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Stones & Bones Moves to Troy

With this, the inaugural issue for 1993, the *Stones & Bones* newsletter has moved to Troy. First, we would like to apologize for the tardiness of this issue. With the move from Huntsville to Troy, it became necessary to apply for a new bulk rate postal permit. This seemingly simple process became increasingly difficult when long vanished documents pertaining to the Society were required before the application could be accepted by the postal service. With that annoying obstacle now behind us, we are finally underway.

It is our hopes and intentions to maintain the high standard of the *Stones & Bones* established many years ago by A.J. Wright and Bart Henson and more recently carried on by Editor Dorothy Prince Luke and Associate Editor Blaine Ensor. We would like to extend our thanks to Dorothy and Blaine for all the hard work they have put into the newsletter and for a job well done.

TSU Chapter members Gwen Barron and April Smith have volunteered to assist the editors with the newsletter full time. In addition, several TSU students have volunteered to help with the mailing. Peter Howard, professor of Latin and Greek at TSU, will assist the editors with word processing and has allowed us to use his laser printer. TSU Chapter member Lynn Hoffman will assist with typing. The editors are grateful for this enthusiastic support and assistance.

In order for the newsletter to be successful, it is essential that it have the input of the members of the Society. We want to encourage everyone to submit information to us for publication. We want to know what your chapter is doing as well as what our individual members are doing in archaeology. With seven universities in Alabama with archaeological programs (JSU, UA, TSU, AU, UAB, AUM, and USA), there are surveys, testing, and excavations going on year round. It is important for our membership to know the results of all this research. Archaeologists, please send us information on your recent findings.

The editors would also like to know your thoughts on what you want to see in the *Stones & Bones*. Your comments will help us move in new directions that will be of interest to our readers and will hopefully attract new members. Please send your news, letters, and comments to the editorial office address referenced above. Don't have time to sit down and write us a note? We'll take your news over the telephone. You may call us at ☎ 205-670-3517 in the afternoons Monday through Friday between 1:00 and 4:00.

The Editors

Amazing and Mysterious Finds



Photograph by TSU photographer Donald Norsworthy.

The falcon effigy pipe pictured above was found by Mr. Jimmy Baggett and his daughter Sharon (a member of the Troy State Chapter) recently near Glenwood on the Conecuh River in Crenshaw County. The sand tempered clay pipe is in very good condition except for the missing bowl. It is obvious from the plow scar at the base of the bowl that the pipe was unearthed very recently. A small stemmed point, only 1 1/2 centimeters long, was found near the pipe. Both artifacts probably belong to the Weeden Island component on the site.

The *Stones & Bones* is interested in any unusual, spectacular, or mysterious artifacts that you have encountered. If you have an interesting find that you would like to share with the membership, you are invited to send a drawing or black and white photograph and a summary of the circumstances surrounding the find for future publication. We would also like to receive comments on the artifact descriptions printed. The editors are hopeful that this will provide a good forum for exchange of information between members.

National Park Service

The National Park Service recently announced the publication of a new brochure entitled *Participate In Archaeology*. The brochure is designed to provide the public with access to archaeological information on the available opportunities for learning about archaeology such as videos, journals, and books. The brochure also describes opportunities to become involved in archaeological fieldwork. Copies of the brochure are available free by writing: Publications Specialist, Archaeological Assistance Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, D.C. 20013-7127.

Lithic Technology

The journal *Lithic Technology* is scheduled for republication by the University of Tulsa beginning in 1993. Manuscripts are being solicited. For further information regarding subscriptions and manuscripts, contact George Odell, Department of Anthropology, University of Tulsa, Tulsa, OK 74104.

Federal Appropriations for Cultural Resources in FY 93

In these times of federal cutbacks, cultural resource programs fared well this year. The Bureau of Land Management's cultural resource program received \$10.8 million, the Forest Service's heritage resource program received \$29.5 million, and the Historic Preservation Fund received \$36.9 million. \$1.5 million of the HPF was earmarked for Indian tribes. The National Park Service will receive \$300,000.00 for Chacoan Outliers and \$350,000.00 for Mimbres National Monument. In addition to the above Department of the Interior appropriations, the Department of Defense received \$50 million to fund its Legacy Resource Management Program. The purpose of the program is to provide DoD with a long range plan to identify, protect, and maintain cultural and natural resources on DoD land. While funding went well for most programs, the National American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act failed to receive appropriations for implementation for 1993.

What's Happening Around the State

Jacksonville State University

Jacksonville State University recently completed phase II testing at a Woodland period site on Coldwater Creek near Anniston. This site is a rare find. According to Dr. Harry Holstein, testing indicates that the site may have only received minimum disturbance by plowing. JSU plans to return to the site in order to conduct further excavations in the near future. The JSU crew recently visited the Cane Creek Iron Furnace site on Pelham Range at Ft. McClellan with Senator James R. Bennett. In addition to the furnace (which was built in 1843), the members of the expedition also discovered a 1/4 mile long water race and associated grist mill site on the trip. JSU plans to return to conduct testing here in the near future. Artifacts recovered will be put on display at Ft. McClellan and Tannehill State Park. While conducting a CRM project for the Alabama Highway Department in Talladega County, Dr. Holstein and his crew discovered and tested a portion of the Central Plank Road near Winterboro. The Central Plank Road was constructed in 1850 between Wetumpka and Winterboro at a cost of one million dollars which was financed by John Winter. Dr. Philip Koerper (AAS past president) has recently completed extensive research on the road and his report has been included in the final report submitted to the Highway Department. While working on the same project, the JSU crew also investigated the Taylor-Cook cemetery as well as other components on the Hightower Farm Site north of Sylacauga. JSU has also recently conducted testing at the Bell Mill Site in Cleburne County south of Heflin. The site served as a grist mill, saw mill, and blacksmith shop before the Civil War. The mill was destroyed by northern troops during the war but was later rebuilt. Testing discovered evidence of several structures beneath the surface as well as an abundance of artifacts.

Troy State University students began phase II test excavations on 1Co54 near Enterprise in Coffee County during December, 1992. At this point in the testing, it appears that the site was inhabited from the Early Archaic period through the Middle Woodland period with major components dating from the Early Archaic and Gulf Formational periods. 1Co54 is approximately four acres in size and extends to a depth of 90 centimeters below surface with 65 centimeters of undisturbed cultural deposits lying below a 25 centimeter plow zone. During recent testing, nine features were discovered in four two-by-two meter units. Charred wood and hickory nuts were found in direct association with fiber tempered pottery and a stemmed projectile point. This important discovery should produce much needed Carbon-14 dates on the Early Gulf Formational period in southeast Alabama. Recently, Carey Oakley and Scott Shaw of the University of Alabama visited the site with their ground penetrating radar to help the crew locate concentrations of subsurface features. This technique proved to work well and the "hot" areas are now being tested as part of the ongoing work at the site.

Division of Archaeology at Moundville

The Division of Archaeology at Moundville is currently conducting lithic analysis and flotation retrieval of soil samples taken from Dust Cave this past summer. In order to assist Dr. Boyce Driskell in his research, the Division of Archaeology has recently purchased a new stereoscopic microscope complete with video camera and computer imaging capability.

Council on Alabama Archaeology

The Council on Alabama Archaeology met with the Alabama Historical Commission at the end of 1992 to discuss the Alabama underwater archaeology regulations, qualifications for professional archaeologists to conduct work in the state, guidelines for CRM projects as well as guidelines for CRM reports, a State CRM law, and State guidelines to comply with the National American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act. While guidelines for CRM projects and CRM reports have recently been completed and submitted to professional archaeologists approved for work in the state, the AHC staff is currently working on the remainder of the projects. In addition to these tasks, the Council and the AHC is also working on an annual *Archaeology Week* program complete with a new archaeological poster each year.

Member News

Society members Mary Eliza and Charles Moore recently returned from a trip to southern Arizona. While there, they visited Pueblo Grande, Casa Grande and Montezuma's Castle.

The *Stones and Bones* is interested in any archaeological endeavors that our members are involved in. Please send member news to our Troy State address.

In the Alabama Archaeological Society's Past

Dave Chase was president twenty five years ago.

The Calendar

Eastern States Rock Art Conference, Natural Bridge State Park, Kentucky: April 8-10, 1993.

The Society for American Archaeology will hold its annual meeting at the Adams Mark Hotel in St. Louis, Missouri, April 14th - 18th, 1993.

Chapter News

Muscle Shoals Chapter

The Muscle Shoals Chapter held its December meeting on December 8th at the Indian Mound Museum in Florence. Charles Moore gave a lecture and slide presentation on "artifact replication identification." Thirty-five members and guests attended. On January 8, Bart Henson of Huntsville presented an interesting slide narration on "Outstanding Sites in Alabama." Sites featured included quarry sites, petroglyph sites, and habitational sites. Thirty-two members and guests attended. The next meeting will be February 14th, at 7:15 pm.

Troy State Chapter

Chapter members met on January 14th, where they were joined by Carey Oakley and Scott Shaw from the Division of Archaeology, Alabama Museum of Natural History. Carey and Scott gave a presentation on ground penetrating radar. Afterwards, members gathered behind the archaeology lab for a demonstration of the device. On January 23rd, chapter members participated in the ongoing excavations at 1Co54 near Enterprise. The next meeting will be at 3:00 pm on February 11th, in the Troy State archaeology lab. The TSU chapter has changed its meeting date to the second Thursday in the month. Everyone interested in archaeology is invited to attend.

Coosa Valley Chapter

At the January meeting, Carey Oakley spoke on the ground penetrating radar project the Division of Archaeology recently completed at the Temple of the Sun near Mexico City. The chapter meets on the last Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm in Martin Hall on the Jacksonville State campus. Eugene Futato will speak at the February meeting on his research in Israel.



Reminder -- Membership Dues Are Past Due



Membership in the Alabama Archaeological Society runs from January 1st to December 31st of each year. If you have not done so by now, please send your 1993 dues to the Treasurer, AAS, Division of Archaeology, Mound State Monument, Moundville, Alabama 35474.

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