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RENEW YOUR 1997 L. A. S. MEMBERSHIP

This issue of the Newsletter is being sent to all 1997 and 1998 members. However, if you have not renewed your membership for 1998, this will be the last issue you will receive. Similarly, you will not receive the 1998 Bulletin when it is published. So, please check the address label on this issue. If it still says "1997" then you need to pay your dues now. Also, you can check the list of current members near the back of this newsletter.

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

For those that I did not have a chance to talk with at the great annual meeting in Baton Rouge in January, let me say that I consider it an honor and a privilege to be your new LAS President. I know that I am following in the footsteps of some strong leaders and officers who have made the LAS the fine organization that it is. I will do my

best to live up to the pace set by Jim Fogleman, our immediate Past-President, and help build toward the new millennium (a popular phrase these days) when Carl Kuttruff, our new President-Elect, takes over the helm.

When I was asked two years ago if I would be a candidate for President-Elect, my immediate inclination was to say no. I have always preferred to decline an opportunity if I felt I could not give it a 100% effort, and I was heavily committed with writing, consulting, and with major obligations in various civic organizations. However, after a few minutes of reflection, I decided to say yes for several reasons.

The initial reason that entered my mind was that the LAS is an organization that, over the years, had provided my wife and me with many hours of education, fellowship, networking, and pure enjoyment. I believed that I owed a debt of gratitude and service to an organization that had given me so much, both professionally

and emotionally. Second, I had always admired the LAS as being an organization of professional and avocational archaeologists (I don't like the term "amateur") who had worked so well together with cooperation and mutual respect. Third, I knew that I would be supported by an outstanding group of dedicated, competent, and hardworking Executive Committee members who took their roles quite seriously.

Now that I have moved up to President, I know that my initial reflections and reasons were completely valid. I have absolutely no misgivings over my decision and I am grateful that I was elected. Thanks for your confidence and placing your trust in me! Even though I am busier than ever (I'm retired, you know!), I take this new challenge very seriously.

The year ahead is going to be a busy one, and I need your help to make it completely successful. Preparation and publication of the bulletin and newsletter are moving smoothly (thanks to T.R. Kidder and Chris Hays, respectively), but we always need more input. Let your fellow members know what you are doing and what your results have been. Our membership is strong (but definitely could be stronger), we're not rich but we are financially healthy thanks to competent fiscal management by David Jeane, and our secretarial support is really great (thanks to Maureen Downey). Joe Saunders and the Northeast Chapter are already making big plans for next year's annual meeting in Monroe (a gala 25th Anniversary affair) and we have several new initiatives under way (stay

tuned for news updates). Start planning your conference papers NOW!

Help spread the word--the LAS is indeed a fine organization and a real bargain! **DON'T JUST BE A MEMBER, BE A PARTICIPANT AND HELP IT GROW!**

Roger T. Saucier
LAS President

**MINUTES OF THE L.A.S.
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING**

**BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA
January 30, 1998**

**Reported by
Linda H. Jackson
For
Maureen Downey
L.A.S. Secretary**

The L.A.S. Executive Committee met on Friday evening, January 30, 1998 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. President James Fogleman called the meeting to order at 6 pm. Members present at the meeting were:

James Fogleman - L.A.S. President,
Morrow
Roger Saucier - Vice-
President/President Elect, Vicksburg,
MS
David Jeane - Treasurer & Membership,
Spring Hill
Linda Jackson - Serving as Secretary,
New Orleans
Chris Hays - Interim Newsletter Editor,

Baton Rouge
Rich Weinstein - Newsletter Editor,
Baton Rouge
Reca Jones - Northeast Chapter
Nancy Affeltranger - Central Chapter
Mildred Peevy - Central Chapter
Virginia Bommer - Delta Chapter
Harold Brice - Northwest Chapter
John H. Guy - Member at Large
Newt Jackson - New Orleans

Reports

Linda reported that Maureen Downey would not be able to attend the meeting as she was recuperating from back surgery. She came through the surgery nicely and is resting at home comfortably. Linda, in her behalf, suggested the minutes be read, but it was moved and seconded that they be accepted as they appeared in the Newsletter. The motion was passed by the Committee.

It was announced that Jon Gibson was in Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis, TN following brain surgery. Bob Neuman stopped in to the meeting to report that Jon was recovering nicely. Rich moved that we send flowers to Jon and it was approved. Linda agreed to do this.

T.R. Kidder, Bulletin Editor, who was unable to attend the meeting reported that the Bulletins are well on their way. 264 copies of Volume 21 have been printed. Volume 22 (1995) is at the Press at U.S.L. The L.A.S. will be able to have the Bulletins printed for \$2000/issue, as agreed, as long as Jon has not retired from teaching at U.S.L. Volume 23 (1996) is 50% complete. There was a call for papers for Volume

24 (1997) which is a year and a half down the road.

Chris Hays asked that papers be sent to him for the Newsletter. Roger suggested that we include abstracts of all of the papers in it. Rich suggested that we run a list of present members and their types of membership - the new members appearing in bold type. The list would appear in the April Newsletter. Tammy, the Secretary for the Division of Archaeology in Baton Rouge, has the main list. Roger made a motion that we accept this idea, and it was approved.

David Jeane gave the Treasurer's Report. Our total assets, as of 1/19/97, amounted to \$19,649. The total 1997 income was \$6077, the total 1997 expenses were \$5090, leaving a balance in the checking account as of 1/19/98 of \$8,179, with the remaining balance in C.D.s. Newt and Virginia agreed to go over the Treasurer's Report for verification. David, as Membership Chairman, announced that our numbers have grown since last year by ten. Our current membership is 307.

Old Business

David reminded us that the L.A.S. needs a Pamphlet created for distribution. James Fogleman said that in 3 months or so he would try to get one out.

Roger suggested that we get someone to design us a Home Page on the Internet. No action was taken.

The status of the Archives was brought up. We decided to talk to the Archival Committee.

Linda reminded everyone of the \$100/yr Honorarium which L.A.S. offers to the various chapters for recruiting speakers.

New Business

Roger announced that the Northeast Chapter had volunteered to hold the 1998 L.A.S. Annual Meeting and it will be discussed at the General Meeting.

Jim suggested having a field school, lasting about 9 days. Jim has talked to Chip McGimsey and Joe Saunders about the possibility of having it in Marksville. Possibly the Registration Fee could be from \$10-\$20/person - with students half rate. Roger said that the subject would be discussed in more detail at the Spring Executive Meeting, probably held in early May. This and the Fall meeting will be held at the Grand Village of the Natchez in Natchez, MS.

John Guy moved that the meeting be adjourned, Nancy seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

MINUTES OF THE L.A.S. ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

**BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA
January 31, 1998**

**Reported by
Linda H. Jackson
For
Maureen Downey
L.A.S. Secretary**

The L.A.S. Annual Business Meeting met on Saturday, January 31, 1998 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. President James Fogleman called the meeting to order at 5 pm. Jim, after having expressed his pleasure as serving as our President, turned the gavel over to Roger Saucier. Roger accepted and expressed his enthusiasm at the challenge and honor of accepting the Presidency.

Reports

Linda Jackson, sitting in for Maureen Downey, Secretary, suggested the minutes be read, but it was moved and seconded that they be accepted as they appeared in the Newsletter.

David Jeane gave the Treasurer's Report. Our total assets, as of 1/19/97, amounted to \$19,649.00. The total 1997 income was \$6077.00, the total 1997 expenses were \$5090.00, leaving a balance in the checking account as of 1/19/98 of \$8,179.00, with the remaining balance being in 2 C.D.s. David announced that the money from Brian Duhe was still continuing to come in. He also said that the bill for the last Newsletter will come out of the 1998 budget. David, as Membership Chairman, announced that our numbers have grown since last year by ten. Our current membership is 307 - up from 297 in 1996. Rich Weinstein moved that we accept the Treasurer's Report and John Polk seconded the motion. The Report was accepted as read.

T.R. Kidder, Bulletin Editor, was unable to attend the meeting but it was announced that the Bulletins are well on

their way. Volume 22 (1995) is at the Press at U.S.L. and has 6 papers. The L.A.S. will be able to have the Bulletins printed for \$2000/issue, as agreed, as long as Jon Gibson has not retired from teaching at U.S.L. Volume 23 (1996) is 50% complete with 4 papers. There was a call for papers for Volume 24 (1997) which is in the making.

Roger said that the Newsletter should contain our activities and Chapter Reports. The Editor plans to run a list of all paid members - their cities and membership categories.

Old Business

The subject of the Archives was discussed. Carl Kuttruff said that he was organizing the data that he had and was able to work on it gradually.

John Polk said that if anyone wants a tape of any General Meeting, he will send it for \$5.

It was announced that we are looking for someone to design the L.A.S. Home Page on the Internet.

The membership attending the meeting was reminded of the \$100/year Honorarium and was encouraged to use it.

New Business

Roger called for nominations from the floor for the office of Vice President/President-elect. Linda Jackson nominated Carl Kuttruff and he accepted. There were no other nominations. David Jeane moved that we accept Carl as our nominee and it

was seconded. The motion was carried.

Roger announced that next year, our 25th Anniversary, the L.A.S. Annual Meeting will be held in Monroe hosted by the Northeast Chapter. Joe Saunders will be our host.

Chapter Reports

Nancy Affeltranger reported that the Central Chapter was still working at the Tyrone Plantation site. The officers have been the same since 1984.

Stuart Hermann from the Baton Rouge Chapter said the members were doing field work at the Sharpe site. The Chapter has 32 actives and the officers are the same.

Announcements

It was announced that Jon Gibson was in Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis, TN following brain surgery. It was reported that Jon was recovering nicely. Roger asked us to remember Jon in our prayers.

The head-count for this year's Annual Meeting was 121. Thanks were expressed to C.E.I. for hosting a very successful Annual Meeting.

Jill Yakubik presented the 1997 American Cultural Resources Award to Cytec Industries. Jim Dutcher accepted the award for Cytec. The award was given to Cytec for its participation in Archaeology Week where it offered training and entertainment to countless children.

Joe Saunders, President of the

Louisiana Archaeological Conservancy, announced that the Conservancy had recently increased its membership. Recent activities will soon be announced in a mailing to the paid membership.

Julie Doucet from C.E.I. awarded door prizes to several lucky ticket holders. It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Farewell until next year.

VIDEOTAPES OF PAST L.A.S. MEETINGS AVAILABLE

John Polk of the Delta Chapter has been videotaping the L.A.S. Annual Meetings for the last 6-8 years. If you are interested in purchasing at cost a copy of any or all of the tapes, contact him at: 222 River Oaks Dr., Luling LA 70070, phone number 504-758-2281.

HAROLD RALPH BRICE 1928-1998

Harold Brice an active member of Northwest Chapter of LAS passed away on March 13, 1998.

Harold had been a member for some 25 years, having served on the State executive board, and Past President of his local chapter. His Indian heritage was very dear to him and he shared it with the Caddo Pine Oil and Historical Society Museum, by donating his large collection of artifacts for future generations to learn from and

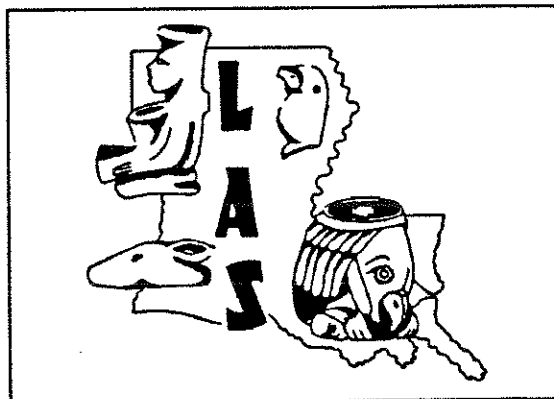
enjoy. He and his family gathered this collection from the time he was a small boy of around 5 years old until just days before his death. Through the Museum, his love for Archaic Archeology will live on.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife of 45 1/2 years, Mary Brice, one son Gene, two daughters Teresa and Cathy, 5 grandchildren and his mother, Elva Brice.

Services were held in Vivian, LA on March 16, 1998 with Rev. Robert Townsend and Chief Rufus Davis, Caddo Adais Tribe, officiating.

LOUISIANA ARCHAEOLOGY WEEK

The eleventh annual Louisiana Archaeology Week will be held Sunday, September 27 through Saturday, October 3, 1998. If you would like to organize, lead, or assist with an activity, please contact Monica Hopkins, Archaeology Week Coordinator, at the Division of Archaeology. The address is, P.O. Box 4427, Baton Rouge, LA 70804; tel. no.504-342-8170. The deadline for submitting forms is May 15, 1998.



LOUISIANA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

1997 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

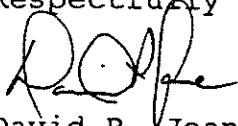
January 30, 1998

REGULAR MEMBERS.....	182
ASSOCIATE MEMBERS.....	25
STUDENT MEMBERS.....	13
INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERS.....	20
SUSTAINING MEMBERS.....	2
LIFE MEMBERS.....	75

TOTAL 1997 MEMBERS	<u>307</u>
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Total membership for 1988 was 251
Total membership for 1989 was 328
Total membership for 1990 was 315
Total membership for 1991 was 313
Total membership for 1992 was 291
Total membership for 1993 was 306
Total membership for 1994 was 304
Total membership for 1995 was 305
Total membership for 1996 was 297

Respectfully submitted,



David R. Jeane, Treasurer
January 30, 1998

LOUISIANA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY
 1997 FINANCIAL STATEMENT
 JANUARY 19, 1998

Period covered by this report - 1/10/97 thru 1/19/98

ACCOUNT REPORTS JANUARY 10, 1997

Louisiana Archaeological Society Savings "A"...	6,477.00
Louisiana Archaeological Society Savings "B"...	4,339.00
Checking Account Balance.....	7,726.00
Petty Cash.....	99.00

<u>TOTAL ASSETS - 1/10/97</u>	18,641.00
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1997 TRANSACTIONS

INCOME

Membership Fees and Publication Sales.....	3,470.00
Checking Account Interest.....	213.00
Brian Duhe Payments.....	1,870.00
Savings Account Interest.....	524.00

<u>TOTAL 1997 INCOME</u>	6,077.00
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EXPENSES

Treasurer Expenses (printing, phone, postage).....	191.00
News/Bull. Expenses (printing, postage, etc.).....	3,824.00
Society of American Archaeology.....	30.00
1997 Annual Meeting Advances (Baton Rouge).....	745.00
La. Archeology Week Grant	200.00
Pace Insurance (Treasurer's bond).....	100.00

<u>TOTAL 1997 EXPENSES</u>	5,090.00
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BALANCE IN CHECKING ACCOUNT 1/19/98.....	8,179.00
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TOTAL ASSETS LOUISIANA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY - 1/19/98

LAS SAVINGS "A".....	6,791.00
LAS SAVINGS "B".....	4,549.00
CHECKING ACCOUNT.....	8,179.00
PETTY CASH ON HAND.....	109.00

<u>TOTAL</u>	19,649.00
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Account Information
SAVINGS

- 1) LAS "A" - Certificate of Deposit #5017268
Louisiana Archaeological Society - Citizens Bank and
Trust Company, Springhill, La. 71075 - 12 Month
Certificate matures 4/13/98. (4.75% interest)

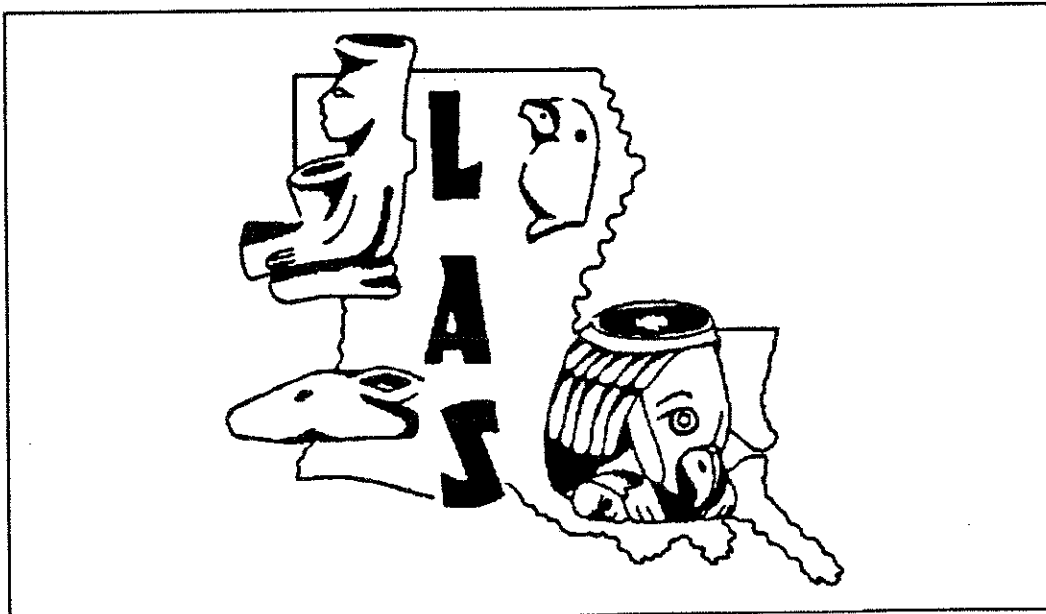
- 2) LAS "B" - Certificate of Deposit #5016697
Louisiana Archaeological Society - Citizens Bank and
Trust Company, Springhill, La. 71075 - 12 Month
Certificate matures 7/08/98. (4.75% interest)

CHECKING

Louisiana Archaeological Society - Account # 005-338-4
Citizens Bank and Trust Company, Springhill, La. 71075
Money Market Interest account

Respectfully submitted,

David R. Jeane
Treasurer
Louisiana Archaeological Society
January 30, 1998



John's Legacy (16OR51) and the Duplessis Plantation great house (16OR144). In particular, the "creolization" process was detailed as it related to the occupants of the two sites in question. The contents of a trash pit at Madame's John's Legacy dating to the great fire of 1788 provided an informative glimpse into the multi-ethnic nature of New Orleans in the late colonial period. Changes which took place at the site of Duplessis Plantation great house from the period 1765 to 1845, as documented by the archaeological record and augmented by the historical record, were described.

The next speaker was Kelli Ostrom (Greater New Orleans Archaeology Program), whose paper was entitled, **Following the Threads of History at a Louisiana Cotton Mill**. Kelli's presentation examined the historical and archaeological record of the Maginnis Cotton Mill in New Orleans, which at the turn of the century, was the largest of its kind in the Gulf South, employing over 1,000 workers. The operations of the factory were described in detail, as were the immigrant workers and their working conditions, which were difficult at best, to say the least. The results of archaeological excavations of a "barrel" privy and a washroom at the factory site were described and correlated with the historical record.

The final paper of the Saturday morning session was by Dan Cring (University of Southwestern Louisiana, Department of Sociology and Anthropology), entitled, **Searching for Late Pleistocene Archaeological**

Sites in Southern Louisiana.

Preparatory to discussing the subject of his paper, Dan talked about underwater sites in the State of Florida which have yielded both megafauna remains and human remains, but not in clear association. The differences between mammoths and mastodons was also explained. The talk then shifted to the shores of Lake Peigneur on Jefferson Island in Iberia Parish, Louisiana, where investigations by U.S.L. since 1990 have resulted in the recovery of Pleistocene faunal remains, the most interesting of which was a rare tapir jawbone. The only item of an archaeological nature recovered was an undiagnostic projectile point tip which was not associated with the faunal remains.

After a lunch break, the Saturday afternoon session began with the keynote address by Jeffrey Mitchem (Arkansas Archaeological Survey), entitled, **Mississippian Indians and Spaniards in Northeast Arkansas: Public Archaeology at Parkin**. Jeff began his presentation by describing the Parkin site (3Cs256), which consists of a 17 acre palisaded village site on the banks of the St. Francis River which was surrounded by a defensive moat and dates to the Parkin phase of the Mississippi period. Excavations conducted since 1990 after the official establishment of the Parkin Archeological State Park were described, which began outside the moat area, then shifted to the moat and palisade area, followed by investigations within the village area. These investigations demonstrated that a thriving community existed in this

location for hundreds of years. Adding to the archaeological importance of the Parkin site has been the recovery of Spanish artifacts associated with the DeSoto expedition of the early 1540s. Continuing archaeological research at the site, utilizing the collaborative efforts of the Arkansas Archeological Survey, volunteers, and university students, promises to add more to our knowledge of the inhabitants of this important site.

Carl Kuttruff (Kuttruff and Associates) followed next, with a paper entitled, **The 1933 Setzler and Ford Excavations at the Marksville Site**. Carl presented the results of archival research "archival archaeology" for documentation relating to the largely unreported 1933 archaeological excavations conducted at the Marksville site (16AV1) by Frank Setzler and James Ford. A summary of the 1933 excavations was given, followed by a description of efforts made by Ford over the years to obtain the excavation data from Setzler preparatory to writing a site report. Encouragingly, the recent archival investigations has resulted in the location of the 1933 field plans and profiles of Mound 4 and House A, the drawings of the Mound 4 burials, and the manuscripts by Ford and Setzler on the excavations. Efforts are currently being made to gather the remainder of the existing data on the 1933 excavations and publish a report.

The next presentation was by Cherie Schwab (CEI), whose paper was entitled, **Late Coles Creek/Early Mississippi Period Structure Patterns from the Phillip Nick Farm Site (16AV22), Avoyelles Parish,**

Louisiana. The Phillip Nick Farm site was the excavated in 1940-42 under the aegis of the Works Progress Administration (WPA), by Robert S. Neitzel. It has the distinction of being the last site excavated under this program before the outbreak of World War II. At the time it was excavated, the site consisted of two mounds, a large platform mound and a smaller house mound. Both mounds were excavated and structure patterns of different sizes were documented. Cherie compared the structure patterns at the Phillip Nick Farm site with Ian Brown's model, noting similarities and differences. Ceramic analysis indicates an occupation dating from the late Coles Creek to middle Mississippi period (A.D. 1100-1400).

Robert Connolly (Poverty Point Station Archaeologist, Northeast Louisiana University), followed with a presentation entitled, **The Evidence of Post Structures at Poverty Point**. Excavation data from investigations conducted at the Poverty Point site (16WC5) from 1980-82 by Sharon Goad of L.S.U. were reviewed relative to indications of a house structure and other forms of domestic activity. Six 5x5 meter units were opened during that time, but not all were completed. Based on a review of archived field notes and excavation records, Bob concluded that the existing evidence for the presence of postmolds is not convincing. Approaches were suggested for future research to determine if there is archaeological evidence for the presence of structural remains at the Poverty Point site, including the continuing analysis of previously

excavated material and the reopening and excavation of the uncompleted 1980-82 units.

Next on the program was Richard Weinstein (CEI), whose paper was entitled, **In the Footsteps of Phillips Near Foote: Archaeological Investigations at the Law Mounds, 22WS549, Washington County, Mississippi.** Rich described investigations conducted by his firm at the Law Mounds for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Vicksburg District, in 1995. The site consists of several mounds and associated midden areas. A series of soil cores and a 1x2 meter test unit were excavated by C.E.I. during their investigations. Analysis of the ceramics, augmented by radiocarbon and OCR dates, resulted in the determination that the site was occupied from the late Coles Creek to the late Mississippi periods (A.D. 1100-1550)

Jeffrey Girard (Northwest Regional Archaeologist, Northwestern State University, Department of Social Sciences), made the next presentation, entitled, **1997 NSU Archaeological Field School Investigations at the Fredericks Site (16NA2).** After reviewing previous investigations at the Fredericks site by several different investigators, Jeff detailed the results of his recent investigations. In addition to producing a detailed map of the southern portion of the site, he was able to determine that four mounds (A-D) are present. The stratigraphy of the site was described, based on shovel testing and the excavation of two 1x2 meter test units. Analysis of the ceramics from the

site suggest an Issaquena phase occupation of the site, dating to the late Marksville period. Interestingly, a number of Catahoula arrow points were recovered in association with the Issaquena pottery. The radiocarbon dating of charcoal recovered from the site will further refine the dates of site occupation.

Charles Bollich (Louisiana Archaeological Society) followed with a presentation entitled, **A Burial Mound in Southeast Texas.** The sad story of a prehistoric burial mound formerly located just across the Louisiana state line in Orange County, Texas, was chronicled. Originally recorded in the 1940s, Charlie first visited the site in 1969, at which time he found the mound to be 3-4' in height and consisting mainly of earth, with some shell mixed in. By this time, a local collector had excavated at least 30 burials from the site. A site visit made last year resulted in the discovery that the site had been dredged for shell, and only spoil piles remained from the original mound. Artifacts which have been recovered from the site include tubular shell beads, polished boatstones, bone tools, and ceramics. The ceramics appear to be very early in age, the majority belonging to the sand tempered Alexander series, the most prevalent type being O'Neal Plain ware. A later, minor Marksville period occupation is also indicated by the ceramics recovered from the site.

The final paper of the Saturday session was by Chip McGimsey (Southwest Regional Archaeologist, University of Southwestern Louisiana, Department of Sociology and

Anthropology), entitled, **1997 Archaeological Exploration**. Chip presented the results of two major projects he undertook last year: 1) test excavations at the Jacques Dupre site (16SL168), and survey and testing at Little Pecan Island in Cameron Parish. At the Jacques Dupre site, a circa 1820-1900 farmstead, Chip supervised two classes of 6th grade students. In addition to shovel testing, excavation units were dug in order to gain a better understanding of the site. On Little Pecan Island, over 400 shovel tests were excavated, which resulted in the identification of nine archaeological sites. Six of these sites were tested, one of which (16CM99) yielded a radiocarbon date of A.D. 700. A total of 21 1x1 meter units were excavated during the investigations. More than 20,000 aboriginal sherds were recovered, with only a small percentage being decorated. Few bone or shell tools were recovered, but faunal remains were abundant, and included muskrat, fish, and turtle.

The Sunday morning session began with a paper by Calvin and Linda Wiggs (Pelican Relic and Recovery Association and LAS), and Chris Hays (Regional Archaeologist, LSU) entitled **Survey and Interpretation of Two Civil War Sites along Bayou Lafourche**. Their study focused on two Civil War-era sites situated along Bayou Lafourche: the Georgia Plantation site and a portion of the St. Emma Plantation site. Calvin, Linda, and members of a metal detecting club in Baton Rouge had made controlled surface collections at these sites as part of a wider study of Civil War period

sites along the bayou. Calvin demonstrated that the number, type, and distribution of artifacts found at these sites provided valuable clues about site function and use. Specifically, he showed that the assemblage at the Georgia Plantation site (e.g., mostly fired bullets, and artillery fragments, but very few personal items) indicate that it was used almost exclusively as a battlefield. Historical records indicate that this site was the locus of the Battle of Labadieville. By contrast, the artifacts in front of St. Emma Plantation consisted mostly of clusters of personal items and dropped bullets indicative of a camp site. Historical records indicate the presence of a Union camp at the plantation. Calvin indicated that the site and artifact typology developed for these two sites will be used to determine site function at other Civil War period sites along the bayou.

Elizabeth Devoli (Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development) followed with her presentation, **In the Name of Prevention: An Examination of Patent Medicine Choices in Ethnic Communities of Late-Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Century Louisiana**. In her study, Elizabeth examined historical documents and patent medicine bottles recovered from three late nineteenth century city blocks in New Orleans (two associated with Irish and one with Italian) and two early twentieth century sawmill communities in Terrebonne Parish (one French Acadian, the other African American). Statistical tests indicated that ethnicity played an important role in determining

the choice of patent medicine types. But her study also showed that socio-economic statuses played a major role in a community's choice of patent medicine types.

The next two papers discussed Earth Search Inc.'s investigation of the Wilton Plantation in St James Parish. Melissa Braud's paper, **Data Recovery at Wilton Plantation (16SJ20): Project Overview**, noted that the historic components ranged from the late eighteenth to the middle twentieth century, and there was also a small late prehistoric component. They found five earthfast structures, the remains of a raised cottage and associated kitchen, and an eighteenth century redware kiln built by Acadian settlers. Butch Lee's paper, **Colonial Redware Production on the Acadian Coast**, discussed the analysis and interpretation of the kiln, which maybe the only one of its kind discovered in the southeast to date. The circular, low-fire glazing kiln was associated with a structure that covered the kiln and probably also functioned as a storage area for vessels and firewood. The main types of vessel produced in the kiln were nested redware bowls.

The next two papers presented some interesting research on textiles and fabrics conducted by Jenna Kuttruff (Louisiana State University, Human Ecology) and her colleagues. The first paper was written by Gail Dehart (Louisiana State University, Human Ecology, Jenna Kuttruff, and Michael O'Brien (University of Missouri) and it was entitled **Fibers, Fabrics, and Footwear from Arnold Research Cave, Missouri**. Excavations in this dry

cave produced 22 well preserved textiles made by prehistoric Indians. Most of them consisted of footwear made of fabric or leather. AMS dating of a sample of the specimens showed that they ranged in time from 6300 B.C. (Early Archaic) to A.D. 1100 (Mississippian). Their study of the style and complexity of the footwear indicated that complexity of manufacture was not a useful chronological indicator in the assemblage. The next paper was written by Jenna Kuttruff, Elizabeth Brantley, and Deborah Welker (all from Louisiana State University, Human Ecology) and it was entitled **Textiles and Garments from Three Antebellum Burials in South Louisiana**. Jenna and her colleagues reported on their examination of textiles and garments from burials in three cast iron coffins. They were exhumed as part of a large interdisciplinary study of Antebellum burial practices in South Louisiana. The three coffins contained respectively two sisters and a teenage son, and they were buried between 1852 and 1857. The textiles included period fashionable and night dress and also shrouds, winding cloths, and coffin linings believed to have been provided by the supplier of the coffins.

After a short break, Carey Coxé (CEI.) presented his paper, **Early Coles Creek to Early Plaquemine Subsistence: Faunal Remains from the Hedgeland Site (16CT19)**. Carey reported that recent excavations by CEI. at the Hedgeland site had recovered faunal remains associated with early and late Coles Creek and early Plaquemine occupations. His study revealed that there had a been

relatively little change in diet during these three periods, each one relying heavily on basically the same suite of small, medium, and large sized mammals and aquatic taxa (e.g., swamp rabbits, raccoon, deer, turtle, mussels, and fish). The data also suggested that the site area was surrounded by wetlands during the entire span of the occupations.

The next two papers turned again to Earth Search's work at the Wilton Plantation. Rhonda Smith's paper, **Vertebrate Faunal Analysis from Wilton Plantation**, noted that the small sample of faunal remains from the site consisted mostly of pig bone, with a single cow bone in one unit. Most of the bone was found in the kitchen area and butchering apparently occurred locally. One of the more interesting faunal pieces was a bone that had been fashioned into a guitar fret. In her paper, **Archeobotanical Contributions to an Understanding of Acadian and Plantation-Period Subsistence**, Justine McKnight reported that the floral remains from the Wilton Plantation consisted of mostly wood charcoal (e.g., bald cypress). The edible remains indicated that the eighteenth and nineteenth century Acadian plantation diet consisted of both field crops (i.e., corn, beans, and squash) and wild species (e.g., hickory nuts). The final paper of the conference was by Ben Maygarden (Earth Search) and it was entitled **La Maison Pour Rien: Rethinking Impermanent Architecture in Colonial Louisiana**. Ben argued that previous studies of vernacular building in Louisiana had not thoroughly considered structures in the context of

European vernacular building traditions.

He noted that eighteenth and nineteenth century Acadian architecture is derived from a medieval French style known as *Maison Pour Rien*. Ben discussed in detail various aspects (e.g., wall and floor construction) of this impermanent architecture. He also noted that this French vernacular architecture was more oriented to communal housing, unlike contemporary English architecture that was more concerned with the individual's status.

Roger Saucier, the new LAS president, closed the conference by thanking all the participants and offering an invitation to next year's LAS annual meeting to be held in Monroe.

FIELD SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Arkansas Archaeological Survey- University of Arkansas Field School

An archaeological field school will be taught at the Parkin site in northeast Arkansas from June 30 through August 8, 1998. The Parkin site is a 17-acre fortified Mississippian and Protohistoric village within Parkin Archeological State Park, with laboratory and curation facilities immediately adjacent to the site. Archaeological and ethnohistoric evidence suggests that Parkin is the town of *Casqui* visited by the Hernando de Soto expedition in June, 1541. Previous excavations have revealed that the site was continuously occupied for as long as 500 years.

The 1998 excavations will be in two

parts of the site. We will be investigating an aboriginal borrow pit in the village, and continuing work in an area where 16th-century structures are located. Students will learn basic excavation techniques, transit use, mapping, record keeping, laboratory methods, and flotation. Method and theory and local prehistory will also be addressed.

Students will earn six semester hours (either undergraduate or graduate) in ANTH 4256: Archeological Field Session. The normal out-of-state tuition surcharge is waived for non-University of Arkansas students. Tuition and fees are \$504.00 (undergraduate) and \$846.00 (graduate). There is an additional \$15.00 application fee (\$25.00 for graduate students) for students not enrolled at the University of Arkansas. Students will also be required to pay \$63.38 to cover on-site housing. A hired cook will be provided, but students will be responsible for food costs.

Deadline for receipt of applications is May 31, 1998. Enrollment is limited to 24 students. For further information and applications, contact: Dr. Jeffrey M. Mitchem, Arkansas Archeological Survey, Parkin Archeological State Park, P. O. Box 241, Parkin, AR 72373-0241. Telephone:(870) 755-2119. E-mail:jeffmitchem@juno.com

**Northeast Louisiana University
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Archaeological Field Excavation
Classes at the Poverty Point State
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Northeast Louisiana University, Department of Geosciences is offering Archaeological Field Excavation classes at the Poverty Point State Commemorative Area in West Carroll parish.

The Poverty Point SCA, located in Northeast Louisiana, West Carroll Parish, is one of the earliest prehistoric sites in the New World to contain extensive earthwork construction. This summer's course will provide extensive instruction and experience in all phases of field excavation and laboratory analysis. Excavations will be focused on several ridge sectors throughout the earthwork complex.

Students may apply for admission to one or both of the three week sessions. The Louisiana Office of State Parks has waived fees for the use of dormitory and lab facilities at the Poverty Point State Commemorative Area for students participating in this summer's course.

For more information and to obtain application forms contact: Robert P. Connolly, Station Archaeologist, Poverty Point SCA, P.O. Box 276, Epps, LA 71237; tel no. 318-926-3314; email: povpoint@bayou.com

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The summer issue will include all regular members who have paid up since the publication of the spring issue, and so on.

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