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## IT'S ANNUAL MEETING TIME

The fifth annual meeting of the Louisiana Archaeological Society will be held at the Sheraton Chateau Charles Motor Inn in Lake Charles on January 27-28, 1979. The Chateau Charles is located at I-10 West and Highway 90. The Imperial Calcasieu Chapter is our host for the meeting and their tentative plans promise to make this the best meeting ever:

Friday, January 26, 1979

5:00 - 7:00 Registration, Lobby  
7:00 - ? Hospitality Bar, East Napoleon Room, free

Saturday, January 27, 1979

8:00 - 10:00 Registration, Lobby  
8:30 - 10:30 Program  
10:30 - 10:45 Coffee Break  
10:45 - 12:00 Program  
12:00 - 1:15 Luncheon; speaker, Dr. Larry Crain, secretary, Department of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism; Entertainment.  
1:15 - 3:00 Program  
3:00 - 3:15 Coffee Break  
3:15 - 5:30 Business Meeting  
8:00 - 1:00 Dance

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Sunday, January 28, 1979

8:30 - 10:00 Program  
10:00 - 10:15 Coffee Break  
10:15 - 12:00 Program  
12:00 Adjourn

Lou Harris says that 50 rooms have been blocked for LAS members at a flat rate of \$27.75 per room. The host chapter will mail no later than January 5 a packet containing registration forms, maps, etc. Each LAS member will be assessed a \$5.00 registration fee; each nonmember, \$10.00. The luncheon will be \$6.00 per person and promises to be a memorable one, with Dr. Larry Crain as featured speaker and entertainment provided by the Lacotah Indian Dancers. There will be a dance Saturday night with a real live band. Admission will be \$2.00 at the door per person. There will be a cash bar.

Program chairman, Smokye Joe Frank (2406 Norben Dr., Lake Charles, LA 70601) has so far received eight paper titles and asks if others want to give a paper that they quickly furnish him with the paper title and short abstract. Audio-visual aids will be provided but if you have unusual needs, please contact Smokye Joe. The final tentative program will be mailed with the registration packet.

If you wish further information about the meeting, please contact one of the following people:

Lou Harris  
Rt. 4, Box 211D  
Lake Charles, LA 70601

Joe Toups  
920 11th Street  
Lake Charles, LA 70601

If you wish to participate in the program, contact:

Smokye Joe Frank  
2406 Norben Drive  
Lake Charles, LA 70601

Start making your plans to attend the annual meeting. It will be a good one.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, ASPHODEL PLANTATION,  
September 9, 1978, by Thomas M. Ryan, Recording Secretary

President Dan Shipman opened the meeting at 10:10 A.M.

Lynn Sibley moved that the minutes from the last Executive Committee Meeting at Fish Creek be accepted as published in the Newsletter. Seconded by R. Shenkel. Passed.

Treasurer Bill Baker presented a statement of account extending from 1/1/78 to 9/8/78 (as attached) and a financial breakdown of the 1978 workshop. The workshop operated at a deficit of \$349.50. Jack Bonnin moved that we accept the treasurer's report as presented. Seconded by S.M. Gagliano. Passed.

President Shipman opened discussion on the future of the LAS workshop. Bill Baker noted that the East Central Chapter suggested that future activities at Fish Creek be confined to the camp grounds, an increased emphasis on lectures, slides, class presentations and general socializing. Baker suggested that particular emphasis should be placed on ceramic and lithic analysis.

Dan Shipman commented on Delta's desire to have more excavation experience. Dr. Webb observed that the comments that he received from the 1978 participants favored laboratory and camp activities. Webb suggested two programs, one emphasizing instruction and the other field activities. Dr. Webb also suggested that the field activities can be done on a regional basis.

Brian Duhe emphasized that the Delta members desired more field experience and the session on survey was too technical. Laux also emphasized hands-on experience.

Discussion focused on the idea of having concurrent sessions at the 1979 workshop. Dr. Haag offered to coordinate plans for the 1979 workshop and would present his plan at the next Executive Committee Meeting.

Jack Bonnin discussed the plans for the 1979 annual meeting in Lake Charles. The Chateau Charles Hotel will serve as headquarters and the meeting will be held the weekend of January 27-28, 1979. Imperial Calcasieu will have a guest speaker at the banquet but the topic and the speaker have not been chosen. The meeting theme will be Gulf Coast Archaeology in general. Mr. Bonnin noted that Imperial Calcasieu hoped to attract archaeologists from Texas.

Secretary Brian Duhe discussed general membership in the Society. He noted that many Society members were unsure of exactly what they receive for their \$10.00 annual dues. Both Secretary Duhe and President Shipman emphasized that LAS dues are commensurate with other state organizations and that members receive the bulletin, newsletter, annual meeting and the workshop.

Jack Bonnin moved that registration for the 1979 annual meeting be \$5.00 for LAS members and \$10.00 for nonmembers, exclusive of the luncheon. Seconded by Bill Baker. Discussion followed. Motion passed.

President Dan Shipman presented guidelines for future annual meetings. Dr. Haag moved that the guidelines be accepted as presented. Motion seconded by Ms. Gibbens. Discussion. Motion passed.

Editor Jon Gibson was absent but left word that the newsletter was at the USL print shop and would be available shortly. The 1976 Bulletin is out and Treasurer Bill Baker has sent the editor a list of those members who received their bulletin at the workshop.

Newsletter editor Shenkel noted that future newsletters can be mailed through the UNO bulk mailing rate. UNO will in turn bill the LAS for the mailing cost. Dr. Shenkel will edit the newsletter beginning January 1979. Dr. Shenkel discussed the newsletter content and hoped to have a 1-2 page article on a specific topic of general interest as well as chapter news, current research, and personalities.

Secretary Duhe presented the membership figures for 1978 and noted that there is a large annual turnover but the total number remains more or less constant due to the addition of new members.

Secretary Duhe noted that the small auto decals will cost \$200.00/1,000.

Treasurer Bill Baker moved that the decal be distributed free to all regular life and student members and to all new members. Seconded by Lynn Sibley. Passed.

Secretary Duhe prepared forms for nomination recommendations to the Executive Committee. The forms will be mailed to all members. In addition to the forms, the mailing will also contain a list of the 1978 officers and the LAS By-Laws.

Dr. Webb presented an apology on behalf of the Antiquity Commission for the delay in receiving acknowledgment of their interest in the Trudeau case. President Shipman noted that he had received a letter of acknowledgment from the Antiquity Commission dated 16 August 1978. President Shipman suggested that the letter be published in the next newsletter.

Dr. Webb suggested that the next Executive Committee meeting be held at the Office of State Archaeologist in an effort to promote better communications between the Society and the State.

Secretary Duhe moved that the LAS Executive Committee send a letter of acknowledgment to Dr. Jon L. Gibson thanking him for the effort and support that he has given the LAS. Seconded by Secretary Ryan. Passed unanimously.

President Shipman scheduled the next Executive Committee meeting for Saturday, 14 October 1978.

Meeting adjourned.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, STATE ARCHAEOLOGIST OFFICE, BATON ROUGE,  
October 21, 1978, by Thomas M. Ryan, Recording Secretary

President Dan Shipman opened the meeting at 10:05 A.M. Those in attendance include the following: Jack Bonnin, Joe Toups, Lou Harris,

Tommy Johnson, June Skaikewitz, R.W. Neuman, Dan Shipman, W.G. Haag, S.M. Gagliano, T.M. Ryan, Brian Duhe, Bill Baker, Bill Spencer, Debbie Spencer, and Judy Reggio.

Recording Secretary Ryan read the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held 9 September 1978. The minutes were accepted as read.

Jack Bonnin moved that the Recording Secretary furnish copies of the minutes to all Executive Committee members within 2 weeks following each meeting. Seconded by Thomas Ryan. In the ensuing discussion Brian Duhe noted that Jack Bonnin's motion should require a change in the By-Laws covering the duties and responsibilities of the Recording Secretary. Vice President Haag suggested that a committee be formed to review the By-Laws during 1979. At this time Jack Bonnin withdrew his motion. Recording Secretary Ryan assured Mr. Bonnin that he would receive the minutes within two weeks.

Vice President Haag moved that a committee be established in 1979 to review the Society By-Laws. Seconded and passed.

Treasurer Bill Baker presented a statement of account for the period 1/1/78 to 10/20/78, as attached. Unencumbered funds total \$2,263.29. Vice President Haag moved that the treasurer's report be accepted as presented. Seconded by T. Johnson. Passed.

Editor Jon Gibson was absent. R.W. Neuman inquired into the Society's policy concerning article reprint for authors contributing to the Bulletin. Secretary Duhe noted that the policy calls for 10 reprints and 2 copies of the Bulletin for each author. Secretary Duhe suggested that the By-Law Committee examine the reprint policy. S.M. Gagliano noted that printing costs were rising over 10% per year. It was suggested that the editor examine projected printing costs for 1979.

Corresponding Secretary Duhe mailed the third dues reminder on 12 September 1978. Current regular membership is 223. Secretary Duhe distributed LAS auto decals to all present. Secretary Duhe will distribute the decals at the annual meeting to all 1978 members. Treasurer Bill Baker will include a decal in all new 1979 memberships.

Jon Gibson is the guest speaker at the annual meeting of the Mississippi Archaeological Society this weekend and is not able to report on the 1978 workshop. Tommy Johnson prepared a workshop questionnaire on the 1977-78 workshops. Tommy Johnson will distribute the questionnaires to the Lafayette Charter and suggest that it be included in the next newsletter.

Regarding the 1979 workshop location, Vice President Haag suggested the possibility of holding it in Marksville. He noted that lodging and food are available and that Stu Neitzel owns property with archaeological remains. The possibility of holding the workshop at Delta Farms was also mentioned.

Vice President Haag suggested that the LAS establish a committee to explore certification programs in other states. He also mentioned the idea of having long term planned digs in various parts of the state and

having professional excavation accept amateurs for training. Lou Harris commented on the success of the Arkansas Archaeological Society's certification program. Certification programs' legal responsibilities, and other aspects of the field school program were discussed.

Vice President Haag moved that the president appoint a committee to develop a plan for the 1979 field school and for this plan to be presented at the annual meeting. Seconded by Bill Baker and passed. President Shipman appointed Debbie Spencer, Lou Harris, W.C. Haag, Charlie Collins, Judy Reggio, Tommy Johnson, and Joe Toups.

Dates for the 1979 annual meeting are January 26, 27, and 28, 1978. Registration is \$5.00 plus the cost of entertainment and the luncheon. The business meeting is set for Saturday afternoon, 27 January 1978. Registration for nonmembers is \$10.00 plus the cost of the luncheon and entertainment. Brian Duhe suggested that we invite Dr. Larry Crain as a representative from his office to address the annual meeting.

Bill Haag moved that the report of the annual committee meeting be accepted. Seconded by S.M. Gagliano and passed.

Discussion focused on the nominations for 1979. After discussion it was agreed that the nomination committee meet in executive session.

Under old business Brian Duhe reported that Susan Fulgam had inquired concerning chapter status for the Baton Rouge group. Brian reported that the chapter seems to be doing well and is currently conducting excavations near Angola. A chapter charter was prepared pending submission of the proper prerequisites.

Under new business, Debbie Spencer noted that Dr. Alan Toth has resigned as State Archaeologist.

Bill Spencer reported that the Catahoula Parish Police Jury is planning to establish a history museum that will include archaeology. Southern Archaeological Research has been retained to develop the museum theme. Mr. Spencer suggested that the Society write a letter to the head of the Police Jury supporting their interests in the museum. Bill Baker so moved. Seconded by Bill Haag and passed.

After meeting in executive session the nomination committee presented the following slate of officers for 1979: PRESIDENT - Tommy Johnson (Lafayette), Thomas Ryan (New Orleans); RECORDING SECRETARY - Lou Harris (Lake Charles), Debbie Woodiel (Baton Rouge); CORRESPONDING SECRETARY - Brian Duhe (Reserve).

Vice President Haag moved that the meeting adjourn. Seconded by Gagliano and passed.

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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

Period From January 1 - October 20, 1978  
W.S. Baker, Jr., Treasurer

Beginning Balance 1-10-78		\$6317.46
1978 Receipts		
Memberships	\$2736.00	
Publications	221.00	
Work Shop Fees	414.00	
Return of Funds		
State Meet B.R.	106.37	
	<u>\$3477.37</u>	
1978 Expenditures		
Printing Cost	\$ 509.40	
Postage	101.56	
Supplies	53.37	
Annual Meet (B.R.)	500.00	
1978 Work Shop	763.50	
Rtn. of Work Shop Fees	3.00	
	<u>\$1930.83</u>	
Net Earnings 10-20-78		<u>1546.54</u>
Balance in all accounts (Regular, Petty Cash, Savings)		\$7864.00
Balance in Savings		<u>4117.00</u>
Balance cash on demand		\$3747.00
Checks outstanding (USL Print Shop)	\$1167.00	
Bills outstanding		
Printing	232.66	
Postage	84.05	
	<u>\$1483.71</u>	
Unencumbered funds		<u>\$2263.29</u>

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CURRENT RESEARCH

Southwest Louisiana Archaeological Society, by Joe Toups

The Southwest Louisiana Archaeological Society has had a busy year. Field trips have included: The Bordelon Mounds near Morrow, Louisiana, with organized excavations being conducted near Fort Polk, on the Calcasieu River Bluffs, and on the ridges of Cameron Parish. Members have been recording and cataloguing artifacts from many sites along the banks of the Calcasieu River. A new site recently discovered contains not only lithic

material and pottery but early European ceramics and French glass trade beads. A number of the blue glass beads have been recovered.

The group is planning an exciting convention for LAS in late January.

Shellhill Plantation Site (16SJ2), by Brian Duhe

Brian Duhe and family and several other members of the Delta Chapter LAS who reside in the River parishes have been conducting salvage archaeology at the Shellhill Plantation Site 16SJ2. This past summer work at the site included macro and micro-environmental surveys, controlled surface collecting and limited test pit vertical testing at the Shellhill Site. Controlled surface collections have revealed a historic occupation at the site evidenced by historic china, kaolin pipe fragments, bottles, nails, etc. Prehistoric occupation is evidenced by a wide assortment of ceramic sherds, fewer stone arrow points and a wide assortment on bone tools. Ceramics represented include Plaquemine Brushed, Pontchartrain Check Stamped, including several new checked stamped varieties, complicated stamped, several types of Coles Creek Incised, and an assortment of French Fork varieties. Limited test pit operations have revealed a Troyville (Baytown ?) occupation. Faunal remains include fish, deer, turtle, alligator, rodents, and some evidence of cultigens have been found. Coprolites are abundant. Ongoing investigations will continue as long as the weather permits. Since the site is located on private property, we have initiated a signed agreement with the land owner to do archaeological work on the site. We do encourage those interested to visit but only while we are there. The owner has been kind enough to furnish us with a pass key to a gate to the property. Since the area is presently being cultivated with sugarcane we do want to respect the owner's request that we not interfere with his farming operation.

The Springhill Airport Sites, 16WE32 and 16WE33, by Clarence H. Webb

Since the report by David Jeane and myself in the July 1977 Newsletter, excavations have continued at J.C. Montgomery I (16WE32) intermittently, with assistance of area amateurs and of Frank Schambach and Arkansas Kadohadacho chapter members. Further findings have strengthened our initial belief that four culture periods are represented: (1) a Bossier Caddoan occupation, presumably at about A.D. 1250-1300, with heavy midden, numerous post molds, trash pits and charred debris; (2) a Bellevue/Lowland Fourche Maline occupation, presumably at ca. A.D. 0-300, with Gary points and Williams Plain pottery sherds; (3) an Archaic presence, ca. 2000-1500 B.C., with two Evans points, large bifaces, side and end scrapers, and other flake tools; and (4) a late Paleo Indian presence to the extent of a Dalton point and snub-nose end scrapers. The cultural provenience of blades and pitted stones is uncertain. In the Bossier midden, there are numerous fragments of charred nut hulls, with bone, shell and turtle carapace residue which indicate considerable dependence on native foods. No cultigens have been identified as yet. Any Society members who are interested in participating in weekend excavations are invited to contact Jeane or me.

The Coulee Crow Site, by Jon L. Gibson

The USL Center for Archaeological Studies, USL archaeology classes, and the Lafayette Chapter of LAS have reinitiated excavations at the Coulee

Crow site on the Vermilion River in St. Martin Parish. Preliminary testing was done in 1973-74-75, and the present work hopes to complete the one percent random sampling of the site as a guide to more intensive excavations. Under direction of Jon Gibson, six 5-foot squares are being excavated in arbitrary three-inch levels. The site represents a Tchefuncte component, a large village with both organically stained and nonstained midden areas and mound remnants. A puzzling feature of the site is the large proportion of undecorated to decorated ceramics and the limited range of decorated types, i.e., Lake Borgne Incised. The testing program hopes to produce evidence of intrasite variations in activities, evidence of internal chronology (supported by radiocarbon assays), and evidence of food stuffs.

Archaeology on Avery Island, 1978, by Ian W. Brown

The Lower Mississippi Survey of Peabody Museum, Harvard University, has been conducting archaeological investigations in Southwest Louisiana for the past 12 months. The research of the Petite Anse Project is concerned with the five salt domes and the marshes surrounding Vermilion Bay, but thus far has been largely confined to Avery Island (see LAS Newsletter, Vol. 5, No. 1, pp. 11-13).

Sherwood Gagliano conducted a number of investigations on Avery Island in the last decade, but his studies largely revolved around the Paleo-Indian component in Salt Mine Valley (33-I-5) (Gagliano 1967; 1970). Our research was designed to fill in some of the chronological gaps recorded in the occupation sequence of Avery Island. We believed that the lack of certain cultural components on this salt dome, like Poverty Point, Tchefuncte, and Marksville, was more related to limited archaeological investigation than to actual fact. More survey and excavation was necessary in other portions of the island to determine whether or not prehistoric peoples used the resources of this salt dome only during certain culture periods. In addition to working out the cultural chronology of the island, we also wished to examine in more detail the late prehistoric use of Salt Mine Valley. Gagliano interpreted the strong Plaquemine component at this site as being the result of a Medora phase migration to Avery Island for the express purpose of producing salt (Gagliano 1967:92). Such a movement would seem reasonable if similar materials were not found in other portions of the island and in the surrounding marshes. Survey was thus also necessary for determining the validity of the Plaquemine migration hypothesis.

A number of different survey techniques were employed on the island. The extensive pepper fields along the eastern periphery of the salt dome were divided up into sets of fields and terraces, the latter being the principal collection unit. Every third row of each terrace was examined for cultural debris. Sites were established on the basis of relative artifact clustering, but material concentrations were generally absent along the pepper fields. The scarcity of human occupation in this interface between the marsh and the upland areas of the salt dome is rather curious as the slightly raised area would seem to have been attractive for habitation (Brown and Lambert-Brown 1978b).

The upland areas of the island, now in pasture but previously subjected to intensive sugarcane cultivation, were surveyed with the use of plow strips. These strips were dug in areas which were near water sources and had less than a 10% grade in land slope. Artifact concentrations were measured and collected in each strip. When examined over a number of parallel strips, fairly accurate estimations of site size and density could be determined. Collections from 17 upland sites were obtained from this survey, all but 4 of the sites having been unknown prior to our testing. The use of plow strips has thus proven to be a useful technique in areas which were cultivated in the past, but presently have low visibility (Brown and Lambert-Brown 1978a). Three of the most productive upland sites were partially excavated in the summer field season. Settlement and subsistence data were not found, but material evidence of strong late Coles Creek and early Plaquemine components occurred at all three sites. Poverty Point, Tchefuncte, and Marksville cultures were also represented at some of these sites, but only as minor components (Brown and Lambert-Brown 1978d; e).

The heavy occurrence of Plaquemine material in the upland area of the salt dome seems to suggest that salt was not the only island resource used by these peoples. Plaquemine components are also well-represented in the marshes and on some of the other salt domes, so it is not necessary to look to migrations in explaining the strong Plaquemine component in Salt Mine Valley (33-I-5). Current archaeology at this site has, however, revealed a very strong Mississippian component (shell-tempered pottery) which could only have been brought in from a distant area. The absence of such material elsewhere on the island and in the marshes of Vermilion Bay suggests that late prehistoric Mississippian peoples visited Avery Island solely for the production of salt. Archaeological cultures in the southernmost portion of the Yazoo Basin, dating to 16th and 17th centuries, have the closest ceramic similarities to the Mississippian component at Avery Island (Brown and Lambert-Brown 1978d; n.d.).

Archaeological investigations were also conducted at Banana Bayou Mound (33-I-6) on the southeastern edge of Avery Island. This important site was tested by Gagliano in 1962 (Gagliano 1967:16-18). He observed two stages of mound construction and obtained a date of 2,490±260 B.C. for the secondary mantle. If true, Banana Bayou Mound would have been one of the earliest known mound constructions in the Southeast. Our investigations, consisting of four 2-meter square excavation units, largely confirmed the above stratigraphy, but unlike Gagliano, we fortunately obtained some artifacts. The occurrence of a Pontchartrain point, well within the primary mantle, argues more for a late Archaic date, perhaps between 2000 B.C. and 1500 B.C. Seven radiocarbon samples were collected, but they have not as yet been processed (Brown and Lambert-Brown 1978c).

The current archaeological research on Avery Island has thus been quite rewarding. We have resolved a number of the problems confronting us at the beginning of the project but, of course, have also raised a series of new questions. In terms of the general occupation sequence, Gagliano appears to have been correct in interpreting considerable temporal

gaps. Although we can now say that Tchefuncte and Marksville components, for example, do occur on Avery Island, they still were only minor occupations. Coles Creek is well-represented on Avery Island outside of Salt Mine Valley, while Plaquemine culture is found everywhere. We can now put to rest the idea of a Plaquemine migration to Avery Island, but we are presently confronted with explaining the movements of Mississippian peoples over much greater distances in late prehistoric times.

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NOTES AND NEWS

Publication Progress. All 1976 members should have received by now their 1976 bulletin. If you were a 1976 member and have not received your

copy of Louisiana Archaeology, please notify William S. Baker, P.O. Box 637, Jonesville, LA 71343. If you were not a member for 1976 but would like to receive a copy, send \$7.50 to Bill at the above address.

The 1977 bulletin is virtually ready for the printers. It will feature articles on excavations at the famous Troyville site by Donald Hunter and W.S. Baker, the Pierre Clement site by Jim Springer, Bonner Creek lithic reduction strategies by Brian Duhe, Poverty Point trade in South Louisiana by Jon Gibson, among others.

The 1978 bulletin also promises to be a good one. Its contents shall remain a surprise, it deviates from previous bulletins. It hopefully will be ready for the printers within the next month or two.

Other Publications. In the last LAS newsletter, the pending publication of Gibson's report on the French Fork, Boeuf River, Big Creek Survey was announced. Unforeseen circumstances have delayed its printing. However, it will be published in the immediate future. Thanks for all the prepublication orders; they will be held until the report appears.

Available now is another report through the USL Center for Archaeological Studies: "An Archaeological Reconnaissance of the Lower Sabine River Valley, Toledo Bend Dam to Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, Louisiana and Texas." The University of Southwestern Louisiana Center for Archaeological Studies, Report No. 4, by Jon L. Gibson. Address orders to: Attention Dr. Jon L. Gibson, Center for Archaeological Studies, USL Box 40198, University of Southwestern Louisiana, Lafayette, LA 70504. Make checks payable to: Center for Archaeological Studies Publications; cost is \$6.25.

Changes in State Office Staff. Resignations have depleted the staff of the Division of Archaeology and Historic Preservation. Dr. Alan Toth, state archaeologist, has resigned and moved to his native Connecticut. George Castille has joined the Coastal Environments firm. Dottie Gibbens has accepted a job as archaeologist for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District. These changes have seriously impaired the functioning of the state office and we hope that the Division is able to quickly resume normal operations. Good luck to all in their new jobs.

Change in LAS Newsletter Editorship. With the next issue, the Newsletter editorship will be assumed by Dr. Richard Shenkel of the University of New Orleans. All future submissions should be sent to Dr. Shenkel, Department of Geography and Anthropology, University of New Orleans, New Orleans, LA 70122.

Increasing commitments and work loads on the part of the former editor have necessitated this change. Newsletter production requires a large expenditure of time and effort on the part of many people. This change should facilitate the publication process. As a personal note, the former editor would like to thank the LAS for electing him to this position. It has been a very rewarding experience. In his 4½ year tenure as newsletter editor, he has served as a sort of clearinghouse for archaeological information in the state, a post which has enabled him to see first hand the varied activities and, most of all, the enormous commitment on the part of LAS

members to good work and concern for Louisiana's heritage. Eighteen newsletters later, he must now give up his position, confident in the fact that it will be in good hands. Thanks LAS members, for your patience and understanding and for giving me a very satisfying opportunity to help the cause. Good luck, Rick! Gibson will continue as bulletin editor.

Attachments. Appended to this newsletter is a membership application blank, a 1980 meeting bid form, and a questionnaire about the LAS workshop. Pass the membership form to an interested nonmember. If you wish to bid on the 1980 annual meeting (att. HFG, Jr.), please fill out and return. If you have not already completed the workshop form at a local chapter meeting, please do so. It will help decide the nature of future workshops.

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THE HAMPSON STATE MUSEUM

by

Laura Graves Allen  
Parks Superintendent

(Editor's Note: There are several excellent museums and exhibition halls in Louisiana and surrounding areas. All archaeologists should include these in their travel itineraries. With this initial report by Mrs. Allen, we hope to make the museum report a continuing section in the newsletter).

The Hampson State Museum houses an extensive collection of archaeological material, the majority of which comes from Nodena Plantation, near Wilson, Mississippi County, Arkansas. Excavations at Upper Nodena (3MS4) were begun in 1927 by the owner, Dr. James K. Hampson, his wife, and children.

Dr. Hampson began collecting arrowheads as a boy but as a man he turned a hobby into a sincere study of the aboriginal populations that inhabited his plantation. In 1932, Dr. Hampson generously agreed to allow the University of Arkansas and the Alabama Museum of Natural History to excavate portions of the Nodena Site. Through his associations with professional archaeologists, Dr. Hampson vastly improved his excavation and data recording techniques.

Many honors were bestowed upon Dr. Hampson during his life, but perhaps the greatest honor came after his death. In 1957, American Antiquity honored Dr. Hampson with an obituary in its publication. Dr. James K. Hampson has been, to date, one of the few amateur archaeologists to be so honored. After his death, his collections were donated to the State of Arkansas and are presently housed in the Hampson State Museum. The Upper Nodena Site, situated on a relict meander bend of the Mississippi River, was a fifteen acre palisaded village inhabited from circa A.D. 1400 to 1700. The village area contained several small earthen mounds situated around three large pyramidal ceremonial mounds. A plaza area, chunky playing field, and house sites with associated family cemeteries were also present. Upper Nodena was inhabited by a group of farmers that relied on cultivated crops as well as various plants and animals present in the environment.

These farmers made up for absences in their local environment through elaborate trade networks that provided them with Mill Creek chert from Illinois, salt from Missouri, and sea shells from the Gulf of Mexico.

Presently the renovated exhibits and written label information focus on the science of archaeology in general and Dr. Hampson's endeavors in particular. Based on the artifacts recovered from the Nodena Site, exhibits explore the ceremonial symbols depicted on Nodena pottery, personal adornment, and food procurement, as well as descriptions and illustrations of a detailed pathological analysis performed on a portion of the osteological collection.

The Hampson State Museum is located in the Hampson State Park on Highway 61 in Wilson, Arkansas. The Museum is open Monday through Saturday, 9:00 to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Guided tours are available by reservation only. For further information contact: Hampson State Museum, P.O. Box 32, Wilson, Arkansas, 72395 or phone (501) 655-4741. The Hampson State Museum is in the Parks Division of the Department of Parks and Tourism, 149 State Capitol, Little Rock, Arkansas.

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Laura Graves Allen graduated from Texas Tech University where she took her Bachelor of Arts degree in Anthropology (1975) and her Master of Arts degree in Museum Science (1977). Mrs. Allen worked at The Museum of Texas Tech University from 1971 to 1977 as assistant to the Curator of Anthropology and as Assistant Director of Programs in 1978. Mrs. Allen is now Park Superintendent at the Hampson State Museum where she is responsible for all curatorial and directorial duties.

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ATTACHMENTS

LOUISIANA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

- Regular Membership ( ) Annually \$10.00
- Associate Membership ( ) Annually \$ 2.00
- Life Membership ( ) \$100.00
- Sustaining Membership ( ) \$300.00
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LOUISIANA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY WORKSHOP QUESTIONNAIRE  
Prepared by Tommy Johnson

1. Attended 1977 workshop: yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_ 1978 workshop yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_

(a) 1977 workshop rate on scale 0-10 \_\_\_\_\_ (0 lowest with 10 highest)

(b) Comments \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(c) 1978 workshop rate on scale 0-10 \_\_\_\_\_ (0 lowest with 10 highest)

(d) Comments \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. In future workshops, would you like to see:

(a) Same as previous: yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_

(b) More field work: yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_

(c) More lectures and discussions: yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_

3. In future workshops, would you like more work in major archaeological techniques as follows:

(a) Classification

(1) Lithic technology: yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Ceramic technology: yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_

(3) Fauna and flora technology: yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_

(4) Site and settlement patterns: yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Analysis

Analysis of 3(a) 1-4 above to determine age, culture, population, and reconstruction of site patterns: yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Interpretation

Determination of significant cultural developments from 3(a) and (b) above: yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_

4. Other Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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The annual state meeting is a non-profit function of the Louisiana Archaeological Society. The host chapter shall have the primary responsibility for planning and financing the state meeting.

Financing of the annual state meeting shall be by means of meeting registration fees, contributions by interested parties, and assistance from Louisiana Archaeological Society.

Prior to the meeting, the host chapter shall obtain L.A.S. executive committee approval of the registration fees to be charged.

Louisiana Archaeological Society will contribute the difference between the cost of the meeting and the total fees and contributions collected--up to a maximum of \$600.00. If the total registration fees and cash contributions exceeds the total cost of the meeting, the excess funds shall be remitted to the state treasury.

Subsequent to the annual meeting the host chapter will submit to the L.A.S. executive committee, in writing, an accounting for all funds received and expended.



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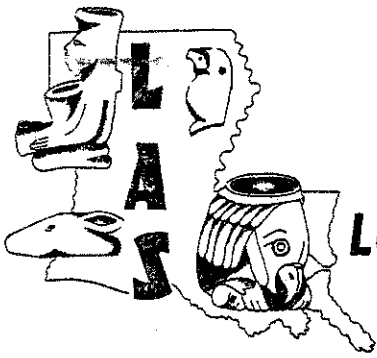
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# Louisiana Archaeological Society

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Dear LAS Member:

The Imperial Calcasieu Chapter of LAS and the Southwest Louisiana Archaeological Society of Lake Charles will host the Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Archaeological Society for 1979. The meeting will be held at the Sheraton Chateau Motor Inn in Lake Charles, Louisiana January 26 - 28, 1979.

Enclosed you will find a pre-registration form for the meeting and registration for the luncheon Saturday, January 27th. You will also find a registration card for the Sheraton. We urge you to stay at the Sheraton if at all possible since we have obtained special rates and blocked 50 rooms and much of our facilities are provided free of charge if we fill the block of rooms. However, if this is not possible, there are a number of other motels in the area. You will find information on these in the enclosed brochure.

We also provide a tentative agenda of events and the program. a map of Sheraton property, etc.

Registration will be set up in the main lobby beginning Friday afternoon from 3:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. Upon registration, a packet with agenda, name tag, and other pertinent information will be given you.

There will be a hospitality bar set up from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. Friday evening in the Napoleon Room so that after registration and check in, we can all get together for a bon ton (good time). In your registration packet there will be two tickets entitling you to two free drinks and snacks at this hospitality bar - if you want more than two drinks, you'll have to pay for them at the bar.

Also, a place will be provided at the registration table to pay your 1979 LAS dues.

We don't plan a speaker as such for the luncheon but do plan to have entertainment by the Lacotah Indian Dancers. This is a group of boys ranging in age from 11-18 who make American Indian Dance and Folklore their hobby and perform all over the country. The boys travel throughout North America to different Indian tribes to learn their dances and authentic dress first hand. I really think you will enjoy their performance.

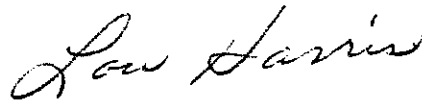
As you will see from the schedule, we don't have any meals planned for you except the luncheon Saturday, so you are on your own for all other meals. The Sheraton has



an excellent restaurant, with anything from Steak Diane to any type seafood you might want on their menu, and there are other fine restaurants in town.

I sincerely think we have an excellent meeting planned for 1979 - and we here in Lake Charles invite and urge each and every one of our fellow LAS members and any newcomers to LAS to do your utmost to be with us to learn what advancement has been made in Louisiana Archaeology over the past year, and what we, as amateur and professional working together, need to do in 1979. Like you, I've always looked forward to these meetings for the opportunity to see old (and some young) friends and to make new ones.

SO YA'LL COME !

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lou Harris". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

LOU HARRIS,  
Imperial Calcasieu Chapter LAS



LOUISIANA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
1979 MEETING

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- Friday Evening: Individual check in and meeting registration.
- Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - Meeting registration.
- 8:30 - 9:00 a.m. - Individual Chapter reports
- 9:00 - 9:20 a.m. - "Archaeological Sites in Calcasieu Parish"  
Joe Toups ( Imperial Calcasieu Chapter)
- 9:20 - 9:40 a.m. - "Geological Setting of Southwestern Louisiana"  
Sherwood M. Gagliano (Coastal Environments, Inc.)
- 9:40 - 10:10 a.m.- "Aboriginal Seasonal Movements in Southwest Louisiana"  
Wallace Stroud (Imperial Calcasieu Chapter)
- 10:10-10:40 a.m.- Coffee Break
- 10:40 -11:10 a.m.- "Salvage Archaeology at the Shellhill Plantation Site  
(16-SJ-2)" Brian J. Duhe (Delta Chapter)
- 11:10 -11:30 a.m.- "An Archaeological Survey of Lower Bayou Das Allemonds  
and Lake Salvador (A Preliminary Report)"  
Forrest A. Travirca III (Delta Chapter)
- 11:30 -11:50 a.m.- Special Guest Presentation  
J. Larry Crain, Ph.D., Secretary, Louisiana Department  
of Culture, Recreation and Tourism
- 11:50 - 1:10 p.m.- Luncheon
- 1:10 - 1:30 p.m.- "Caddos At the Seashore" - Clarence H. Webb, M.D.  
( At Large)
- 1:30 - 1:50 p.m.- "Current Archaeology at Avery Island"  
Ian W. Brown (Lower Mississippi Survey)
- 1:50 - 2:10 p.m.- " The Hornsby Site (16 SH 21) An Intermediate Report"  
Joseph O. Manuel, Jr., Dan Shipman, and Charles Collins  
(Delta Chapter)
- 2:10 - 2:40 p.m.- Coffee Break



2:40 - 3:00 p.m. - "St. Gabriel: A Late Coles Creek-Plaquemine Village in Iberville Parish, (16 IV 128)"  
Debbie Woodiel (Division of Archaeology and Historic Preservation)

3:00 - 3:20 p.m. - "Early Poverty Point in The Tensas Basin"  
W.S. "Bill" Baker (East Central Chapter)

3:20 - 3:40 p.m. - "Excavations at the Gold Mine Plantation Site"  
Reca Jones, Nina Helfert, Butch Duke, and Dwain Kirkham (Northeast Chapter)

4:00 p.m. - Business Meeting

4:30 p.m. - Meeting adjourn

Saturday Evening:

Sunday:

9:00 - 9:20 a.m. - "Settlement Patterns on the Sabine River"  
Jon L. Gibson (Lafayette Chapter)

9:20 - 9:40 a.m. - "Problems with Ceramics in the Sabine Lake Area"  
Charles N. Bollich ( At Large)

9:40 - 10:10 a.m. - "Eagle Hill: A Paleo Site in Sabine Parish, (16 SA 50)"  
Frank Servello (Lafayette Chapter)

10:10 - 10:30 a.m. - "1977 and 1978 Field School Review"  
Tommy Johnson (Lafayette Chapter)

10:30 a.m. - Executive Committee Meeting

