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1ST ANNUAL SUMMER FIELDSCHOOL - ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The first annual summer fieldschool of the Alabama Archaeological Society will be held near Moundville July 15 through 27, 1991 (two one-week sessions). Each participant must register for at least one of the two weeks; the fieldschool is limited to 15 persons per session.

Field camp facilities will be provided. Campground includes camping pads, full electrical and water hookups, and a bathhouse. A weekly fee of \$100 will be charged to cover camping fees and instructional costs (subsistence not included).

Professor Richard Krause has excavated the fieldschool site, 1H11, for two seasons, during which he uncovered two domestic structures. During this summer he proposes to investigate a low, centrally located rise which may be the remnants of a mound. Additional domestic structures may also be excavated.

For additional information or questions, contact Dr. Boyce Driskell at the following address, or call 205/371-2266.

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Moundville, AL 35474

An application form has been inserted in this issue of the STONES & BONES for your convenience in registering for this fieldschool.

Dr. Boyce Driskell
Moundville

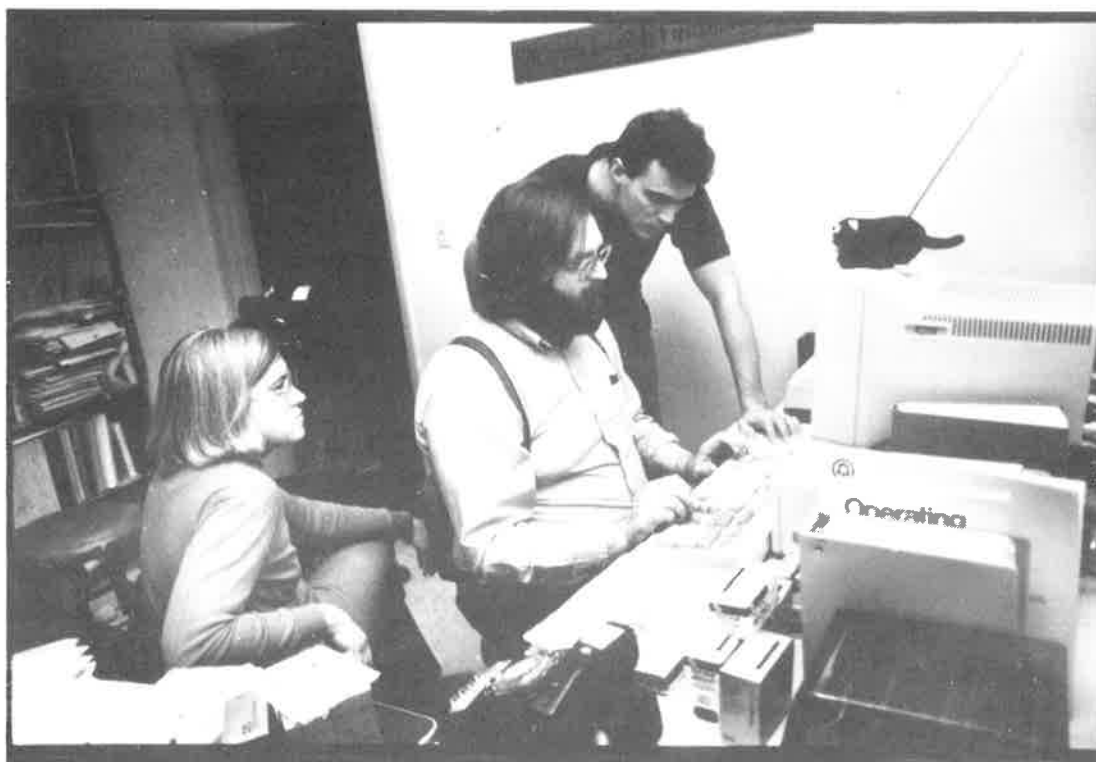
UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA ACQUIRES FUNDS FOR RADAR EQUIPMENT

Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corp., a subsidiary of Transco Energy Co., has donated \$65,000 to The University of Alabama to purchase ground-penetrating radar equipment to be used for archaeological and pipeline right-of-way survey work.

May 1991



L-R: Scott Shaw, OAR; Bart Henson, A.A.S., learn about the new ground-penetrating radar system from Ben Edgar, Geophysical Survey Systems.



L-R: Patricia Kenyan and Eugene Futato, OAR, are briefed on the color computer readout capabilities of the system by Ben Edgar, Instructor.

Photos by Adam Taylor, State Museum of Natural History

George S. Slocum, president and chief executive officer of Transco Energy Co., said, "We are pleased to have the opportunity to assist The University of Alabama in obtaining this equipment. Transco is committed to protecting, and where feasible, enhancing the quality of the environment. Ground-penetrating radar allows for detection of underground structures or other pipelines without excavation or other destructive procedures."

UA President Dr. Roger Sayers expressed his appreciation for Transco's role in expanding the capabilities of the archaeology division at the University. "We are always happy to work with industry leaders who are concerned about protecting the environment and our archaeological heritage," he said. "We know Transco is a leader in this area, and we thank them for their support."

"The new radar equipment will enable us to help companies in various energy development projects while protecting our cultural resources at the same time," said Carey Oakley, Division of Archaeology, Alabama State Museum of Natural History. "The system will allow us to do remote sensing of potential archaeological sites without actually digging up the ground."

B. BART HENSON NAMED TO AHC

B. Bart Henson of Huntsville has been named by Governor Guy Hunt to a six-year term on the Alabama Historical Commission. Mr. Henson replaces Dr. Richard Krause as Alabama Archaeological Society representative to the Commission.

Governor Hunt expressed his appreciation to Mr. Henson for his "willingness to serve in this capacity" and stated "I am confident that you will render a valuable service to the citizens of Alabama while serving in this important position."

CHAPTER NEWS

Birmingham Archaeological Society

The Birmingham Chapter met on Thursday, April 11. Guest speaker was Ned Jenkins from Fort Toulouse, in Wetumpka.

Bobby Hawkins

Cullman County Chapter

The April chapter meeting was held on Monday the 15th. The program focused on archaic points and how to identify them.

Dewitt T. Coleman

East Alabama Chapter

Our April 10th meeting was presented by B. Bart Henson, Huntsville, author of Rock Art in Alabama and member of the Alabama Archaeological Society and Alabama Historical Commission. Henson showed slides on early American Indian petroglyphs and pictographs which have been found at more than 30 archaeological sites in Alabama. Forty-five members and visitors were present.

Caroline Dean

Huntsville Chapter

Dr. Roger Nance, professional archaeologist on the faculty of UAB, was the guest speaker at the April 23 chapter meeting. Dr. Nance talked about his work on several sites in Guatemala, including one involving ancient salt mining, and about his more recent work in Alabama.

Members of the Huntsville Chapter visited Russell Cave in Bridgeport, Alabama on Saturday, April 20, for the Sixth Annual Indian Day celebration. Several members of the chapter participated in the displays and demonstrations of Indian lifeways.

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. For more information on chapter meetings and activities, call Chapter President Dee Hubbert at 880-1113, or Secretary/Treasurer Beth Justice at 880-2836.

Dorothy Luke

Muscle Shoals Chapter

The Muscle Shoals Chapter met on March 18 at the Indian Mound Museum in Florence. Thirty-eight members and guests attended.

Douglas Rodgers, history professor at Montevallo, was our speaker for the evening. Douglas has made a study of Indian clothing, specializing in Southeastern Indian clothing and beadwork in particular. He reported that very little of this region's Indian clothing remained in the area. Most of the better examples are in museums and private collections in other parts of the country or Europe. A lot of this area's beadwork was of various floral patterns, and also diamond and chevron designs. The diamond patterns may have been based on diamondback rattler patterns, and the chevrons based on timber rattler patterns. Chickasaw Chief George Colbert's sash was given to the Indian Mound Museum years ago, and Douglas was particularly interested to note that it had finger-woven beads in chevron patterns in it. Some of the finest examples of Indian clothing and beaded bags were collected at the site and immediately following the Battle of Horseshoe Bend. Very little has

HURRY! ONLY ONE MONTH LEFT TO REGISTER!

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Moundville, AL 35474

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been published about Southeastern Indian clothing, and fortunately Douglas Rodgers is traveling extensively, photographing and documenting as many examples as possible; he plans to write a book on the subject.

The April chapter meeting was held on the 15th. Forty guests and members attended. Charles Hubbert and Van King were joint speakers for the evening. Charles gave a brief report on the recent survey of the Wheeler Basin in which he and Van worked. He then discussed the enforcement of the Archaeological Resources Protection Act. There will probably be an open-to-the-public forum during May at Decatur, for TVA to elaborate on their position of ARPA interpretation and enforcement. Interested parties should try to attend and state their individual feelings on the matter.

Charles gave an interesting overview to paleo man in Alabama. He and Van then explained the Society's plan to photograph and document paleo points in the state. They passed out forms for members to study for future documentation. The chapter plans to use the afternoon and evening of June 10 to start photographing paleo points in conjunction with the chapter's meeting and picnic. Many states have completed extensive paleo point surveys. With many counties in Alabama previously reporting more paleo points than many entire states, it is very important that we move forward with this vital project. Alabama may have more paleo points found within its borders than any other state. Our society can make an enormous contribution to archaeology by completing this survey.

Charles Moore

MOUND STATE MONUMENT SUBJECT OF "DISCOVERING ALABAMA"

"One of the most intriguing historic mysteries of our time," according to Dr. Doug Phillips, "is the question of the disappearance of the Moundville Indians. How did they live? What were their religious beliefs? Why did they vanish?"

On Wednesday, May 1, "Moundville," a new show in the "Discovering Alabama" series, aired on APT. The program explored one of the nation's prime archaeological sites, Moundville, Alabama. "Moundville" featured some of the priceless Indian artifacts which have been excavated from the site and reviewed the history of the archaeological work that began there over a century ago.

The "Discovering Alabama" series, developed by Doug Phillips, Coordinator for Environmental Education for the Alabama Museum of Natural History, consists of more than a dozen television programs about the natural history and environment of Alabama. The shows explore such topics as native plants and animals, geology, geography, and important ecological relationships.

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