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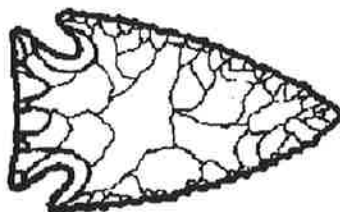
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What's Happening Around the State

The University of Alabama Press has announced that it will be publishing two more volumes of the works of Clarence Bloomfield Moore. Moore (1852-1917) was a natural scientist known for the twenty five years he spent investigating and documenting archaeological sites along the navigable waterways of the Southeast. The first volume in the U of A Press's *Classics in Southeastern Archaeology* was Moore's works at Moundville, published last year.

The next volume that will be published is The Georgia and South Carolina Expeditions of Clarence Bloomfield Moore, edited by Lewis Larson. The volume also contains an introduction by Larson. As many of our members know, Larson has spent his professional career (almost 50 years) investigating the archaeology of Georgia. This volume is expected to be out in September, 1998.

In November, 1998, the U of A Press has announced that The Lower Mississippi Valley Expeditions of Clarence Bloomfield Moore will be available. This volume is edited and has an

introduction by Dan F. Morse and Phyllis A Morse. Dan and Phyllis Morse are considered to be the leading Mississippi Valley archaeologists, an area that they have worked in for the past 30 years. This volume includes works that describe data from Moore's expeditions that were key to the early recognition and preservation of many major archaeological sites within the lower Mississippi Valley, including Toltec, Parkin, Mound City, and Wickliffe to name a few.

The U of A press has also announced that it will make available two new works on Southeastern Archaeology. In November, 1998, A World Engraved: Archaeology of the Swift Creek Culture, edited by Mark Williams and Daniel T. Elliott, will be out, and in February, 1999, Mississippian Towns and Sacred Spaces; Searching for an Architectural Grammar, edited by Barry Lewis and Charles Stout, will be published. A World Engraved promises to be comprehensive in scope, detailing the discovery of the Swift Creek culture, summarizing what is known about it at the present time, and showing how continued improvements in the collection and analysis of archaeological data are advancing our knowledge of this extinct society. Mississippian Towns and Sacred Spaces will examine the architectural design spaces of Mississippian towns and mound centers of the eastern United States by prominent archaeologists.

The authors describe the major dimensions of an architectural grammar, centered on the design of the central plaza and mound complex that was shared by different societies across the Mississippian world. They then explore these shared architectural features as physical representations or metaphors for Mississippian world views and culture.

Recently published by the U of A Press (May, 1998) is Hardaway Revisited: Early Archaic Settlement in the Southeast, by I. Randolph Daniel, Jr. This work is a re-examination of one of the most famous Early Archaic sites in the Southeast. Hardaway Revisited is now available from the U of A Press for \$29.95 in paperback. Look for a review of this publication in the *August Stones and Bones Newsletter*.

If you would like to order a copy of Hardaway Revisited, or receive a publication notice and order form for the forthcoming publications, you may write: The University of Alabama Press, Chicago Distribution Center, 11030 S. Langley, Chicago, IL 60628, Telephone - 773-568-1550, Fax - 773-660-2229 or 800-621-2736.

Alabama Preservation Alliance Names New Director

Brandon G. Brazil has been named Executive Director of the Alabama Preservation Alliance. Based in Montgomery, the Alliance is a statewide non-profit organization that promotes, educates, and advocates the preservation of cultural resources throughout Alabama. Mr. Brazil comes to the Alliance from Columbus, Georgia, where he served as a Regional Historic Preservation Planner for the last 2 1/2 years with the Lower Chattahoochee Regional Development Center. Brandon received his Master's Degree from the University of Georgia's Historic Preservation Program and his Bachelor's Degree from Troy State University in Social Science, with a concentration in anthropology. While at TSU, Brandon took an archaeological field school course and worked on several archaeological surveys and excavations. One of Brandon's goals in

his new position is to direct more of the Alliance's efforts towards the preservation of archaeological properties and to further promote archaeological awareness in Alabama. For information about membership in the Alliance, write to Alabama Preservation Alliance, P.O. Box 2228, Montgomery, Alabama, 36102-0228, or call (334) 834 - 2727.

Endangered Clovis Sites

Erosion and vandalism are destroying important Paleoindian sites in the San Pedro Valley, southeast of Tucson, according to geoarchaeologist C. Vance Haynes, Jr., geoscientist Paul Martin, both of the University of Arizona, and geoscientist Larry Agenbroad of Northern Arizona University. The valley has the largest single concentration of Clovis sites in North America, including Lehner Ranch and Murray Springs, two of the most sensitive, where excavations between the 1950s and 1970s found evidence of mammoth and bison skulls.

The U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) assumed control of the two sites in 1988, when they were incorporated into the San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area. In 1990 the Friends of San Pedro, a volunteer group, spent \$5,000 to improve access to Murray Springs with a path and two wooden bridges across Curry Draw. But a proposed mammoth kill visitors' center was folded into a planned single Riparian Center, which has not yet been built. For now San Pedro House, an old ranch structure nearby, and the local BLM office function as information centers. At Murray Springs, vandals have shot out the roadside signpost marking the site and torn up a bridge, and erosion has destroyed a 33-foot swath of the unexcavated portion of the site. At Lehner Ranch, people have been collecting bones exposed by rainstorms.

Last May, the Tucson-based Southwest Center for Biodiversity, a regional environmental group, asked the U.S. attorney for Arizona to investigate the BLM for violating federal

archaeological and antiquities laws. It accused the bureau of failing to maintain the sites and claimed that grazing cattle were trampling unsurveyed Indian sites in the conservation area.

Tony Herrell, a program manager at the BLM's Tucson office, which oversees the sites, responds that his office is trying to manage nearly 852,000 acres with a staff of 23 and a yearly budget of about \$800,000. BLM outdoor recreation specialist Dorothy Morgan says that the agency has secured a \$10,000 grant from the Arizona Parks Department to install an interpretive kiosk and signs at Murray Springs later this year.

Recently the agency hired additional staff, including an archaeologist, to tend these and other nearby sites, and they have been working with Hayes to address problems of stewardship and interpretation. According to Jane Pike Childress, one of the new staff members, the Tucson office has asked the BLM for \$110,000, and she is optimistic that they will get some of the money. Of that amount, \$10,000 will go for fencing, signs, and erosion control, including filling in one of the arroyos at Murray Springs to channel water away from the site; the rest of it will go for expanded interpretive displays. "A proper interpretive display will cost much more," notes Childress, "and we will have to get partners and grant to accomplish that." - **Mark Muro**

Taken from Archaeology, March/April 1998.

University Leaders Praise Joint Archaeology Project

The leaders of three Alabama universities swapped suits and ties for short-sleeve shirts and sneakers Wednesday as they learned about life in the slow lane hundreds of years ago.

Their "classroom" was rural Macon County, where the worries of early Alabamians centered on survival instead of final exams.

University of Alabama President Andrew Sorensen, Auburn University President William Muse and Auburn University Montgomery Chancellor Roy Saigo took turns praising the cooperative archaeological project along the banks of the Tallapoosa River about 20 miles east of Montgomery.

It was the 20th annual summer dig sponsored by the University of Alabama's Museum of Natural History.

Expedition leader John Hall proved he could excel in diplomacy as well by pulling out and waving a tri-colored bandana containing colors of the sponsoring schools.

Each of the presidents took turns praising the project and the spirit of cooperation that has grown stronger each year.

Muse said he and his colleagues have appreciated the "academic perspective of digging into the roots of our civilization."

"This is an outstanding opportunity for Auburn and the University of Alabama to work together," Muse said. "Andy and I have explored many avenues by which we can cooperate and I think that this is an example of one of the things that have materialized."

Sorensen said Alabama is rich in both natural and academic resources, "but, quite frankly we're not doing as good a job ... of collaborating across institutional boundaries."

"There's a tendency for people to be parochial and to say 'this is my university and this is our board' and I'm delighted that Dr. Muse and Dr. Saigo are committed to this interinstitutional collaboration," Sorensen said.

Saigo said the dig offers a chance to "put your imagination back to where it was when these folks were there and the kind of environment they had to contend with." - **Alvin Benn**

Taken from Montgomery Advertiser, July 9, 1998.

Archaeological Finds Offer Glimpse of Rome

It began as a dirt-clearing exercise, a quest to clean up debris that Romans going back 500 years - from Renaissance rulers to Napoleon's troops - had piled up.

But archaeologists burrowing in the old tunnel have stumbled upon something far richer - a series of stunning frescoes and mosaics - and the city is now talking about the promise of a new glimpse of Old Rome.

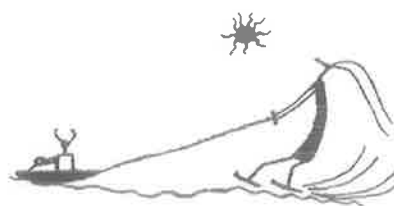
The surprising discoveries in the bowels of one of Ancient Rome's seven hills has inspired an ambitious plan to open up a sprawling area for tourists to wander - roughly where Emperor Nero built his Domus Aurea, or fabled Golden Palace.

With millions of dollars in funds freed up for the year 2000, when Rome will be a center of millennium celebrations, there is a good chance the Oppian Hill project will be carried out. That's a rarity in a country where bureaucracy and squabbling politicians have left a graveyard of never-realized plans.

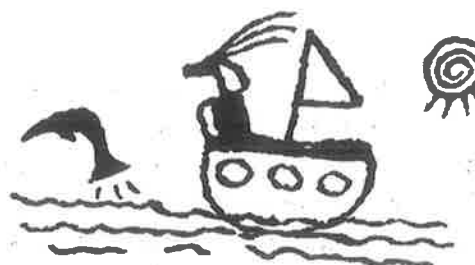
"It's a happy moment," the city's superintendent of archaeology, Eugenio La Rocca, said in a recent interview.

Deputy Premier Walter Veltroni, who doubles as culture minister, likes to speak of a Roman renaissance. It was Veltroni who announced the Domus Aurea plan, saying it was akin to bringing another Pompeii to life. Last month, he promised a five-year, \$220 million commitment for systematic excavations.

Taken from Associated Press Reports.



The *Stones and Bones* staff hopes that everyone is having a great summer. Please let us know what you have been up to over the summer months. We want to encourage more of the members to write in with information, opinions, and ideas because the newsletter is read by the members and should include more input from the members.



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