donations are greatly appreciated!!

Donations can be made to the grant programs any time during the year. Donations to the Stephen B. Wimberly Scholarship Fund provides the financial support necessary for the Student Scholarship program while donations to the Edward C. Mahan Fund are used to fund

research grants. Funds for the Public Education grants are provided by the Public Education Special Projects Fund.

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Current Fund Balances

Wimberly Scholarship Fund	\$592.50
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AAS Web Page

Discover more about the Alabama Archaeological Society on the World Wide Web. Announcing the inauguration of an AAS Web page, created by the AAS Webmaster Mr. Joe Watkins. Point your browser to:

<http://www.gulfmart.com/org/aas.htm>

New Life Members

Linda Derry, Selma AL

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Correction

The staff of Stones and Bones would like to apologize for mislabeling the picture of the new AAS officers in the January 1999 issue.



New AAS Officers (from left to right): Jim Knight, president; Linda Derry, secretary; Julie Lyons, first vice president; with past president Steven Meredith.

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Vol. 20-31, each issue (two issues per volume).....\$3.50pp

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