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A.A.S. ANNUAL MEETING

The Alabama Archaeological Society Annual Meeting will be held at the newly restored State Capitol in Montgomery on Saturday, November 21. The theme of the meeting is Paleo Man in Alabama. Paleo point registration will continue at the Annual Meeting.

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Riverfront Inn in Montgomery. The rate is \$44 (single or double). This is a government rate; upon making reservations, A.A.S. members should mention the Alabama Historical Commission. For reservations call Ms. Pat Horne at 205/834-4300. An agenda, more information on the meeting, and the slate of nominees for 1993 officers will appear in the November STONES & BONES.

CAPITOL FACTS

The original capital of the Alabama Territory was at St. Stephens in what is now Washington County. During the last days of the Territory and earliest days of Statehood, the City of Huntsville became the temporary capital of the State. The first "permanent" capital of Alabama was Cahawba, located in Dallas County. This community prospered until severe flooding forced the removal of the capital of Tuscaloosa in 1826. The City of Tuscaloosa was the capital for the State until political pressure for a more central seat of government caused the move to Montgomery in 1846, where it remains today.

Time Line

1850-1851	Original building constructed
1885	East wing constructed
1905-1906	South wing constructed
1911-1912	North wing constructed
1979	Exterior restoration began
1987	Interior restoration began
1992	Completion of primary restoration

Local Points of Interest

Fort Toulouse-Jackson Park: Site of 18th century French outpost and early 19th century American fortifications

October 1992

Old Alabama Town: Collection of homes and businesses
recreating 19th century community life

CHAPTER NEWS

Coosa Valley Chapter

The Coosa Valley Chapter held its first meeting after a summer break on September 24, 1992.

New officers were elected; they are:

President - Larry Smith

1st Vice President - Don Frazier

2nd Vice President - Tom Mullendore

Secretary/Treasurer - Linda Frazier

It was announced that the digs at Wright Farm and Bell's Mill yielded a wealth of information, and the survey of Lookout Mountain conducted by Dr. Harry Holstein was completed.

A pottery vessel which had been in the water for 2,000 years was found in a lake in the Jacksonville area. The Horace Tolbert family donated it to Jacksonville State University. It will be put on permanent display in the Alabama Room of the Houston Cole Library.

Dr. Harry Holstein received a grant from the Alabama Highway Department to survey the Talladega bypass and a grant from the U. S. Army for a survey on Fort McClellan.

The Coosa Valley Chapter meets the last Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in Room 221, Martin Hall, on the campus of Jacksonville State University.

Brigitte Cole

Cullman Chapter

We held our first meeting of the new season Monday, September 21, 1992. We are expecting this year to be our best season ever. With your help, we can make it so.

The September program was given by Charles Hubbert on the Alabama Paleo Survey. Members brought their Paleo artifacts, including Clovis, Cumberland, Quad, Beaver Lake and Redstone, and Paleo tools.

We are going to start a new program this year. Each month we will have a point of the month. Examples of that point will be available for you to see, and we will discuss the point and how to identify it.

Dewitt T. Coleman

Huntsville Chapter

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.

On October 27, the program will consist of a professional slide show on Chaco Canyon; on November 24, Eugene Futato of Moundville is scheduled to talk on his recent archaeological activities in Israel.

Dorothy Luke

INDIAN HERITAGE FESTIVAL - BURRITT MUSEUM

Huntsville's Burritt Museum and Park will come alive on Saturday, October 17th, when the park will once again host its Indian Heritage Festival. The event will run from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.; admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children.

The Indian Heritage Festival is a day-long event to explore the history, culture, traditions and skills of Southeastern, and particularly Alabama's, Native American people. The Museum grounds will become a time machine, with several camps depicting cultures of Alabama's past. Each camp will portray daily camp life during different time periods of Indian history, from 8,000 B.C. through the early 1800's. At these camps, visitors will see demonstrations of some daily life skills, such as cooking, weapons, tool making, shelter construction, games and period clothing. Crafts such as pottery, beadwork, basket making, carving, and natural dyeing will also be demonstrated in the camps during the time period in which each craft was predominant.

In addition to these ongoing camp exhibits, many special programs will be scheduled throughout the day. Some of the planned programs include lectures on language, tracing Indian heritage, storytelling, clothing, beadwork, and programs on traditional music and dance.

Unique opportunities for children will again highlight the Indian Heritage Festival. After a very successful premiere in 1990, Kids' Corner will return. Kids' Corner is a special activity area where children 12 and under can redeem their admission ticket for the opportunity to make a traditional Indian craft to take home as a souvenir of their day at Burritt's Indian Heritage Festival. The Kids' Corner will again be operated by representatives of the Indian Education Programs from Huntsville City Schools, Madison County Schools, Scottsboro City Schools and Lawrence County Schools.

Parking at the Museum is very limited, so alternate parking has been arranged at Huntsville High School, with free shuttle

buses running continuously throughout the day. Children will be admitted free when their parents utilize the shuttle service.

5, 10 AND 15 YEARS AGO IN STONES & BONES

1987

Carey Oakley was A.A.S. President in 1987. 1st Vice President was Baker Dean, Jr.; 2nd Vice President, Nancy Rohr. Bettye Henson was Secretary-Treasurer.

In October 1987 we reported on a survey and test excavation off the coast of Honduras conducted by Read Stowe and Gene Wilson of the University of South Alabama. "One of the most interesting aspects of Honduran Bay archaeology/history," wrote Read, "is that Columbus visited the islands on his fourth voyage (1502-1504)."

1982

A.A.S. President in 1982 was Margaret Chase; 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents were Mc Brooms and Jim Lee, respectively. Bettye Henson was Secretary-Treasurer.

The October STONES & BONES contained a report on Huntsville's Constitution Hall Park, which had opened that spring. "Several archaeological digs have been conducted on the Constitution Hall site, most recently the Huntsville Chapter activity at the location of the Stephen Neal house. The information gleaned from these digs contributed immeasurably to the accurate reconstruction and furnishing of the buildings."

Jack Cambron, a founding member of the A.A.S., died that September. Mr. Cambron "was best known for his authorship of the Handbook of Alabama Archaeology. He was recognized as one of the foremost authorities on point typology."

The Office of Archaeological Research, University of Alabama, had begun to upgrade and catalog its library. "...the final impetus for action was provided when David L. DeJarnette donated his library to OAR." Nearly 1,000 volumes had been processed by press time.

1977

Howard King was President in 1977; Vice Presidents were Dru McGowen and Michael Wells. Bettye Henson was Secretary-Treasurer.

The lead article in the October 1977 STONES & BONES was a report on a Copena burial cave - "one of the most significant archaeological finds in Alabama in recent times." On July 2 the cave was sealed, with plans "to organize a later project for excavation and study." On July 5 it was discovered "that the

entrance had been reopened by vandals and virtually all the artifacts and skeletal material removed."

NEW MEMBERS

J. Eric Gilliland - Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Samuel D. and Janet R. Kirkwood - Florence, Alabama

William O. Owings - Brent, Alabama

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