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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Every president views the office from a different perspective. Since I am an amateur, my approach is from that angle. My goal is to bring more amateurs into the Society so they can learn through the Society's programs and through contact with professional archaeologists.

With that goal in mind, we are attempting to organize two new chapters, one in Jena and one in Winnsboro. If anyone in any area elsewhere in the state would like to organize a chapter, please let me know.

We salute Donald Duncan, program chairman, and the other members of the Northwest Chapter, who hosted the 14th Annual Meeting in Bossier City, January 29 through 31. Keynote speaker Dr. Dan Flores brought alive the Freeman-Custis Expedition along the Red River. Buddy Spiller, Jr., of the Imperial-Calcasieu Chapter, gave a preliminary report on his Louisiana fluted-point survey. His study concentrates on getting individuals to report any fluted points they have found. This is the type of project that encourages amateurs to fill out site forms and send them in to the State Archaeologist's office. All of the speeches were well received, especially those on the history of the Red River region, which generated a tremendous response.

It was a great idea to have the wine and cheese reception at the State Exhibit Museum. It gave us an opportunity to appreciate the artistry and diversity of the native Americans.

We are aware of how much work and worry goes into the preparation of a state meeting. The pay off is the knowledge gained from listening to, and associating with, the various speakers; from the camaraderie of the occasion; and from getting to speak to our revered leader, Dr. Clarence Webb.

Reca Jones
L.A.S. President

FROM THE EDITOR

This issue of the Newsletter is a joint effort of several individuals who were asked to provide material at the request of the editor, and they should be acknowledged accordingly. Sylvia Duay took the minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting when the L.A.S. Secretary, Janet Carrigee was unable to attend the meeting, and David Jeane took copious notes on the annual meeting in order to provide the membership with a recap of the events there. I trust the membership will appreciate the contributions of these individuals as much as I do.

That brings up the topic of Newsletter contributions. Again, the Newsletter needs

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articles, letters, notes, announcements, chapter news, etc. If you send it in, it will most likely make it into the Newsletter. Please, I need input from the membership for the Newsletter to fulfill its purpose.

Lastly, I would like to note that this will be the final Newsletter mailed out to 1987 members who have not renewed for 1988. So, once again, please look at your address label for the year through which you are a paid-up member. If your label says "1987", send your dues in now.

Rich Weinstein
Newsletter Editor

1984 BULLETINS

The 1984 Bulletin, *Louisiana Archaeology*, Volume 11, is now out and should be mailed to all 1984 members shortly. Thus, if you do not receive a Bulletin within the next few weeks, and you were a member in 1984, please contact either the Bulletin Editor, Bob Neuman, or the Treasurer, Linda Church. A copy of your cancelled membership check, or a copy of your membership card will be accepted as proof of membership. For all others, the Bulletin is for sale at the regular price of \$10.00. See the order form at the end of this Newsletter.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Hilton Inn-Bossier
January 29, 1988

Reported by
Sylvia T. Duay
Acting Secretary

The first Executive Committee Meeting of 1988 was held in conjunction with the annual L.A.S. meeting in Bossier City. Present were:

President - Richard A. Weinstein
Vice-President - Recca Jones
Treasurer - Linda Church
Acting Secretary - Sylvia T. Duay
Bulletin Editor - Bob Neuman
Newsletter Editor - Rich Weinstein
Certification Committee Chairperson -

Kass Byrd
Delta Chapter Rep. - Bettie Pendley
Northwest Chapter Rep. - David
Jeane
Central Chapter Rep. - Nancy
Affeltranger
At-Large Reps. - John Guy and
Dan Shipman
Visitors - Bryan Guevin, Charlie
Pearson, and Duke Rivet

The meeting was called to order by Rich Weinstein. Weinstein handed out copies of the revised By-Laws. Linda Church gave out copies of the the membership list.

Sylvia Duay, in the absence of Janet Carrigee, read the minutes of the previous meeting at Fontainebleau State Park. Dan Shipman motioned that the minutes be approved, seconded by Recca Jones. Motion carried.

Bob Neuman, Bulletin Editor, reported that the new printing method will save money. The 1984 Bulletin should be completed in a few weeks. Bob also stated that material is needed for the next Bulletin. Rich Weinstein said he had at least one article to submit.

Rich Weinstein, Newsletter Editor, reported the costs of the three 1987 Newsletters:

Vol. 14, No. 1 - \$183.86
Vol. 14, No. 2 - \$221.60
Vol. 14, No. 3 - \$167.46
Bulk rate mailing permit - \$50.00
Returned Newsletters - \$10.03
Total - \$632.95

Rich stated that he is not receiving news from the local chapters, and noted that it is the responsibility of the various chapter reps. to make sure their chapter news goes to the editor.

Kass Byrd gave the Certification Committee report. Twenty-six people have signed up, with 12 currently inactive and 14 active. Nancy Affeltranger is the first to turn in the completed test. The committee will meet in May and review her exam at that time.

The L.A.S. Field School report was

given by Rich Weinstein. Total expenses amounted to \$190.80.

Linda Church gave the Treasurer's report. There were 247 members for 1987. So far, 138 have renewed for 1988. Linda also has applied to Amoco for a grant, as she has done in the past, but has yet to receive a reply. A copy of the Treasurer's report is included in this Newsletter. Linda noted that the entire amount of funds for which she is responsible is in the National Bank of Commerce in New Orleans.

Old Business:

Linda Church brought up the problems she is having relating past Treasurer's reports with the funds actually under her control. There has been no success in resolving these problems. Rich Weinstein motioned that he and Linda be given authority to pursue the treasury problems as far as necessary. Dan Shipman seconded the motion. Motion carried. In an effort to keep better track of the various L.A.S. accounts, Nancy Affeltranger motioned that a copy of each month's bank statements be sent by the Treasurer to the President for review. Seconded by Dan Shipman. Motion carried.

What to do about the 1988 Field School? Reca Jones stated that the Crooks site is available, and close to Jena where lodging can be obtained. Rich asked that a vote be taken to allow Reca to organize the Field School. Reca said the Northeast Chapter would be willing to help and she will look into housing and obtaining permission from the owner of the site. Kass noted that she is having trouble getting a report from Dave Davis on the the 1986 Field School. The L.A.S. will not be issued another permit for research on state lands until the requirements of the previous permit are met.

Publication sales - Rich noted that almost \$800 of L.A.S. Bulletins were sold at the Caddo Conference and Southeastern Archaeological Conference. Do we want to sell publications at other meetings, as well? Reca Jones volunteered to sell publications at the Mississippi Archaeological Association meeting in March, and David Jeane agreed to sell publications at the Caddo Conference the same month.

New Business:

Kass reported that the state is having an "Archaeology Week" either on September 18-24 or September 25-October 1, 1988. She asked that the L.A.S. work with libraries and museums in support of the week. Personnel from the Division of Archaeology and other professional archaeologists will give lectures across the state. There will also be an audio-visual program available. Host facilities for some of the programs are needed. Would some of the chapters be able to act as hosts? The state will provide a series of press releases. If anyone is interested, they should contact Nancy Hawkins at the Division. Nancy Affeltranger asked if the programs could take place in schools. Kass said that for the first year they would be held only in museums and libraries, but that these could be built on in future years to possibly include schools.

Kass also noted that Marc Dupuy will speak to the Annual Business Meeting on Sunday about the establishment of the Louisiana Archaeological Conservancy. The organization is designed to acquire archaeological sites, much like the national Archaeological Conservancy. It will be a nonprofit, private organization. Marc will file with the IRS for tax-exempt status.

Rich brought up the question of whether it is admissible for local chapters to use the state society's logo on their stationery. There were several objections to this, noting that it did not seem to be a good idea, although the state logo is not a registered trademark. Rich motioned that chapters be allowed to use the state logo on their stationery. Seconded by Linda Church. Motion failed. Thus, under the present set-up, the state society cannot legally object to the use of the logo by local chapters, but such a practice is discouraged.

Nominations for Vice-President for 1988 were called for. Rich nominated Ray Fredlund. Sylvia Duay nominated Charlie Bollich. These individuals will be voted upon at the Business meeting on Saturday.

Rich noted that the ABC-CLIO Library wrote to him requesting two copies of the L.A.S. Bulletin so that articles in the Bulletin could be included in abstracts supplied by the library. David Jeane motioned that the

TREASURER'S REPORT
February 1987 - January 28, 1988

INCOME

Money received from previous Treasurer to open present bank account at First NBC of NO	\$500.00
Membership dues collected by present Treasurer	\$2,563.00
Sale of back Bulletins and Special Publications	
\$371.00 sold at Caddo Conference by R. Weinstein	
\$411.00 sold at SEAC by R. Weinstein	
\$418.00 sold by mail order	\$1,200.00
Fontainebleau State Park II Field School	
Registration	\$540.00
Rebate of money forwarded to Field School Committee to cover expenses	\$49.20
Certification Program	\$10.00
Received from past Treasurer (10/87)	\$391.31
Received from past Treasurer (1/88)	\$320.00
TOTAL TAKEN IN TO DATE	\$5,573.51

EXPENSES

Plaque for past President	\$46.71
Stamps (\$74.80 for correspondence, \$30.00 for Field School)	\$104.80
Sprint Print (Newsletters, Vol.14, Nos. 1, 2, and 3)	\$498.55
Typing of 1984 Bulletin	\$85.00
Rich Weinstein (phone calls)	\$15.07
Linda Church (\$5.01 for postage, \$4.42 for phone calls)	\$9.43
Money forwarded to Field School Committee	\$200.00
Reimbursement to member who overpaid dues	\$5.00
Reimbursement to member who overpaid publication costs	\$10.00
Expenses incurred by CEI	
Postage (2/87 - 11/87)	\$91.56
Photo (9/87)	\$53.50
Travel (10/87)	\$76.50
Telephone (6/87 -11/87)	\$30.97
TOTAL EXPENSES TO DATE	\$1,227.09
BALANCE CHECKING TO DATE	\$4,346.42
TOTAL ASSETS TO DATE	\$4,346.42

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Church
L.A.S. Treasurer

Bulletins be sent. Seconded by Dan Shipman. Motion approved.

Linda Church moved that the meeting be closed. Seconded by Bettie Pendley. So moved. Meeting adjourned.

L.A.S. RECEIVES ANOTHER AMOCO GRANT

L.A.S. Treasurer Linda Church has been successful once again in obtaining a grant from the VIP Fund of the Amoco Corporation. The grant, in the amount of \$750.00, was awarded on January 30, 1988, and should be transferred to the Society's treasury sometime in February or March.

The Amoco Corporation has notified Linda that additional funds also are available for another grant later this year, and has encouraged the Society to apply once more. Thank you, Amoco.

A BIGTIME IN BOSSIER: A REPORT OF THE 14TH ANNUAL L.A.S. MEETING

**By
David Jeane
Northwest Chapter**

The 14th Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Archaeological Society was hosted by the the Northwest Chapter at the Bossier City Hilton on January 29-31, 1988. Registration began Friday afternoon, January 29th. The first scheduled event was the Executive Committee meeting, details of which are reported elsewhere in this issue of the Newsletter. This was followed by the Hospitality Reception attended by 30 to 40 L.A.S. members who generally behaved themselves and went quietly off to their rooms at 11:00 pm or so. Most unusual behavior for L.A.S. receptions, I thought. The only possible reasons seem to be altitude acclimatization (the L.A.S. membership is not used to the higher elevation of northwest Louisiana), or the *absence* of Mrs. and Dr. Webb. I've always secretly believed that they have instigated most of the loud and boisterous behavior at past L.A.S. meetings. I think this year's reception proves my point. Anyway, after a good night's sleep, the meetings began

on time with a welcome from Donald Duncan, Jr., President of the Northwest Chapter.

The first paper was presented by Jon Gibson (USL), who gave us his thoughts on Paleoindian and Epipaleoindian along the western edge of the Lower Mississippi Valley. Jon believes that, based on lithic material types used in artifact construction, the Paleoindian peoples were migrating approximately 600 km, possibly in seasonal migrations. The Epipaleoindians used local lithic material and lived here year round.

Jamie Whelan (LSU) was next, and his paper provided some insight into early historic settlement in north-central Louisiana. His survey data indicate that the Piney Woods weren't being settled until the late 1850s.

During the coffee break, Bill Haag was observed limping around with his leg in a cast. Is this a result of his many years of foot-in-mouth behavior terminating in biting-off more than he could chew?

Papers resumed with a presentation by Ann Early (AAS) on the 1987 Arkansas Archeological Society dig. This annual project is attracting more and more participation by L.A.S. members who are teaching Arkansas people Louisiana archaeology.

The next paper was by Dennis Jones (LSU) who updated the recent work on mound surveys in Louisiana. Presently 13 parishes have been surveyed and 93 sites mapped. I hope we still have some mounds left in northwest Louisiana to map when the team finally reaches us.

The last presentation before lunch was by Buddy Spiller (Imperial Calcasieu Chapter). He is presently conducting a survey of all known fluted projectile points found in Louisiana. The information gathered will be made available to further research into the Paleoindian culture in Louisiana.

The afternoon session began with the keynote address of the meeting, *Exploration and Archeology on the Red River*. This informative talk was given by Dr. Dan Flores, Professor of History at Texas Tech University. As a native of Louisiana and author of two

recent books on the early exploration of the Red River country, Dr. Flores had much to offer in suggesting methods of approaching the history of north Louisiana. By combining historical research with archaeology, we can gain a balanced view of our history. He stated that there are many undiscovered (unknown) historical records left to reward patient researchers, and that "upstreaming" can be used to the benefit of archaeologists.

Dr. Flores was followed by Claude McCrocklin (Northwest Chapter) who illustrated how this can be done. His report on the discovery of the historic Coushatta Indian sites along Red River was accompanied by descriptions and illustrations of the many types of artifacts found.

Charlie Pearson and Don Hunter (CEI) reported next on a privately financed archaeological survey of a large plantation in Lafourche Parish, containing numerous prehistoric, historic aboriginal, and historic 18th and 19th century sites. The afternoon session of contributed papers was concluded by Pete Gregory (NSU) who gave preliminary results of the 1987 survey of the Catahoula Basin. Of interest is the apparent introduction of Fourche Maline-like cultural markers from the northwest into the basin.

After a short break, the L.A.S. Business meeting was called to order by our new President, Recca Jones. Brief chapter reports were given by those chapters who had a representative present. Linda Church, Treasurer, gave an updated financial statement. Bulletin Editor Bob Neuman reported that Bulletin Vol. 11 should be out in two weeks, and that manuscripts were needed for the following issue. Newsletter Editor Rich Weinstein gave his report, and he also needs articles. A resolution was passed expressing the Society's regret to the Hillman family on the loss of Mitchell. The results of the annual election for Vice-president/President-elect were announced, with the position going to Ray Fredlund of the Baton Rouge Chapter. The winner of the Governor's Award was Bill Baker. Nancy Hawkins of the Division of Archaeology announced that plans are being made for a week-long observance of archaeology in the state this year. Speakers are being solicited, and several special events are being planned for the fall. Finally, Donald

Duncan and Bettie Pendley were appointed to draw up guidelines for hosting the annual meeting for chapters to use in the future. The business meeting adjourned with a reminder that the meeting next year will be in Lake Charles, hosted by the Imperial Calcasieu Chapter.

The next scheduled event was a wine-and-cheese reception hosted by the Northwest Chapter at the Louisiana State Exhibit Museum in Shreveport. The affair was in full swing when I arrived, and vast quantities of wine were being consumed by faithful L.A.S. members, along with lesser amounts of cheese. The Webbs' presence was undoubtedly the reason, and much loud talk and laughing were observed. In fact, this reporter was forcibly evicted from his chair by the good doctor, and ordered back to the wine table. Anyway, a most enjoyable time was had by all, and many thanks are due to the Northwest Chapter.

Anticipating another quiet night, I returned to my room at the Hilton only to find that it had been designated (no doubt by Dr. Webb) as the official party room. I will not describe the events of the next few hours, but I will state that, as a result, several major archaeological problems were solved, certain people have no compunctions about eating Mexican food in other peoples' beds, and we *really* must do something about Charlie Bollich and his camera. Oh yes, the 30 or so people were treated to a most informative tour of Puerto Rico by Prentice Thomas and Charlie Bollich.

The Sunday morning session began with a paper on the 1987 L.A.S. Field School at the Cane Slough East site. I'm not sure who gave this paper, Bryan Guevin (Division of Archaeology) or Rich Weinstein (CEI), or maybe Sylvia Duay (CEI), or possibly all three, as I was trying to take notes on a coffee cup. I had lost my notebook, with all of these notes, but it was later returned.

The next paper, by Dayna Lee (NSU), was on one of the most interesting early figures of Louisiana history, Francois Grappe. I hope this paper will encourage more research into the history of this man and his part in our early history.

The last paper was given by Thurston Hahn (CEI) on work done at an early historic homestead in Thibodaux. Marc Dupuy of Marksville then spoke briefly on the formation of the Louisiana Archaeological Conservancy, and asked for the support of the L.A.S.

The meeting was adjourned around 11:00 am, and the announced registration total was 93; a most enjoyable and informative meeting. Many thanks to the various Northwest Chapter members who pulled it all together. Linda Church has also supplied a copy of the costs of the meeting, and these are included below.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our out-going President, Rich Weinstein, who gave me this job (give it back to Dr. Webb!). See you in Lake Charles.

NEITZEL PAPERS DONATED

**By
Jon L. Gibson
University of Southwestern
Louisiana**

A few days before Christmas in 1979, less than a year before his death, Robert Stuart Neitzel wrote to me indicating his reluctant willingness to serve on a panel I was organizing to discuss the Troyville-Baytown issue at the upcoming L.A.S. meeting in Alexandria. Stu also joked about a recent phone conversation he had had with Philip Phillips. Phillips had asked Stu what he was doing to justify himself. Stu replied:

I don't do anything, don't want to do anything, and everything I know is written down somewhere on a piece of paper that I can't find [R. S. Neitzel, letter to Jon L. Gibson, 21 December 1979].

Well, maybe Stu couldn't find what he had written down, but Mrs. Robert Neitzel did, and the family has generously donated Stu's personal papers to the University of Southwestern Louisiana. His papers have now been reunited with his personal library and are available for use by scholars interested in Neitzel's career and in his own special slant on people and things during the growth years

of Lower Mississippi Valley archaeology.

In a ceremony memorializing the occasion, Jon Gibson thanked the Neitzel family with the following tribute to Robert S. Neitzel:

We are gathered here today, November 10, 1987, on the campus of the University of Southwestern Louisiana in Lafayette to commemorate the donation of the archaeological papers of the late Robert Stuart Neitzel. By this ceremony, we at the University would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the family of Robert S. Neitzel--Mrs. Gwen, Sarah, and Stuart--for the honor you pay us in selecting the University to receive these papers. We recognize the personal sacrifice you make in parting with the indelible thoughts, the tangible remembrances, of a loving husband and father, and applaud your decision to put his papers within reach of those who seek to more fully appreciate the rich history of Louisiana archaeology, as well as the interpersonal relationships which bind those special individuals to their professions. Yet we know your decision was inevitable because your husband and father was always a public figure. Robert Stuart Neitzel, or Stu, belonged to all of us who knew him, who drew inspiration from him, and who now cherish those wonderful memories. By your generous gift, future generations can come to know him in a very personal way.

Stu came to Louisiana in 1938 to help James Ford with the massive federal labor relief archaeology program. He stayed, married Mrs. Gwen in 1941, and raised two children, Sarah and Stuart, in the small town of Marksville, within a stone's throw of the three Indian sites he had dug for the WPA.

Stu was a renowned field archaeologist. It was he who solved the intricate stratigraphic relationships which paved the way for the development of the Lower Mississippi

TREASURER'S REPORT TO CONVENTION COMMITTEE: SHREVEPORT/BOSSIER CITY
JANUARY 29-31, 1988

ASSETS:

REGISTRATION:	CASH.....	\$ 310.00
	CHECKS.....	536.00
	TOTAL.....	<u>\$ 846.00</u>

SALE OF LAS PUBLICATIONS:	CASH.....	\$ 102.00
	CHECKS.....	35.00
	TOTAL.....	<u>\$ 137.00</u>

TOTAL ASSETS EARNED AT CONVENTION.....\$ 983.00

DUES TAKEN IN AT CONVENTION:	CASH.....	\$ 218.00
	CHECKS.....	462.00
	TOTAL.....	<u>\$ 680.00</u>

TOTAL DOLLARS RECEIVED: (CASH: \$630.00, CHECKS: \$1033.00).....\$1663.00

EXPENSES:

DR. DAN FLCRES - AIRFARE:	\$104.00	
LOUISIANA BAR & GRILL:	21.50.....	\$125.50
ROOM, RENT 4 MOVIES, PHONE.....		131.35
BOSSIER HILTON - BEER, DIPS & CHIPS:	163.81 (1/29)	
COFFEE & DONUTS:	153.30 (1/30)	
	118.68 (1/31).....	435.79
(NOTE: NO CHARGE FOR MEETING & BOOK ROOMS)		

HOSPITALITY EXPENSES - CHEESE & CRACKERS (1/30).....	81.48
WINE (1/30).....	93.72

DONALD DUNCAN - SECURITY GUARD..... 50.00

KWIK KOPY - PRINTING FOR THE PROGRAM..... 113.84

DAVID JEANE - EXPENSES INCURRED FOR CONVENTION - PHONE:	\$57.39
SHIPPING:	3.34.. 60.73

TOTAL EXPENSES FOR CONVENTION.....	<u>\$1092.41</u>
LESS ASSETS FOR CONVENTION.....	-983.00

RESULTING DEFICIT..... - \$109.41

LINDA CHURCH, TREASURER L.A.S.

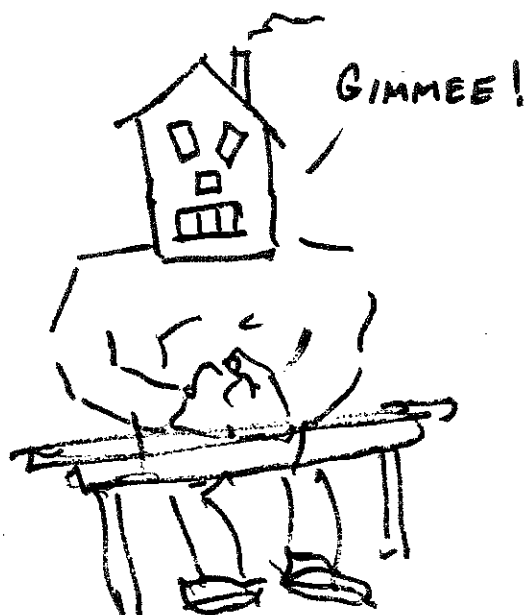
Valley prehistoric sequence. His greatest individual contribution was to the archaeology of the historic Natchez Indians; his two books on the Fatherland site are classics in American historic archaeology.

He was involved, at a grass roots level, in establishing museums, antiquities legislation, and public historic and archaeological administration in three states, and on the national scene as well. He was, in essence, the first state archaeologist in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Georgia, although only the Mississippi position officially carried the title.

But Stu was really more than what he did and what he wrote. Stu personified all that was good about archaeology. He was a legend in his own time. Being admitted to Stu's innercircle was the closest thing Southeastern archaeologists had to coming-of-age rites. Stu's compliments on a conference paper, a publication, or a debate point, were worth more to many of us than a report card full of "A"s. Stu was the standard that many of us used to gauge success. And to Stu success was not measured by how many publications you had or how much money you made. Success was being happy with your work, your life.

Robert Stuart Neitzel brought happiness to many of us. He spread the joyous infection to two generations of Southeastern archaeologists, and the world of American archaeology is much better off having had Stu Neitzel as one of its cornerstones.

We will miss him. But having his personal papers close at hand will keep the spirit of the man alive for future generations. Thanks, Mrs. Gwen, Stuart, Sarah; thanks from all of American archaeology.



Drawing by Robert S. Neitzel, titled "The Aggressive Field Lab," 1979.

POTHUNTER CONVICTED

Reported by
J. M. Adovasio
University of Pittsburgh

On November 18, 1987, Ralph Cortiana of Punkin Center, Arizona, was convicted in U.S. District Court, Phoenix, of a felony violation of the Archaeological Resource Protection Act of 1979 (ARPA), specifically sections 16 U.S.C. 470ee (b), (2), and (d), which concern illicit artifact trafficking. He also was found guilty of a felony violation of 18 U.S.C. 641, possession of stolen federal property. These convictions represent the first time a pothunter has been found guilty of felony ARPA and related violations in a jury trial anywhere in the United States.

Cortiana was charged with the unlawful removal, possession, and sale of a naturally mummified infant girl, with extensive grave goods, from a cave site in the Tonto National Forest (Tin Cave-AR-03-12-06-104). The infant was accompanied by an extraordinary array of offerings, notably including a complete open simple, Z-twined rabbit fur robe; a 2/2 twill-plaited, unfinished polychrome sash; a small, close-coiled two-rod and bundle-bunch foundation, noninterlocking stitch bowl; a wooden spatula or clay scoop; a wrapped bundle of cordage construction

material; partially finished cordage (which was actually placed in the little girl's mouth); knotted fiber; fox and wolf pelts; and a pair of worn, plaited sandals that may have belonged to a parent or relative of the child. All of the foregoing items were encompassed or overlain by a sewn deerskin bag with the fur turned inward.

The bag was radiocarbon dated at the University of Pittsburgh Radiocarbon Lab at A.D. 600 +/- 25 (Pitt-0056), rendering the mummy and its associated grave goods the only directly dated Hohokam remains from this portion of Arizona. J. M. Adovasio, Professor and Chairman, Department of Anthropology, University of Pittsburgh, and R. L. Andrews, Director, Perishables Analysis Facility, University of Pittsburgh, analyzed the grave goods associated with the mummy, and Adovasio provided expert witness testimony at the trial on the age and archaeological importance of the remains. Additional expert witness testimony was provided by J. Donahue, Professor of Anthropology, Geology and Planetary Science, University of Pittsburgh. Donahue and Gray Cooke, Director of the Archaeometry Facility, University of Pittsburgh, performed a series of x-ray diffraction and x-ray fluorescence analyses on soil samples from Tin Cave and on a sample taken from the mummy. This analysis demonstrated conclusively that the samples came from the same source. This is the first time that tests have been used and accepted in a court case of this type.

The Cortiana case was vigorously prosecuted by Linda Akers, Assistant U.S. Attorney, Phoenix, Arizona, and critical elements in the case were assembled by Steve Allaire, former U.S. Forest Service agent, and by D. Boloyan, who worked undercover with the government. Additional critical background data and testimony were provided by Scott Wood, Forest Archaeologist, Tonto National Forest; R. J. Squier, Curator, Museum of Anthropology, University of Kansas; A. E. Johnson, Department of Anthropology, University of Kansas; P. R. Fish and W. H. Birkby, Arizona State Museum; and Helen Conway, formerly of Punkin Center, Arizona.

Of great significance in the Cortiana case was the fact that the presiding judge, the

Honorable Charles L. Hardy, ruled that the defendant did not have to know he was on federal land for the felony violations. Previous cases of this type had often failed because other judges had interpreted ARPA as requiring prior knowledge. Cortiana will be sentenced January 4, 1988, and a series of other ARPA cases are now pending in Phoenix District Court.

It is virtually certain that the successful prosecution of the Cortiana case will send the "appropriate message" to the pothunting community and the illicit antiquities dealers in Arizona and other parts of the Southwest, and should help stem the vandalization of archaeological sites on federal property.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE LOUISIANA HISTORIC ABORIGINAL RESEARCH GROUP

**Reported by
Don Hunter
Coastal Environments, Inc.**

At the recent L.A.S. Annual Meeting in Bossier City, fifteen members of Louisiana's archaeological community met to discuss a topic of common interest, that being the organization of a group whose research interests included problems relating to the state's historic aboriginal populations. It was a general consensus of all who participated that this broad subject was worthy of special attention, and that relatively little had been done in previous years to assimilate historical, ethnohistorical, and archaeological information in order to achieve a better understanding of Louisiana's historic tribes. The need to bring together individuals sharing an expertise of interest in this subject area has long been realized by a number of the individuals who attended this informal meeting.

Numerous topics relating to historic Indian research and interest concerns were "thrown around the room" during this nearly two-hour gathering. The discussions covered a diverse range of subjects, including research funding; improving the quality of materials regarding Louisiana's Indians that are presently being presented in the state's public school system; Indian education; and

involvement within the proposed organization of Indians, avocational and professional archaeologists, and professionals from outside the anthropological community. Of prime issue was the type of organization which could be expected to materialize from this gathering (i.e., whether it should be a professionally structured organization featuring a quality publication, or if it should be of a more relaxed nature, as is the Caddo Conference).

Reactions and comments were as varied as the topics discussed. Present space and time limitations do not permit a "blow by blow" account of this informal gathering. Let it suffice to say that this meeting accomplished its primary objective, to initiate bringing together, on a regular basis, individuals who shared these common interests.

In a nutshell, certain agreements were reached. These being the following:

- 1) That no tightly structured organization would presently be formed.

- 2) That the corpus of interested individuals would organize an annual symposium focusing on very specific topics relating to the area's historic aboriginal populations.

- 3) That these symposia would be held, if possible, at the annual L.A.S. meeting (or at regional and national society meetings conducted within the state), in order to facilitate maximum participation and interest in this broad area of research.

- 4) That these symposia would encourage participation of avocational and professionals from outside the archaeological community, and that certain annual symposium topics may attract more interest and participation at state or regional historical society meetings.

Currently, the first symposium is tentatively being planned for the next Southeastern Archaeological Conference slated for this coming November in New Orleans. The topic selected for the symposium will focus on the aboriginal ceramics of Louisiana's historic Indian populations. Admittedly broad as this subject is, a symposium of this type will bring to light many recent findings and ideas relating to this topic. Don Hunter, Associate Archaeologist at Coastal Environments, Inc., of Baton Rouge, has been selected to organize and chair the planned SEAC symposium. Anyone who wishes to present a paper or

make comments on this organizational effort should contact him, care of Coastal Environments, Inc., 1260 Main Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802.

Hopefully, this confederation will continue to grow through time, sweat, and effort, and a better understanding of Louisiana's historic Indian communities will emerge.

We would like to briefly recognize each person who participated in this meeting, and extend to them our thanks in attempting such an undertaking. They are: Allen Dorian, Senior Archaeologist, Kisatchie National Forest; Sylvia Duay, Laboratory Assistant at Coastal Environments, Inc, who kindly acted as recorder during the session; Dr. Hiram Ford "Pete" Gregory, Northwestern State University; Thurston H. Hahn III, graduate student in historic archaeology at LSU; Don Hunter, Coastal Environments, Inc., and his wife Debbie; David Kelley, Associate Archaeologist, Coastal Environments, Inc.; Dayna and Butch Lee, Department of History and Social Studies, Northwestern State University; Dr. Charles Pearson, Director of Cultural Resources at Coastal Environments, Inc.; Rachel Power, Laboratory Assistant at Coastal Environments, Inc.; Richard Weinstein, Senior Archaeologist at Coastal Environments, Inc., and L.A.S. Newsletter Editor; Jamie Whelan, LSU and Southeastern Louisiana University; David Willis, Laboratory Assistant at Coastal Environments, Inc.; and Xu Jingxuan, Laboratory Assistant at Coastal Environments, Inc.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION WORKSHOP PLANNED AT NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY

**Submitted by
Robert B. DeBlieux
State Historic Preservation Officer**

A unique course in historic preservation technology and plantation culture is being offered at Northwestern State University in Natchitoches this summer. The course is planned for June 6 through June 24, and will offer three hours of undergraduate credit. Southern Studies 401 will be limited to thirty

students, with residence offered on campus.

The course will be a comprehensive study of antebellum plantation life focusing upon Creole plantations of the Cane River country, with on-site laboratory work at Magnolia Plantation. Students will be transported to the plantation by a lab work bus. Magnolia is an historic cotton plantation complex containing seventeen buildings dating from the period 1830-1850.

Preservation technology in masonry, wood, paint and finishes, plaster, metals, and bousillage will be given. Emphasis also will be placed on plantation religion, family life, folklore, economics, and archaeological, historical, sociological, and architectural problems defined and treated in terms of current research on specific Louisiana Creole plantations. Instructors will present the best in their respective fields. Various extracurricular activities are planned.

This unique course is sponsored by Northwestern State University, Natchitoches; the Louisiana Office of Cultural Development, Divisions of Archaeology and Historic Preservation; Arco Oil Company of California; the National Park Service, North Atlantic Historic Preservation Center; the Association of Preservation Technology, Ottawa, Canada; and Museum Contents of Natchitoches, Louisiana.

Tuition, room and board, and all fees are \$450. For further information, contact:

Mr. Don W. Hatley

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CHAPTER NEWS

Northeast Chapter Reported by Claire Davis

The Northeast Chapter held a flint-knapping seminar on January 16 on the campus of Northeast Louisiana University, directed by Wilkie Collins of Washington, Mississippi. The seminar was a great success and we are planning on having another, more-detailed one in the future.

The regular January meeting featured

Claude McCrocklin who discussed his recent investigations at Mounds Plantation in Caddo Parish. Claude brought along samples of some of the artifacts he has surface collected at the site.

The February meeting offered a presentation by Newton Caldwell on a "mind's eye tour of the Fort Miro Project", an undertaking designed to reconstruct the fort, an adjacent frontier farm and village, and an Indian village.

The chapter presently has 13 paid members for 1988, and is soliciting as many new members as possible through the sale of L.A.S. publications and other archaeological related books. Meetings are held on the next-to-last Thursday of every month, at 7:15 pm, on the first floor of the Chemistry Building at NLU in Monroe.

Central Louisiana Chapter Reported by Nancy Affeltranger

The following members have been elected officers for 1988:

President - Nancy Affeltranger

Vice-president - Robert Adams

Secretary and L.A.S. Rep. - Walter
Randall

Librarian - Kathleen Adams

Treasurer - Charles Affeltranger

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Mississippi Archaeological Association

The Mississippi Archaeological Association will hold its annual meeting on March 26, 1988, at the Bobby Chain Building on the campus of the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg. (See the accompanying announcement.) There are numerous motels in the area, with rates ranging from \$18.00 per single to \$45.00 per double. Papers will be presented during the day on Saturday, with an evening banquet featuring a presentation by John Scarry of the Florida Division of Archives, History and Records Management. Papers are still needed, and there is still time to preregister. Ed Jackson, meeting coordinator, has sent a special request for all L.A.S. members to try to

attend. The archaeology of Mississippi is tied closely to that of Louisiana, so it is to the advantage of L.A.S. members to learn as much as possible about the archaeology of neighboring states.

Meeting of State, Provincial, and Local Archaeological Societies

Arrangements have been approved for a session of state, provincial, and local archaeological societies, to be held in conjunction with the annual SAA Meeting in Phoenix, Arizona, at 3:00 pm, Thursday, April 28, 1988. It is expected that participation will be by interested professional, avocational, and amateur archaeologists affiliated with various local archaeological chapters throughout the United States and Canada.

The following three topics have been proposed for the agenda:

- 1) Objectives and programs of state, provincial, and local archaeological societies;
- 2) Advantages and problems in the formation of a continent-wide association of archaeological societies;
- 3) Means of fulfillment of SAA objectives to "foster the formation and welfare of state and local archaeological societies," and to "serve as a bond among those interested in American Archaeology, both professionals and nonprofessionals."

We want to encourage the widest possible participation by state, provincial, and local archaeological societies. We would appreciate knowing of any members of such societies who would like to attend the meeting. Please contact:

Earl H. Lubensky
Treasurer
Missouri Archaeological Society
329 Noyes Hall
P.O. Box 958
Columbia, Missouri 65205
Telephone - (314) 882-3544

Fifteenth Annual L.A.S. Meeting First Call for Papers

The 1989 L.A.S. Meeting will be held on January 20, 21, and 22, 1989, in Lake Charles, Louisiana. Two days of symposia and individual papers are planned. Symposia ideas and associated abstracts should be submitted no later than October 20, 1988.

Abstracts for individual papers should be submitted no later than November 15, 1988. Abstracts should be typed and no longer than 150 words. Please note any specialized equipment needs. Presentations will be limited to 20 minutes, unless included within a specific symposium. All abstracts should be sent to:

Joseph V. Frank III
Program Committee Chairman
2406 Norben Drive
Lake Charles, Louisiana 70601

Prepare yourself, and come pass a good time!



**PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS
MISSISSIPPI ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION
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March 26, 1988

*On the Campus of the
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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Day Sessions: (Beginning at 9 A.M.) Volunteered papers and talks,
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REGISTRATION:

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