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### Summer Meeting

The AAS will hold its Summer meeting on Saturday, June 28th at Fort Toulouse. Everyone will meet at the picnic pavilion Saturday morning. There will be walking tours, re-enactments, tours of the lab, and a trip to the Alabama Department of Archives & History. For more information, contact Greg Rhinehart (334-567-3002) for a reservation. The nearest motel is the Key West Inn (334-567-2227) on US 231 one mile south of Wetumpka. Hope to see you there!

### AAS Board of Directors Meeting

Sixteen AAS Officers and Directors attended a dinner meeting in Clanton on Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>. This is one of four Board meetings that are held each year; a fall board meeting and one at each summer and winter annual meeting rounds out the schedule.

Much of the discussion centered around money—lack of it, need of it, where it might be found, how it might be encouraged to appear, more efficient ways to spend what little we have, how to make it s-t-r-e-t-c-h to cover all AAS needs, etc.

Some good news is that the Alabama Historical Commission honored our request for a matching fund

grant to cover preparation of the photographs of all the pottery types that are to be included in the still-in-process pottery type handbook. The plan was to have one photographer take all the illustration photographs so there would be uniformity throughout the volume. AAS had requested \$2,500.00 and AHC was able to grant \$2,000.00. In an effort to find a way to s-t-r-e-t-c-h this grant to cover our needs, it was agreed that instead of sending someone to the various collections around the state, that a template of the photographic layout and scale would be given to those with collections and they would take the photographs themselves. In some instances a photographer would still have to be sent, but some cost savings will be realized by the templates and the assistance and goodwill of various colleagues. This will hopefully come close to providing a consistent format for all the illustrations and still stay under budget. It is anticipated that this photography will be completed before the end of 2003. Another s-t-r-e-t-c-h decision reached was approval of a minor reduction in pages of the June 2002 *Journal of Alabama Archaeology*. By producing a slightly smaller issue for

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June 2002, and decreasing the overrun, the June 2002 *JAA* came in at \$3,500 instead of the usual \$4,000. The Directors unanimously voted to continue this reduction through the December 2002 and the 2003 journals in order to contain the rising printing and paper costs and still maintain the quality of *JAA* that our members expect. Another possibility under consideration is to produce a double issue for 2003—twice the single journal issue pages but only one set of handling and mailing fees. The Board agreed that we should set the *JAA* budget line at \$7,000.00 (covering two journals at \$3,500 each) for 2003, and authorized the Editor to utilize whatever economies are available to stay under that figure.

Because of a special push to have members pay 2003 dues in 2002—thus realizing a savings over the 2003 dues increase—as of this meeting only 165 members for 2002 had not yet renewed for 2003. Collecting dues in the beginning of the year is not only in accord with our Bylaws, but also enables the AAS to spend only what we have available. We all know what that has done to state government! Everyone reading this issue has paid their dues for 2003 and the Board is very grateful to you for helping to keep AAS solvent.

From the Good News-Bad News Department: The Good News is that sales of the *Handbook of Alabama Archaeology, Part I, Point Types*, were so strong in 2002 that the volume is currently out of stock. The Bad News is that this means that a large investment of capital is required to reprint this very important volume, which also means tying up a lot of operating funds in this stock. By good sleuthing and a lot of comparison shopping, the Editor has located a printer that we can work with that will allow us to keep a small number in stock—with a similarly smaller investment of capital. Hooray and whew!!!

Tiring of money/lack of money talk, the Board turned its collective mind toward the future with a lively discussion of ways of enhancing our public outreach through the tools currently available to us—namely the *Stones and Bones* newsletter and the AAS website. Fate, luck, and the University of South Alabama Center for Archaeological Studies has stepped up to the terminal in the form of a staff member Sarah Mattics, who will be working with AAS Webmaster, Joe Watkins, over the next several months to enhance the website look and broaden the information we offer to the online

public. Please do check the website often over the next several months and see the exciting changes that are appearing on a computer screen near you.

The newsletter also is undergoing some changes—with better use of the website some of the information contained in each newsletter can be displayed on the website, freeing newsletter pages for additional articles of archaeological interest to the membership and more photographs of objects of archaeological significance and the folks statewide who are working hard to preserve Alabama's past. More innovations are planned during 2003 to offer a wider range of benefits and services and hopefully increase our statewide membership. Share your newsletter with a friend and invite them to join!!!

Submitted by Judith Knight, AAS Secretary

## Chapter News

The East Alabama Chapter of the Alabama Archaeological Society met on Monday, March 17th at the USDA -Natural Resources Conservation Service building. A presentation on Indian History in Alabama was given by Charles Moore of the Muscle Shoals Chapter of the AAS.

Below is Dr. Cassandra Hill giving the March program to the Cullman County Archaeological Chapter. Dr. Hill is a human osteologist employed by Jacksonville State University. She gave a program on the "King Site" located in Georgia near the Alabama border. The site is thought to be a Cherokee village that had contact with early Spanish explorers. This was a very informative program with much discussion and comments. Submitted by Howard King.



Shown below is Cullman County Archaeological Chapter President, Mr. Robbie Camp, of Hanceville, AL., pointing to a Cumberland projectile point he just found. He was surface collecting on a large Paleo site in North Alabama in late March when he made the discovery. This Cumberland, made of Fort Payne chert, is approximately 2.5" long, 1" wide and is fluted on both sides the full length of the point. Submitted by Howard King.



Shown above is Mr. Charles Moore of Florence, AL., giving the February program to the Muscle Shoals chapter. His talk concerned the various types of flint material utilized in making artifacts that are found in the Tennessee River Valley area. The Muscle Shoals Archaeological Chapter meets at the Florence Mound Museum on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:15 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. Contact chapter president Mr. Jerry Hester. Submitted by Howard King.



Shown above is Mr. Terry Tarkington of Florence, AL., giving the March program to the Muscle Shoals Archaeological Chapter. Mr. Tarkington is a well known "cave explorer" who helped write the book "Alabama Caves" published by the Huntsville Grotto of the National Speleological Society in 1965. His program covered his recent trip to the South Pacific and Easter Island. Submitted by Howard King.



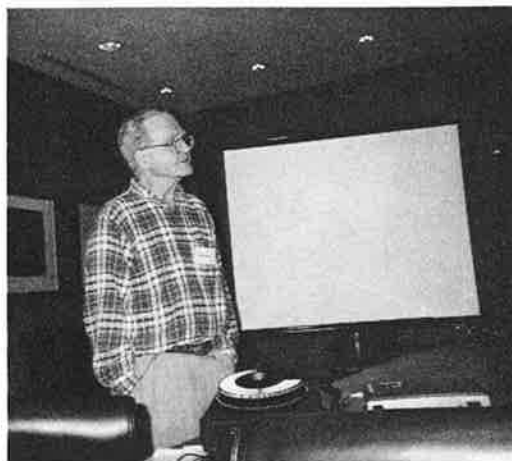
Pictured above are members of the Huntsville Archaeological Chapter at the chapter's March meeting discussing the many artifacts by the membership. The program for the meeting was a work session by the membership to record and document "fluted points". This was a very enjoyable and informative meeting that also helped to identify and document fluted points found in Alabama for the Alabama Paleo Point Survey that is being sponsored by the Alabama Archaeological Society. Submitted by Howard King.

Shown below is Mr. Charles Hubbert (on right) of Florence, AL., who gave the February program to the Huntsville Archaeological Chapter. He is shown discussing an artifact with Chapter President, Mr. Richard Kilborn. Mr. Hubbert's program outlined the many Paleo sites located in the Tennessee Valley. He showed several slides of the Quad Site during the 1950's taken by the late Mr. David Hulse, co-author of the "Handbook of Alabama Archaeology; Part 1: Point Types". The Huntsville Chapter meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month in the Huntsville Public Library at 7:00 p.m. For further information contact chapter president Richard Kilborn. Submitted by Howard King.



Shown above is Mr. Ellis Whitt of Huntsville, AL., giving the February program to the Cullman County Archaeological Chapter. Mr. Whitt talked to the chapter

about a site in North Alabama in which he has surface collected over 500 "Big Sandy" projectile points over the past twenty years. He discussed the importance of documenting each artifact so that a particular site like this would provide valuable information even though much of the upper level of the site has been destroyed due to farming methods. The Cullman Chapter meets on the 3rd Thursday at the Cullman County Library at 7:00 p.m. For further information, contact chapter president Mr. Robbie Camp. Submitted by Howard King.



Shown above is Mr. David Hurst of Birmingham, AL., giving the March program to the Birmingham Archaeological Chapter. Mr. Hurst talked to the chapter and showed slides of his recent trip to China. He also had video scenes of the famous Chinese archaeological site of the buried life-sized army made of terra cotta. The Birmingham chapter meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month in the Emmet O'Neal Library in Mountain Brook, AL., at 7:00 p.m. For further information contact chapter president Mr. Bill Fowler. Submitted by Howard King.

## What's Happening

In February the Archaeological Resource Laboratory (ARL) staff conducted a weekend salvage, clean-up and mapping project at two small rock shelters, 1Dk49 and 1Dk58 in DeSoto State Park, Fort Payne, Alabama. Amateurs had previously excavated 1Dk49 during several weekend archaeological workshops that were held in 2001 at the Park. Prehistoric Late Archaic,

Woodland and Mississippian artifacts were recovered during the amateur excavations. Archaeological materials were recovered to a depth of 60 cm below the present ground surface. ARL staff began mapping old profiles, creating a site and overall topographic map of 1Dk49 and nearby 1Dk58. During the course of the weekend investigation three prehistoric Aboriginal features, a central fire pit and two Woodland storage pits, were discovered by ARL staff. ARL staff plan on returning to the shelters in early June to finish the mapping project.

ARL staff has recently completed a Phase II investigation of 1Ce539 for Cherokee County Highway Department. This site is located along Spring Creek near Gaylesville, Alabama. Researchers recovered Woodland sand tempered pottery and Woodland bifaces. A considerable amount of debitage was also recovered. Two features, a storage pit and a narrow trench-like features, were discovered. Carbon samples from the storage pit have been sent off for radiocarbon dating. ARL researchers believe 1Ce539 may have been a possible chert procurement locale.

ARL staff, has recently completed a Phase II investigation of 1Dk94 along Big Wills Creek south of Fort Payne. This site yielded Woodland limestone tempered pottery and Woodland bifaces to a depth of 80 cm below the present ground surface. No cultural features were located during the investigation.

ARL staff finished a Phase I survey of the City of Decatur housing development project, Morgan County, Alabama. Surveyors located and recorded six unknown aboriginal sites, 1Mg902-1Mg907. No temporally diagnostic artifacts were recovered.

ARL staff under contract with the ALDOT is beginning a Phase II investigation of the Kelly Springs Site, 1Ta654, north of the city of Talladega. This site may be part of a major Mississippian settlement located presently adjacent to Alabama State Highway 21.

ARL staff will conduct three one-week Intergenerational Youth Archaeology Field Schools on a Calhoun County archaeological site. Children ten through seventeen with their parents or grandparents will learn the basic skills of archaeology, primitive technology and Native American heritage. These one week programs are offered through the JSU continuing education program. Submitted by Dr. Harry O. Holstein.

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## Arrowpoints Sale a Success!

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It is with great pleasure-and a sigh of relief -that I report the results of the Arrowpoints sale advertised in the last newsletter.

Several members quickly sent their orders for various copies of the Arrowpoints that the AAS had for sale to raise money to support publication of the pottery handbook. The response was very gratifying and I am pleased to report that the books went as a set to the highest bidder. We are very grateful for the quick response of all interested members and, of course, VERY MUCH APPRECIATE the highest bidder!

Submitted by Judith Knight, Secretary AAS

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## Volunteers Needed!!!

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Excavations at the Globe Hotel site in Old St. Stephens will continue this summer from June 9 through July 2 during Expedition 25. The site along High Street, the main commercial street in town, has proved to be truly exciting. Last summer we worked on the cellar of the main building and its kitchen as well as a stable. The most interesting structure we began to uncover appears to be slave quarters. As one section of the building began to decay, the area was used as a dump. Dating to the early 1840's, the deposit is producing an amazing array of artifacts associated with the Chamberlains and their children, the family that occupied the site from 1826 until it was abandoned.

This summer we plan to continue the excavation of this structure and the main building. We will also investigate other portions of the site. Evidence of other structures is apparent on the surface. We have found the well and an intriguing structure that does not align with others on the site. But, where are the privies? I'm sure many exciting discoveries will be made this summer. You can help in this research, either as a full participant in Expedition 25 or as a volunteer. And, you don't have to dig unless you wish to. We have a backlog of about 50 buckets and we desperately need help in sorting this material. To me sorting is almost as exciting as digging as many artifacts are overlooked by excavators. We are asking for at least a three-day commitment

for volunteers and we will only be working Monday through Friday. Full trailer sites are available and motels are nearby in Jackson. The park also has a great beach and fishing lake. Make it a family vacation.

I'm sure you are familiar with the Expedition program run by the Alabama Museum of Natural History. This will be its silver anniversary and a reunion is planned for July 5-6. This great hands-on program allows high school students and adults the opportunity to participate in an actual scientific project. Many participants have gone on to careers in science. But the program needs our help and support. Sign up for one of the weeks, enroll your child or grandchild, contribute to the scholarship program. Consider sponsoring a student from your area through your AAS chapter. This year we even have a three-day "mini-week" for only \$150 due to reunion plans. Details regarding Expedition 25, the volunteer program, and sponsoring a student are available on the website ([www.oldststephens.com](http://www.oldststephens.com)) or contact me at [gshorter@jaguar1.usouthal.edu](mailto:gshorter@jaguar1.usouthal.edu) or call (251) 460-6563. Submitted by George Shorter.

## Passings

Garnet M. Garvin was killed on April 11th, 2003 from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. She served as Associate Editor of the Stones & Bones from 1993-1995. Following graduation from Troy State University, she completed her Masters at the University of Alabama. She was employed by the Alabama Historical Commission. Garnet's bubbly personality and glowing smile will be missed by all who knew her.



## Renewals

M/M James Anderson, Ashville AL  
 Clint Anderson, New Brockton AL  
 Arizona State University, Tempe AZ  
 Charlie Baucom, Mosspoint MS  
 Alam Blake, Mandeville LA  
 William Blow, Prattville AL  
 Ronald Brister, Memphis TN  
 Drew Buchner, Memphis TN  
 William Childress, New York, NY  
 Paul Clements, Moundville AL  
 Lawrence Conrad, Macomb IL  
 James Dorroh, Florence AL  
 Marvin Ellis III, Montgomery AL  
 V. Keith Fleming Jr., Port Townsend WA  
 M. Heard Floyd Jr., Birmingham AL  
 Sharon Freeman, Northpoint AL  
 William Given, Foley AL  
 Indiana University, Bloomington IN  
 Bonnie Gums, Mobile AL  
 Gene Hamby Jr., Sheffield AL  
 Patsy Hanvey, Gadsden AL  
 Sharon Hendrick, Brantley AL  
 Hunter Johnson, Jacksonville AL  
 Douglas Jones, Tuscaloosa AL  
 Richard Kanaski, Savannah GA  
 Margie Klein, Watkinsville GA  
 Phillip Koerper, Jacksonville AL  
 Susie Lanier, Lanett AL  
 Richard & Roberta Marlin, Mt. Olive AL  
 Jeff & Cathy Meyer, Tuscaloosa AL  
 Robert Middleton, Huntsville AL  
 Gary Mullen, Auburn AL  
 John & Susan Meyers, Daphne AL  
 Roger Nance, Topanga CA  
 Mark Norton, Pinson TN  
 Monica Norton, Troy AL  
 James Parker, Montgomery AL  
 Robert Perry, Pell City AL  
 Michael Poe, Mobile AL  
 Amanda Regnier, Northport AL  
 Kent Reilly, Auston TX  
 Lance Richardson, Tuscaloosa AL  
 Sarah Robbs, Talladega AL



Elizabeth Ryba, Tuscaloosa AL  
Scottsboro-Jackson Heritage Center, Scottsboro  
AL  
Tom Sever, Toney AL  
Thomas Shelby, Moundville AL  
Orval Shinn, Kansas City MO  
Marla Spry, Tuscaloosa AL  
St. Stephens Historical Commission, St. Stephens  
AL

James Stallworth, Beatrice AL  
M/M Cecil W. Steadham Jr., Weaver AL  
Read & Becky Stowe, Lucedale MS  
Bryan Tate, Kingsport TN  
Jeff Thomson, Owens Crossroads AL  
Rebecca Troyer, Jacksonville AL  
John Van Valkenburg, Orange Beach AL  
Carolyn Wertelecki, Mobile AL  
Bob & Charlotte Wise, Birmingham AL  
Suaane Zwilling, Birmingham AL

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## New Members

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Shae Allison, Arton AL  
George & Melinda Stewart, Barnardsville NC  
Kenneth Smith, Cullman AL  
Illinois Transportation Archaeology Program,  
Champaign IL

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## Donations

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Howard King donated to the Mahan Fund. Susie  
Lanier & Roger Nance donated unrestricted funds, and  
Read & Becky Stowe donated to the Wimberly fund.  
Thanks to all who donated! The current totals are:

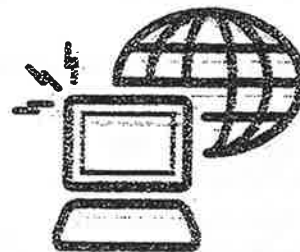
Totals: Education Fund	\$325.00
Wimberly Fund	\$479.50
Mahan Fund	\$773.00



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## Archaeology/Anthropology Internet Links

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[www.archaeology.org](http://www.archaeology.org)  
Archaeology Magazine

[www.saa.org](http://www.saa.org)  
Society for American Archaeology

<http://www.tamu.edu/anthropology/news.html>  
Anthropology in the News

<http://www.swanet.org/>  
Southwestern Archaeology  
<http://www.archeologyinc.org/>  
Archaeology Inc., Pensacola, Florida

<http://www.serve.com/archaeology/>  
Archaeology on the Net

<http://archaeology.about.com/>  
Archaeology on the About network

<http://www.sha.org/>  
Society for Historical Archaeology

<http://www.social.mtu.edu/IA/sia.html>  
Society for Industrial Archaeology

<http://www.pophaus.com/underwater/>  
Underwater Archaeology Resources

<http://www.cr.nps.gov/seac/seac.htm>  
Southeastern Archaeological Center

<http://www.lib.lsu.edu/soc/anth/usanth.html>  
US Anthropological & SHPO

<http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/archaeology.html>

National Geographic Archaeology News

<http://www.archaeologychannel.org/content/newslinks.html>

<http://www.preserveala.org/>  
Alabama Historical Commission  
<http://wetumpka.al.us/fort.html>  
Ft. Toulouse Jackson Park

If you know any internet links of interest, feel free to submit them.

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## Looted Iraqi Antiquities Surfacing

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Some of the ancient artifacts stolen from Iraqi museums are already appearing on the international art market and at least one suspected piece was seized at an American airport, FBI officials say.

Lynne Chaffinch, manager of the FBI Art Theft Program, said art collectors and dealers in the United States have reported contacts from overseas suggesting they have access to some of the thousands of stolen items. Internet searches have also turned up some items of interest, she said.

"We are seeing things appear," Chaffinch told reporters Monday.

Chaffinch said Customs agents at an unspecified U.S. airport seized at least one item believed stolen from a Baghdad museum.

Customs officials declined comment, citing an ongoing investigation, but confirmed that Customs agents are on the lookout for Assyrian, Sumerian, Mesopotamian and other treasures.

The FBI is working with U.S. and international law enforcement agencies, as well as art collectors, auctioneers and experts.

Chaffinch said she expects the thieves will attempt to sell most of the stolen pieces in wealthy countries such as the United States, Britain, Germany, Japan,

France and Switzerland. People in the United States already buy about 60 percent of the world's art, both legal and illegal.

"We've had some interesting motives, but mostly it's money," she said of the reasons behind art theft.

Thieves usually attempt to sell stolen art and artifacts on the legal market. The FBI frequently hears about a suspect piece from a dealer or expert, then dispatches an undercover agent to contact the seller. Some of these agents have art history training so they can move undetected in a highly specialized world.

The FBI soon will send a team of agents, probably along with Chaffinch, to Baghdad to collect documentation about the stolen pieces. The information will be posted for police on the FBI's National Stolen Art File, which along with private and international databases lists descriptions of some 100,000 pieces of stolen art.

The University of Chicago's Oriental Institute has also begun posting on its Internet site descriptions of some important artifacts believed stolen. Experts at the university say between 50,000 and 200,000 items were stolen from Baghdad museums after the city fell to U.S. forces.

A U.S. government task force that includes the FBI and Justice Department, State Department, Customs, CIA and Interpol is figuring out how to tackle the Iraqi looting case. Some thought is being given to using an amnesty or reward program to get thieves to return items, though officials stressed no final decisions have been made.

Interpol plans a conference May 5-6 in Lyons, France, to organize and coordinate international efforts to both recover the stolen pieces and arrest the perpetrators. Some Interpol investigators are already in Kuwait, awaiting U.S. military permission to travel to Baghdad.

Associated Press ([www.abcnews.com](http://www.abcnews.com))

To view photos of artifacts, point your browser to the following address:

<http://www.oi.uchicago.edu/OI/IRAQ/iraq.html>

Submitted by Clarissa Elean



## Archaeology Heist Revealed in Alabama

Hoping to solve an archaeological crime after more than two decades, the University of Alabama has revealed a major 1980 theft of Indian artifacts.

Jim Knight, chairman of anthropology at the Tuscaloosa campus, said Monday that the disappearance of 264 pottery vessels, dating back some 800 years, was the largest recorded antiquities theft in the South.

Knight said the theft, which occurred from a storage building at the university's Moundville archaeological site, was never made public; only a brief notice was placed in a scholarly journal.

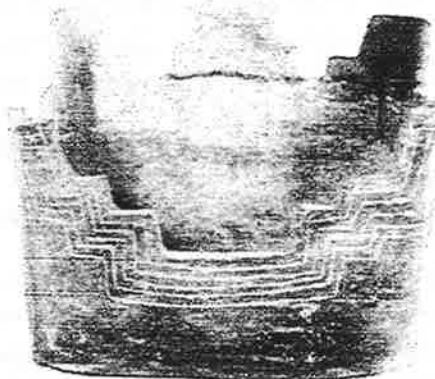
The crime was probably silenced because of embarrassment and the belief that the stolen pottery was taken to collectors overseas and permanently out of reach, said Knight, who started work at Alabama the year after the heist.

Knight disagrees with that smuggling theory and said the bottles, bowls and jars may still be in the United States. He hopes that publicizing the crime will lead to the recovery of the items.

A university statement issued last week said the stolen items were appraised in 1980 at \$1 million, which equals about \$2.3 million today after inflation. The pieces included many of the best artifacts ever excavated at Moundville, an area near Tuscaloosa where mounds mark the site of an Indian community that dates back a thousand years.



The university recently posted a Web site about the theft, complete with photos of all the stolen items. The FBI was the lead law enforcement agency working on the case, but no one was arrested before the case went cold. FBI spokesman Craig Dahle said he was unfamiliar with the theft and could not find any mention of it in agency records.



University spokeswoman Cathy Andreen said she could find no record that the school did anything to make the general public aware of the loss. "None of the people who were working (at Moundville) then are there now," she said.

Once one of the largest communities in North America, Moundville was a 300-acre village on the banks of the Black Warrior River in central Alabama from about 1000 to 1450 A.D. The site is now an archaeological park operated by the university.

About 1,000 Mississippian Indians lived at Moundville at its height. As the village died out for unknown reasons, the area was left littered with pottery and other remnants of a highly organized society.

Items excavated from Moundville in the 1930s were stored in a locked, four-story repository at the site, Knight said. The theft was discovered 23 years ago when University of Michigan students researching the collection found boxes of artifacts lined up by a wall, waiting to be carried out.

"So much was taken I theorize there were at least a couple of trips that (the thieves) made, and they were planning at least one more," said Knight.

The loss was staggering: About 70 percent of the university's exhibit-quality artifacts were gone. Only the best items were taken, leading Knight to conclude that whoever took them knew what they were after.

Knight fears the items could wind up for sale on the Internet, where Native American artifacts have been sold on online auctions.

The Moundville repository now has locking steel doors, motion sensors, strict rules for gaining access and climate-controlled storage.

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Submitted by Clarissa Elean

The website for the Department of Anthropology at the University of Alabama (click *Office of Archaeological Research* for more information about the stolen pottery) <http://www.as.ua.edu/ant/>

## Jesus' Brother's "Bone Box" Closer to Being Authenticated

The doubts, he said, spread like a contagious disease when reports of the find were first published.

"We looked over the box very carefully, and subjected it to analytical testing using a light polarizing microscope, ultraviolet light, a microscope with 60 times the magnification, and electron microscopy," said Keall.

"I'm very comfortable saying that the ossuary itself and the inscription are totally genuine and everything we found was consistent with considerable age. It's obvious someone had scrubbed the James part of the inscription," said Keall. "But it's like when you brush your teeth, no matter how hard you try to do a good job, there are always bits and pieces left. And that's true with the inscription; there are still bits and pieces left in the nooks and crannies, and they are consistent with the rest of the encrustation."

A conference of biblical scholars that took place in December at the Royal Ontario Museum allowed a large number of antiquities professionals to look at the box, and many were convinced of its authenticity, he said.

But not all. The wear and weathering on the two long sides of the box are significantly different, complicating the picture. The more weathered side has two rosettes carved into it, and some red paint. The side with the inscription is less weathered. Meyers argues that this is evidence that the inscription was carved at a later date.

There's a reasonable explanation for that, says Witherington.

"The majority of the work of building the temple in Jerusalem was finished by the time Jesus was a young child," he said. "So the stone masons moved into carving ossuaries. They didn't wait until someone died to carve a one-person adult box, which is what this is. They carved a number of them and then left them out in the yard, exposed to the elements, which in Jerusalem can be quite harsh. James was suddenly martyred in A.D. 62, and they couldn't afford an expensive one, so they bought one that had already been carved, had it inscribed, and placed it in a place protected from the elements."

Keall has an alternate explanation for the differences in weathering.

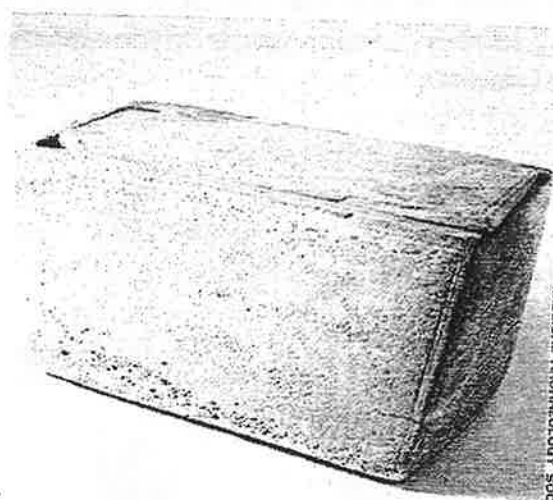
"I think the rosettes are on the front of the box, and the inscription on the back," he said. "When the box was placed in its niche in the cave it's conceivable that the front was subjected to more fluctuating conditions."

There will always be doubters.

"They've applied every possible test to it to determine its character and authenticity, but there will always be a cloud over it and there will always be those who doubt because it wasn't recovered in a legitimate archaeological dig," said P. Kyle McCarter, a paleographer at Johns Hopkins University. "But this is not an unusual situation. We get this a lot."

[www.nationalgeographic.com](http://www.nationalgeographic.com)

Submitted by Clarissa Elean



(photo by Biblical Archaeological Society)

## **Alabama Archaeological Society Student Paper Award**

Any person currently enrolled in a BA or MA granting program and a member of the AAS may submit a paper for the student paper award. Only single-authored papers are eligible and the paper must be presented at the annual winter meeting. The paper should be written for presentation to a general audience consisting of amateurs, professionals, and students. The length of the paper should be such that it can be presented in a 15-minute time slot and additionally should include references cited to aid in judging. Papers must be submitted in advance of the meeting for judging by a committee appointed by the AAS Board of Directors and a completed registration form should accompany the submission.

Submit three double-spaced copies of the paper to the AAS Student Paper Award Committee by November 15th. The author will insure that the same version of the paper reviewed for the competition is offered for presentation at the annual meeting. Only one paper submitted per applicant may be considered for the award. Mail the entry to: Dr. Philip Carr, AAS Student Paper Award, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, HUMB 34, University of South Alabama, Mobile, AL 36688-0002.

The winner of the Student Paper Award will be announced at the Annual Business Meeting of the Alabama Archaeological Society associated with the Winter Meeting. The winner must pick up the book prize at the meeting. The committee reserves the prerogative to defer the award in the event of a shortage of competitive entries.

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### **REGISTRATION FORM**

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### **AAS Scholarships**

The Alabama Archaeological Society will award two scholarships this year in the amount of \$250.00 each to two students actively engaged in an archaeological research project. Proposals for the scholarships must be submitted to the Scholarship Committee by January 31st. The Scholarship Committee will review the proposals and make recommendations to the Board of Directors at the Spring BOD meeting. The Board of Directors will vote on the proposals at the Spring meeting and an announcement of the recipients will be made by March 31st.

Minimum criteria for the grants are: 1) the student recipients must be a member of the Alabama Archaeological Society, 2) the research project that the student is involved with must be located in the state of Alabama, 3) the student must be an undergraduate or a graduate student enrolled in a college or university in the State of Alabama with an active anthropology program, 4) the student must submit a letter of endorsement from an anthropology program, and 5) the student will be required to present a paper on his or her research project at the Winter meeting.

### **Public Education**

The Alabama Archaeological Society will award public education grants this year in the amount of \$500.00. Single grant awards shall not exceed \$500.00. Proposals for the grants must be submitted to the Public Education Committee Chairman by January 31st. The Public Education Committee will review the proposals and make recommendations to the Board of Directors at the Spring BOD meeting. The Board of Directors will vote on proposals at the Spring meeting and an announcement of the grant recipient (s) shall be made by March 31st.

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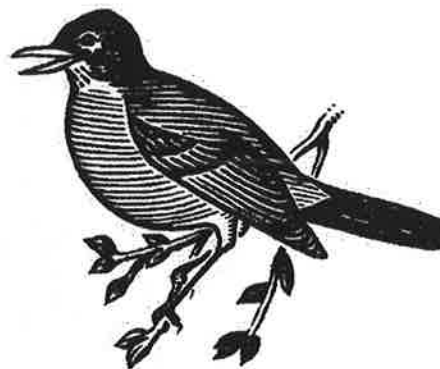
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