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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Alabama Archaeological Society President, Dorothy Prince Luke, convened the Board of Directors in Florence on November 27, 1980, in conjunction with the Society's annual winter meeting. Business conducted included the following items:

1. Agreed to increase foreign postage on Society publications beginning in January 1982, to help cover increased postage expenses.
2. Authorized the Journal Editor to dispose of Society publications damaged by storage, shipping, handling, etc., at reduced prices, as appropriate to each item's individual condition.
3. Authorized the Publication Committee to proceed with the preliminary steps for developing criteria for a Handbook of Alabama Pottery Types.
4. Authorized chapters to receive gifts of equipment to the Society, and to sell items not immediately needed by the Society and provide the donor with a receipt for the appraised value, for tax-reporting purposes.

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CHAPTER NEWS

Birmingham Chapter: The Birmingham Chapter meets the second Thursday of each month at the Red Mountain Museum. Call Tom Hutto for further information at 956-1895.

Cullman Chapter: Speaker at the November Chapter meeting was Mr. Howard King.

East Alabama Chapter: The Chapter meets on the first Thursday of each month in Thach Auditorium, Auburn University, at 7:30. For information call Dru McGowen at 821-2595.

Huntsville Chapter: The Huntsville Chapter met on November 18 for a workshop session. Messrs. Bob Bishop, Roy Cochran and Tom Cornell assisted other Chapter members in classification of their artifacts. The Huntsville Chapter meets the third Tuesday of each month in the Arts Council Conference Room, north end of the Von Braun Civic Center, at 7:00.

THANK YOU

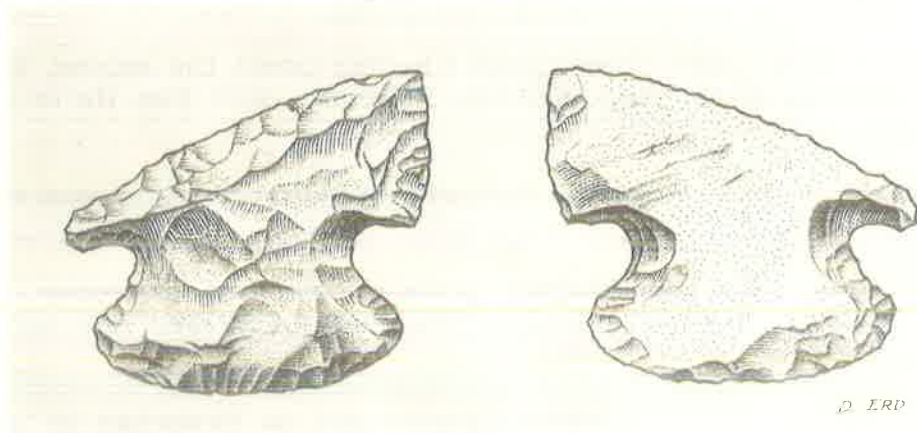
The Alabama Archaeological Society would like to thank the History Department of the University of North Alabama for sponsoring the Society's 1980 annual meeting. We also thank the Muscle Shoals Chapter of the A. A. S. for its hospitality and support of the meeting. The Chapter (with some assistance from the local chapter of the DAR and others) provided snacks, set up exhibits, planned the Indian-style luncheon, decorated the dining room and performed numerous tasks associated with the organization of the meeting itself. Chapter members also arranged for a special tour of the Indian Mound Museum in Florence after the Society meeting. We appreciate the time and effort spent to make our meeting a success.

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HAVE YOU SEEN ONE OF THESE?

Dr. Albert C. Goodyear (Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology, University of South Carolina), Mr. James L. Michie (I.A.A.) and Dr. Barbara Purdy (University of Florida) are conducting an intensive search and analysis of a special Early Archaic tool type known as the Edgefield Scraper. This tool is unusual in manufacture. It is typically made on a large thick flake usually only flaked on the dorsal surface leaving a flat underneath face like that of a scraper. It is side or corner notched like a Big Sandy or Bolen point, and the base and notches may be ground. So far they are only known to occur in Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina, but a similar tool known as the "Albany Scraper" has been found and described by Dr. Clarence Webb in Louisiana. We are searching for other examples in the area of Alabama and Mississippi. Along the Florida, Georgia, South Carolina area, the tools are found primarily along the Coastal Plain and not the Piedmont. If you know of any specimens or know of people and institutions who may have them, please write to Dr. Albert C. Goodyear; Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology; University of South Carolina; Columbia, South Carolina 29208. (Phone: 803/777-8170.)

The photo below is a drawing of the tool described.



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ANTHROPOLOGY COURSE AT UAH

Beginning in January 1981 an undergraduate/graduate college credit course in archaeology will be offered at The University of Alabama in Huntsville. The course, "Ancient Mesoamerica", will be taught by Dr. Richard Krause, Associate Professor and Chairman of the Department of Anthropology at The University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. The class will be conducted on Friday nights from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the following dates: January 16, 17, 30, 31; February 13, 14, 27, 28; March 20, 21, 27, 28, 1981.

The course will detail the origin and development of Mesoamerican civilizations insofar as this is possible through a study of the archaeological record. This task will require a processual approach to the analysis and interpretation of prehistoric evidence. For clarity of exposition a process will be construed as any set of interrelated events which produce a measurably uniform result. The process or processes of import to each period of Mesoamerican prehistory will first be identified and then used as a central theme or themes against which other elements of social, political, religious and economic life can be understood and explained. An outline of periods and processes follows:

<u>Period</u>	<u>Process</u>
Early Hunters and Gatherers 20,000 B.C. to 7,000 B.C.	Locally variable adjustments to plant and animal resources.
Archaic 7,000 B.C. to 1,500 B.C.	Specialization in plant and animal use. Emergent domestication of plants.
Formative 1,500 B.C. to A.D. 300	The emergence of a village farming lifestyle. The beginnings of state formation.
Classic A.D. 300 to A.D. 900	State formation and spread; empire building through commerce.
Post Classic A.D. 900 to A.D. 1,520	The collapse of commercial empires and empire building through conquest.

Lectures will be supplemented with slides illustrating important archaeological sites and artifacts. The text for the course will be Prehistory of Mesoamerica, R. E. Adams, author; Little, Brown and Co., Boston, 1977. (The book will be available through Dr. Krause.) There will be an in-class essay midterm and take-home essay final exam.

For information on registration and fees, please contact Dr. Michael Oliver; Director of Continuous Education; The University of Alabama in Huntsville; Huntsville, Alabama 35899; Phone 205/895-6010.

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Tuscaloosa

BOOK REVIEW

Florida Archaeology by Jerald T. Milanich and Charles H. Fairbanks.
Published by Academic Press, New York.

This new book of 290 pages takes you through the earliest stages of paleo Indians and some of the recent exciting discoveries concerning early man in Florida. It then continues through the Archaic period, breaking it down into Early, Middle and Late. Thereafter the cultures become more defined and step you through Woodland, Mississippian and the early historic periods. Also, the last chapter deals with late Seminole archaeology and their background and culture. The book contains a number of maps and photographs. It is also bound in good hardback and quality paper. The text is well written by two knowledgeable archaeologists and is a good compromise between the technical jargon of archaeological reports and the knowledgeable layman. If you have any interest in Florida archaeology from the Keys to the panhandle and also southern Georgia and Alabama, this book is for you. It is by far the best summary of overall Florida archaeology that we have seen.

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HMS CHARON

A Virginia Research Institute for Archaeology field school for ten Texas A&M masters degree candidates seeking a specialty in nautical archaeology was held in cooperation with the Virginia Research Center for Archaeology during June and July 1980. The students participated in diving and classroom instruction while focusing specifically on identification of the remains of Cornwallis' largest warship, the 44-gun HMS Charon. Although burned so badly that less than 5 percent of its hull and very few artifacts survived, the ship was positively identified by comparing hull remains with plans and specifications of the Charon obtained from the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, England. The Charon, set afire by French artillery on October 10, 1781, drifted from the Yorktown shore to Gloucester Point and sank.

Also assisting in excavations of the Charon were eight British Army divers from the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. The English divers also helped in a marine survey at Hampton Roads conducted by NUMA, Inc., and aided with a search for additional shipwrecks near Yorktown. In mid-August a new wreck, apparently from Cornwallis' fleet, was located in 80 feet of water near Yorktown. In early September a partially-buried 18th-century bell, presumed to have come from one of Cornwallis' ships, was found.

(From VRCA Newsletter, November 1980)

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ALABAMA LAW

Article 2.

Aboriginal Mounds and Antiquities Preserved

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277 Exploring or excavating ancient mounds, earthworks, etc.

Sec. 272. (1418) Aboriginal mounds, etc., right of state to explore, excavate and survey. -The State of Alabama reserves to itself the exclusive right and privilege of exploring, excavating, or surveying, through its authorized officers, agents, or employees, all aboriginal mounds and other antiquities, earthworks, ancient or historical forts, and burial sites within the State of Alabama, subject to the rights of the owner of the land upon which such antiquities are situated, for agricultural, domestic or industrial purposes; and the ownership of the state is hereby expressly declared in any and all objects whatsoever which may be found or located therein. (1915, p. 728.)

Sec. 273. (1419) Nonresidents shall not explore or excavate. -No person not a resident of the State of Alabama, either by himself personally, or through any agent or employee, or any one else acting for such person, shall explore or excavate any of the remains described in the preceding section, or carry or send away from the state any objects which may be discovered therein, or which may be taken therefrom, or found in the vicinity thereof. (Ib.)

Sec. 274. (1420) Explorations not made without consent of owner of land. -No explorations or excavations shall be made in any of such remains without the consent of the owner of the land first had and obtained, and without such work is done in such way as not to injure any crops, houses or improvements on the land adjacent to or forming a part of such remains. (Ib.)

Sec. 275. (1421) Explorations shall not deface or injure remains. -No explorations or excavations shall be made, which will destroy, deface, or permanently injure such remains; and after any such explorations or excavations they shall be restored to the same or like condition as before such explorations or excavations were made. (Ib.)

Sec. 276. (1422) Objects not sold or disposed of outside of state. -No objects taken from such remains shall be sold or disposed of out of the state, but when removed therefrom, the objects so gathered shall be remained in state custody, and either placed in the collection of the department of archives and history, or in the museums or in the libraries of the educational or other institutions of the states, museums, libraries or individuals. (Ib.)

Sec. 277. (4453) Exploring or excavating ancient mounds, earthworks, etc. -Any person who shall explore or excavate any of the aboriginal mounds, earthworks, or other antiquities of this state contrary to the laws of this state, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars for each offense. (Ib.)

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BOOK IDEAS FOR CHRISTMAS

The Lost Treasure of the Concepcion. John Grissim. William Morrow & Company, Inc., 1980. 207 pages, \$12.95.

The story of the search and location of a Spanish galleon laden with tons of silver and gold which sank in the Atlantic near the Dominican Republic in 1641.

Prehistoric Indians of the Southeast (Subtitle: Archaeology of Alabama and the Middle South). John A. Walthall. University of Alabama Press, 1980. 299 pages, \$20.00.

See the review in the November newsletter.

The Secret Vaults of Time (Subtitle: Psychic Archaeology and the Quest for Man's Beginnings). Stephan A. Schwartz. Grosset & Dunlap, 1978. 370 pages, \$14.95.

Schwartz probes the history of psychic archaeology, its methods and its contributions to exploration.

Exploring the Unknown (Subtitle: Great Mysteries Re-Examined). Charles J. Cazeau and Stuart D. Scott, Jr. Plenum Press, 1979. 283 pages, \$15.00

This book represents a careful scientific examination of some of the popular mysteries which have their roots in the specialties of histories and archaeology; i.e., stone monuments, marine mysteries, monsters and catastrophes.

Lithic Use-Wear Analysis. Brian Hayden. Academic Press, 1979. 413 pages, \$35.00.

Technical treatment on lithic use-wear based on a conference held in British Columbia, Canada, in 1977. Fifteen specialists treat the subject in considerable detail.

Florida Archaeology. Jerald T. Milanich and Charles H. Fairbanks. Academic Press, 1980. 290 pages, \$20.00.

See review in this issue of the newsletter.

Pathways to the Gods (Subtitle: The Mystery of the Andes Lines). Tony Morrison. Harper & Row, 1978. 208 pages, \$12.95.

This book is both a story of the fascinating Nasca Lines and the author's experiences while conducting the study from the air and ground.

The Cambridge Encyclopedia of Archaeology. Andrew Sherratt. Crown Publishers, 1980. 495 pages, \$35.00.

This book is a scholarly and comprehensive review of archaeology on a worldwide scale, utilizing discoveries of the past decades as a foundation for a "modern" interpretation.

Riddles of the Stone Age (Subtitle: Rock Carvings of Ancient Europe). Jean McMann. Thames and Hudson, 1980. 160 pages, \$16.95.

A minimum of text and the maximum use of numerous, and excellent, black and white photographs give the reader an overview of the symbols carved in stone by ancient man in Europe.

The Cherokee Indian Nation (Subtitle: A Troubled History). Duane H. King, editor. University of Tennessee Press, 1979. 256 pages, \$12.50.

This book is a history of the Cherokee Nation by 12 contributors, each with a specialized point of view.

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RESEARCH CENTER DEDICATED

The University of Alabama's new research facility at Mound State Monument was dedicated in honor of David L. DeJarnette, retired curator. Speaker for the dedication of the facility was Hope Moore, associate director of cultural programs, Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service, Department of the Interior; Washington, D. C.

In accepting the honor of having the facility named for him, DeJarnette recalled his early days working with Dr. Walter B. Jones and University President Dr. George Denny.

(From an article in The Tuscaloosa News, October 19, 1980)

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PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Available issues of <i>Journal of Alabama Archaeology</i> Vol. 13-18	\$1.00 pp
Vol. 20-24 (\$2.50 to Members)	\$4.00 pp
<i>Stanfield-Worley Bluff Shelter Excavations</i> (<i>Journal of Alabama Archaeology</i>)	
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<i>Handbook of Alabama Archaeology Part I, Point Types</i>	\$7.35 pp
Lively, Long, Josselyn - <i>Pebble Tool Paper</i>	\$3.00 pp
<i>Investigations in Russell Cave</i> , published by the National Parks Service	\$5.00 pp
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