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EDITOR'S NOTE

This represents my first issue of the LAS Newsletter, having succeeded to the position of Editor with the resignation of Richard Shenkel. We all owe Dr. Shenkel a thank you for the excellent job that he has done during his tenure as Editor.

I have no intention of instituting any significant changes in the Newsletter. It will maintain its primary purpose of keeping the membership informed on activities of interest to the Society and will serve as a medium through which society members can present opinions, ideas and research. I have instituted a change in the Newsletter format, reverting to the old 8 1/2 x 11 in size. Several members had requested the change, indicating that the smaller size used last year was difficult to file in three-ring binders.

The production of the Newsletter revolves around considerations of quality, length and cost. The length of the Newsletter is largely related to what I receive for inclusion. I encourage all of you to send items for publication in the newsletter. I will attempt to maintain a reasonable balance between quality and cost recognizing that printing costs are high now and constantly increasing. I do not, however, feel that the visual and aesthetic quality of the Newsletter should be sacrificed totally in favor of a cheaper product.

Brian Duhe has suggested that we seek individual or corporate sponsors to provide contributions to offset the costs of publishing both the Bulletin and the Newsletter. This is an excellent idea which I am currently pursuing relative to the Newsletter. I would appreciate any suggestions from the members.

LAS FIELD SCHOOL AND CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

The Executive and the Certification Committees, meeting in Alexandria in April, discussed the possibility of having the LAS Field School and Certification program during the summer months. However, no arrangements could be made with in-progress archaeological projects and it was decided to schedule both the Field School and the certification program in the fall. Dates and locations of these activities will be published in the summer Newsletter.

Those of you who are interested may wish to take part in the Arkansas Archeological Society Certification and Training Program. You must be an Arkansas Archeological Society member to participate. This year, the program will be held between June 8 and June 25 and the location will be the Martin site, a small Caddo I farmstead near Washington, Arkansas. Dr. Ann Early will be directing the project. If you are interested, contact the Arkansas Archeological Society, P.O. Box 1222, Fayetteville, Arkansas 72702, as soon as possible.

LSU ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD SCHOOL

Dates: June 9-August 4, 1984

The Project: 16 CT 147, COWPEN SLOUGH:
Testing of an Archaic midden and cemetery

Location: Larto Lake, Catahoula Parish,
Louisiana

Costs: Tuition (\$248-residents, \$648-non residents) Board not included. For further information contact: Dr. A. F. Ramenofsky, Dept. of Geography and Anthropology, LSU, Baton Rouge, LA 70803. Phone: (504) 388-6177.

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CEMETERY IN NEW ORLEANS

As many of you have heard, a cemetery was recently discovered in the Vieux Carre in New Orleans when exposed by construction activities. Dr. Richard Shenkel first brought the importance of the discovery to the attention of the public. Subsequent to the discovery, Drs. Charles Orser and Douglas Owsley of the LSU Department of Geography and Anthropology, aided by a number of volunteers (many of them LAS members), were allowed to conduct salvage excavations at the site. They examined 32 graves during the brief period of time they were provided. Construction activities had damaged or destroyed many other graves, as evidenced by the fragments of coffins and human bones scattered around the site.

The graves are apparently associated with the St. Peter Street Cemetery, the first cemetery established in New Orleans. The St. Peter Street Cemetery was established between 1721 and 1725 and was in use until 1788, at which time it was full and considered a danger to the public health. The following year, a new cemetery, St. Louis I, was established as a replacement. Surprisingly, the archaeologists have identified machine-cut coffin nails indicating a post-1820 date. Additional work will be required to reconcile the historical documents and the archaeological record.

The St. Peter Street Cemetery discovery has brought to light several questions concerning the protection of cultural resources, in this case burials, in New Orleans. Currently, the Vieux Carre Commission apparently has no mechanism for considering archaeological remains in their review of construction activities within the French Quarter. Let's hope that this incident will stimulate the development of regulations or procedures which will lead toward the consideration and, where appropriate, the study or preservation of cultural resources. It would seem that the LAS and its membership could contribute positively toward this effort.

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ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXHIBIT AT WORLD'S FAIR

George Castille and Pat Wegeng of Coastal Environments, Inc. have put up an archaeological exhibit in the Federal Fiber Mills Building at the Louisiana World's Fair. Entitled "Archaeology of the New Orleans Riverfront," the display contains historical information and artifacts from two mid-nineteenth-century sites near the World's Fair. These were excavated during the New Mississippi River Bridge archaeological project recently completed by Coastal Environments, Inc. for the Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development. One of the sites is now underneath a World's Fair parking lot.

DUES, NEWS, AND VIEWS

By

Joseph O. Manuel, Jr.

WOW! The tenth annual meeting was a great one. Congratulations Smoky Joe Frank. With David at the helm this year and Joe next year we are expecting some great things to happen with LAS. I am, with this article, taking the opportunity to express some common views on what must be done to insure a degree of success that will surpass our first ten years.

First, our leadership should canvass our membership in order to find out just what we collectively want the LAS to become during the next ten years. And then, armed with that information, they should follow through with an effective, viable program immediately.

DUES—Our annual business meeting closed with a discussion about our dues structure. The officers and board will, at the next executive meeting, decide whether or not we need to increase our dues. If they think we should, we will be allowed to vote on a by-law change. I hope the board will consider our long-range needs and not wait until we are out of funds before acting.

It is my understanding that the cost of the Bulletin, Newsletter, and our meetings are going up considerably. I would rather pay more dues now and maintain the quality of the bulletin than to end up later having to compromise that quality due to a lack of money. I hope we can return our Newsletter to the original size. The new small print, half-sized newsletter will not fit properly into a three-ring binder and some of it is difficult to read. The Lilliputian letter came about as an economy measure. Quality was sacrificed in the name of economy. Let us pay more and get more.

I hope Dr. Gibson's ten-year history of the LAS will become a tradition that we can all look forward to at the end of each decade with the society. The first one was paid for with some very generous contributions and some smaller but much appreciated ones. Why not increase the dues and tag three or four hundred dollars a year to be used on the ten-year history? Even then contributions might be needed, but doing this would almost assure our continuing to have a ten-year history every ten years.

NEWS—In addition to the unusual size of our Newsletter and the small print there are other problems. One of the problems I have heard about is a lack of contributed articles by members and chapters. The obvious solution to this problem is for each of us to realize that we have newsworthy information and an obligation to share that information. Nonprofessional members often use the cop-out that they can't write. If that honestly worries you then simply write what you have to report and get an English teacher or a good student to help you rewrite your material. Then send it in. The second excuse by non-professionals is "I don't have anything worth writing about." Any site or artifact you find as you search the surface should merit at least a short note to the editor. Your finds may be more important than you ever dreamed they could be. The article does not have to be technical to be important or newsworthy, let the editor decide — send it on in. The chapters should always send in information about the monthly meetings plus an update on field activities. But, they don't always do this. Someone from each chapter should make sure this is done.

Professional contributions to the Newsletter ought to be second nature to those of you who are in the business. What keeps you from at least sending short abstracts of cultural resource surveys or other projects and activities? How about two or three articles a year on specific artifacts, techniques or concepts? You folks could keep our Newsletter filled with good stuff, but it does require a little effort.

Many of our members have complained that our letter is often late. One reason is that contributions to the letter are often late. A couple of letters were delayed because the editor was waiting on promised chapter news or some article or another. The point is, get your articles in early so you won't gum up the works. But keep them coming in to the editor.

How about the papers and panels at our state meetings? The content of the papers and panels

is usually excellent. We are blessed with people who have informative and interesting things to say in their presentations and on these panels. However, we do have a problem with time. The program chairman always gives us a certain number of minutes to present a paper. Sometimes some of us go past the allotted time. One of two things is causing that to happen. First, some of us are not practicing our presentations and timing them or we know how long it will take and have failed to ask for enough time to present the paper properly. In either case the fault lies with the person giving the paper. Practicing by the clock is the only way to make sure you stay well within the usual 20 minutes allotted. I would suggest to those of you who have not tried it to time your presentation. If it takes you thirty or forty minutes to do it at home then it will probably take you thirty or forty minutes to do it at the meeting. At this point you should either trim it down by taking out all of the slides that don't matter and remove from your speech any words, phrases, sentences, paragraphs or pages that don't matter. Keep doing this until you are able to give the presentation in sixteen or seventeen minutes. This will give your audience 3 or 4 minutes for a question-and-answer period. If you find that it is impossible to reduce the time to less than 20 minutes then you should call the program chairman and request the needed amount of time. This request should be made weeks before the meeting, if possible. This helps the chairman to schedule the program on a timely basis.

Why don't we have an official timer next year?

Now about those panelists. We need to recognize that some panelists do honestly have more to say about a particular subject than others. Let's take the recent symposium as an example. Although it was handled beautifully, the moderator told me he thought it would have been better to have each panelist spend about three or four minutes on the floor summing up what he knows about the subject in his area of the state. After each had his three minutes, open discussion would be allowed to expand his ideas, as long as he sticks to the subject.

MEMBERSHIP—I heard someone at our last meeting say that everyone who wants to belong to the LAS already belongs so why worry about a membership drive? Well, I believe we need new members because we need new ideas, new talent and more money. There are thousands of people who are interested in archaeology in our state who have never heard of the LAS. There are many who know about us but don't know how to

join. There are dozens who once belonged, but dropped out because we lost interest in them.

We have been promised a brochure that each of us can put to use in schools, libraries, etc. This will reach some of those interested people. But, we need more public relations work going on. Everyone in the LAS should take every opportunity to reach the public with the message that there is a society for those who are interested in archaeology. This means using whatever media is available with whatever story you have. Society meetings, elections and special artifact finds make good local news items. Just be sure you don't give out site location info. Whenever you have a media event or story please make sure that the LAS is mentioned along with the address one can write or persons who can be contacted about the society. I'm sure there are many ways to reach potential members but the most effective way is to have each member tell others. We all enjoy the LAS. Aren't you glad you found out about it. There are others like yourself who would enjoy it, too, if they knew.

Well, that just about wraps up what I have to say at this time. I hope each one of you has an opinion about my opinions. Please write to Brian Duhe, P.O. Drawer G, Reserve, Louisiana 7008 and tell him that you are 100% against everything I had to say in this article or that you are 100% in favor of what I had to say or take it point-by-point. If you have any other ideas about anything else concerned with LAS let him know about it. Our leadership needs to know what is on your mind. Brian will take your suggestions to the next Executive Meeting. Tell them the good and bad, and offer encouragement and praise. Where there are problems offer solutions. But most of all offer yourself, and be prepared to do your part to make ours the finest archaeological society in the country. Please do it now.

MEETINGS

5th Annual Mid-South Archaeological Conference
June 2 and 3, 1984
Pinson Mounds Archaeological Area, Pinson, Tennessee
Theme: The Middle Woodland Period in the Mid-South and the Lower Mississippi Valley

PUBLICATIONS OF INTEREST

The Louisiana Division of Archaeology has initiated a newsletter entitled Louisiana Archaeology. The newsletter is free of charge. Anyone interested in receiving this publication should contact: Division of Archaeology, P.O. Box 44247, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804.

Archaeology of the Central Mississippi Valley - a volume in the NEW WORLD ARCHAEOLOGICAL RECORD series. By Dan F. Morse and Phyllis A. Morse. \$39.50; 363 printed pages. Available from Academic Press, Inc.; 111 Fifth Avenue; New York, New York 10003.

The FLORIDA JOURNAL OF ANTHROPOLOGY announces a recent Special Publication (No. 1): Charles H. Fairbanks (ed.), The Conservation of Archaeological Materials: A Laboratory Manual for Prehistoric and Historic Collections (83 pp., price \$7.00). Available from: UFASA, Department of Anthropology, GPA 1350, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL 32611

Meadowcroft: Collected Papers on the Archaeology of Meadowcroft Rockshelter and the Cross Creek Drainage (270 pp., price \$11.00 plus \$1.50 postage; only 100 copies available). Copies may be obtained by sending a check for the amount made out to the University of Pittsburgh to: R.C. Carlisle/J.M. Adovasio, Meadowcroft Collected Papers, Department of Anthropology, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA 15260

LAS MEMBERSHIP AS OF APRIL 3, 1984

Reported by Debbie Woodiel

<u>Members by Category</u>	<u>1984</u>	<u>1983</u>
Life	20	18
Institutional	15	29
Sustaining	2	2
Regular	201	217
Associates	31	43
Student	4	10
Total	273	319

CHAPTER NEWS

Baton Rouge Reported by Faye Sullivan

At the January 1984 Meeting, new officers were elected for the coming year. They are:

President: Ed Tylenda
Vice President: Tom Arceneaux
Treasurer: Ed Tylenda
Secretary: Faye Sullivan
Program Chairman: Tom Arceneaux

At the February meeting Duke Rivet reported and showed slides on his recent trip to Merida, Mexico.

The Baton Rouge Chapter holds its monthly meetings in the Parish Library on Goodwood Boulevard. Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. on the last Wednesday of each month. Guests are welcome.

Delta Reported by Linda Church and Bettie Pendley

President: Bill Edwards
Vice President: Skip Newfield
Secretary: Linda Church
Treasurer: Clarence Savoie
LAS Representative: Bettie Pendley

Excavation has been completed at the Audubon Park Zoo, with Marjorie Friedman serving as coordinator and Steve Sieracki, supervisor. Finds were meager, consisting mainly of glass believed to have come from the Horticultural Hall, built for the 1884 World's Exposition and destroyed by a hurricane in 1915. Research indicates the buildings of the old Foucher plantation were located in the proximity of the rhinoceros pen, an area which, unfortunately, cannot be excavated.

Work continues at the Pump Canal Site, under the direction of Marco Giardino and Mike Comardelle, and plans are being made to take three radiocarbon samples. Joe Manuel has been working diligently on the report of the Hornsby Site and it is expected that it will be completed in the near future. In spite of the gnats, the survey of sites is proceeding in the St. Bernard Parish. Roger Baudier and his crew have covered over 1200 water miles and have visited and recorded over 100 sites.

In March, Carey Geiger, President of the Gulf Coast Chapter of the Mississippi Archaeological

Association, presented a most interesting illustrated talk on an Archaic site in the Leaf River Flood Plain.

Delta Chapter meets on the last Thursday of the month (except for November and December when it meets on the third Thursday of the month) at 7:30 p.m. in Room #1053 of the Science building at the University of New Orleans.

Southwest, Imperial Calcasieu Reported by Joe Frank

The Southwest Chapter held its first meeting of 1984 on January 26 at McNeese State University. Joe Frank was the guest speaker. He reviewed the topics and programs presented at the 1984 LAS state meeting in Lafayette, Louisiana.

Dr. Jon L. Gibson was the guest speaker at the February meeting. Dr. Gibson presented a slide presentation on the Poverty Point Site. A number of slides were taken by NASA. He also spoke on the summer 1983 projects conducted at Poverty Point by USL and Northeast Louisiana University.

Mr. Wallace Stroud was the guest speaker for the March meeting of the Southwest Louisiana Archaeological Society. Mr. Stroud presented a program on aboriginal ceramics in southwest Louisiana. Also in March, thirteen members of the Society participated in a dig at 16 CU 116. A report on the work will be out in the future.

Northwest Reported by David Jeane

The 1984 Chapter Officers are as follows:

President: Jim Hardy
Vice President: Williard Cooper
Secretary-Treasurer: Craig Kennedy
LAS Representative: Tommy Cheatham

The surveying of Lake Bistineau continues with a total of 35 new sites found and reported. This brings the total sites reported on the lake to 51. We expect at least that many more before the survey is completed. Many of the sites are quite large and a large amount of material is being salvaged. Very few of these new sites have been looted by vandals and as the result important data is being compiled on the prehistoric occupation of the lake basin.

In February, S. Ruby Lang, new director of the Mittie Stephens Foundation, made a presentation on progress to date and future plans in the search

for the illusive steamboat. Ms. Lang received her B.A. in Anthropology from Brooklyn College of the City University of New York. Her past credits include two seasons searching for oldest English shipwreck on American shores, reconstruction of a Confederate ironclad ram in Georgia, and other projects too numerous to mention. She is considered an expert in nautical archaeology.

In March, David Jeane presented a talk on the Martin site, located in southwestern Arkansas. Work at the site is being conducted under the guidance of the Arkansas Archeological Society. The site consists of an upland Caddo I farmstead with underlying Fourch Maline and Dalton components. Features being exposed include a circular structure 15 meters in diameter with interior post lines with a cemetery area just northeast of the house. Artifacts recovered so far indicate that even farmsteads were participating in the elaborate ceremonialism of Caddo I times. The Society will return in 1984 to finish the total excavation of the site.

MINUTES OF THE LAS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING January 20, 1984, in Lafayette Louisiana

The LAS Executive Committee held its Executive Committee meeting during the LAS Annual Convention in Lafayette. Present were:

President: David Jeane
Past President: Bill Baker
Corresponding Secretary: Debbie Woodiel
Recording Secretary: Rosie Walker
Past Treasurer: Emily Vincent
Archivist and Treasurer: Brian Duhe
Past Bulletin Editor: Jon L. Gibson
Bulletin Editor: Robert Neuman
Representative at Large: Clarence Webb
Representative at Large: John Guy
Delta Chapter: Bettie Pendley
North East Chapter: Recca Jones
Lafayette Chapter: Lyn Fontenot
Baton Rouge Chapter: Duke Rivet
Visitors: Dan Shipman, Jim Hardey, Michael Comardelle

The meeting was called to order by outgoing President Bill Baker. The minutes were dispensed with and accepted as printed in the Newsletter. The election results were given by Recording Secretary Rosie Walker. She reported a large

return of ballots and an extremely close race with Joe Frank being elected as the new President-Elect.

The Membership report was given by Debbie Woodiel. The year 1983 had a total of 319 members approximately 3% less than 1982 which had 329 members. As of January 17, 1984, there have been 66 members who have joined or renewed.

The Treasurer's report was given by Emily Vincent. There is a total of \$13,779.39 on the books. Brian Duhe gave an additional figure of \$139.00 that he has received for memberships and sale of caps and T-shirts. Outstanding bills were reported by Jon Gibson for the LAS Convention. The cost of printing the programs was \$2600 and the last two bulletins will be \$4000. Jon expressed gratitude to those who contributed towards the printing of the Special Bulletin. He reported a \$600 debt due to a calculation error. It was agreed to pay the excess cost.

Bill Baker directed Brian Duhe to make a projected budget for the next Executive Meeting. There may be a need to increase dues and this would require an amendment to the constitution. Dr. Webb suggested to Brian to deposit the funds in a limited checking account so that a decent rate of interest can be obtained. Emily Vincent is to be congratulated for doing an excellent job as treasurer. A hearty applause was given. At this time the financial business of the organization was transferred to Brian Duhe as an appointed position.

Discussion on printing of Bulletins was next on the agenda. The new Bulletin Editor will be Robert Neuman. He will begin after Jon Gibson's final two Bulletins are off the press. Bob brought up the fact that if we can retain USL as the printer we can greatly reduce publishing costs. John will be retained as Editor Emeritus so we can keep USL until other suitable arrangements can be made. The 1982 bulletin is a special issue on the Baytown period and is ready to be printed. The 1983 Bulletin, on the Ouachita Valley, will be ready to print as soon as the type is set (hopefully before summer). These last two bulletins are part of a package deal in which the cost of the three bulletins would be only \$6000. Bob's first bulletin will probably cost in the neighborhood of \$2800 to \$3000. Bob reported he has three articles for the 1984 issue. A discussion was held concerning the sending of articles out for review. Bob requested to the committee that we have articles reviewed. Brian moved and David Jeane seconded that he have permission to send articles out. Dr. Webb

commented that Bob should have editorial assistance in this capacity such that if he turns down an article he will not be acting alone. Jon commented that the LAS Bulletin is sought after and is held in high regard in professional circles. A word of appreciation was extended to Jon for the quality of the Bulletins he has edited for the past 10 years.

In search of a replacement for Newsletter Editor several people were contacted. Charles Pearson with Coastal Environments, Inc. volunteered to serve as our new Newsletter Editor. Debbie Woodiel would help with newsgathering. The LAS representatives were urged to send their news. The expenses of printing and mailing the Newsletter will go to the LAS, but with staff help Charles should be able to get the Newsletter out regularly. Jon moved that we accept Charles' offer to be Newsletter Editor. It was seconded by David and approved.

Discussion of bulk mailing was held. There must not be less than 200 identical pieces. The cost would be a one-time purchase of \$40 and an annual fee of \$40. All mail must come from the post office where the application was made. There must be mail sent from that address at least once a year. Each piece of regular mail will cost only 5.2 cents. It was agreed that Baton Rouge would be the location.

OLD BUSINESS: Glen Greene has volunteered to host the 1985 meeting at Monroe.

NEW BUSINESS: The Field School Committee needs to meet to plan activities for the year. Several sites were offered.

Every member is to receive a copy of the special anniversary book. The remainder of the books will be sold at \$5 a copy.

David noted that we need new application brochures. Brian Duhe will attend to that matter.

Dr. Webb asked if we have a special policy of memorializing members. He mentioned Carl Alexander and Melvin Glory as people who needed to be recognized for their contributions to the LAS. It was agreed that John Gibson will help Dr. Webb prepare a resolution for Carl Alexander. Dan Shipman will prepare the resolution for Melvin Glory. They will be read at the Annual Business Meeting and then sent to the respective families.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

**MINUTES OF THE LAS
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
January 21, 1984**

The Louisiana Archaeological Society Annual Business Meeting was opened by incoming President, David Jeane.

Jon Gibson made the announcement that the 10-year special publication was dedicated to Margaret Elam Drew, Delson Chevalier, and Robert S. Neitzel. Dr. Webb was called on to present the resolution for Carl Alexander:

Whereas, Carl C. Alexander, of Epps, Louisiana, departed from this earthly life on January 13, 1984, after a long and distressing illness, and

Whereas, Carl Alexander was a valued member of the Louisiana Archaeological Society, a close friend and co-worker of many of its members, and of many other archaeologists, and

Whereas, he rendered invaluable service to archaeology through his unequalled collections and his studies at the Poverty Point Site, and in its surrounding areas, making his collections and studies available to numerous members of the profession, to the extent that these collections formed the basis of many basic studies of the site and culture, and

Whereas, Carl Alexander was additionally a fine citizen, a stalwart in his religious faith, and a teacher of the youth.

Now therefore, be it resolved by the members of the Louisiana Archaeological Society, assembled in its tenth Annual Convention in Lafayette, Louisiana, January 21, 1984, that we express our profound sorrow at the passing of this member, that we convey to his sister, Mrs. Harry Rusk, and all other members of the family our sympathies and condolences, and that a copy of this resolution be spread on the minutes.

Dan Shipman offered the resolution for Melvin Glory:

Whereas, Melvin Glory, of Metairie, Louisiana, departed this earthly life on October 12, 1983, and

Whereas, Melvin Glory was a charter member of the Louisiana Archaeological Society, and

Whereas, Melvin Glory was responsible for discovering and recovering information from many important archaeological sites in southeastern Louisiana and adjacent areas including the Bonnabel, Garcia, Bayou Jasmine, Linsley and Claiborne sites, and

Whereas, Melvin Glory was active in encouraging public interest in archaeology through contacts with and presentations to youth groups and civic clubs, and

Whereas, Melvin Glory was a valued friend of the members of the society and active in all its affairs, and

Whereas, his contributions are of lasting value.

Now therefore, be it resolved by the members of the Louisiana Archaeological Society, assembled in its tenth Annual Convention, in Lafayette, Louisiana, January 21, 1984, that we express our profound sorrow at the passing of this member, that we convey to his wife, Mrs. Phyllis Glory, and all other members of his family our sympathies and condolences, and that a copy of this resolution be spread on the minutes.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were accepted as printed in the Newsletter. Election results were given at this time. Joe Frank has been elected President-Elect and will take office as President at the 1985 Annual Business Meeting.

Membership report was given by Debbie Woodiel. There was a total of 319 members for the past year. This reflected a 3% decrease. The present members were encouraged to renew.

The Treasurer's report was given by Emily Vincent. There is a net balance of \$1,536.59 with a total of \$13,798.13 including savings certificates.

OLD BUSINESS: The Governor's Award was made by Dr. Kass Byrd. The recipient of the 198 Governor's Award for Service in Archaeology is Paul Hodges.

Mr. Hodges has shown a lifelong dedication to Louisiana archaeology. His love for Indian artifacts is traced to the year 1914, and since then, his interest in archaeology has blossomed. Throughout these 70 years, Hodges' diligence and enthusiasm has been an inspiration to many Louisianians. Since the 1950s, he has participated in archaeological work at numerous sites including Crawford Mound, Poverty Point, Terral Lewis, and Fort Miro. In addition to assisting professional archaeologists, he has worked through the years on his own. He has published his observations and has generously shared his experiences with others through countless lectures and displays.

Paul Hodges' commitment to the ideal of sharing information about archaeology was expressed in 1962 when he called a meeting that resulted in organizing the Northeast Archaeological Society. He served as the first president of that organization, which is the oldest adult archaeological society in the state. Later, he recognized the need for a state-wide archaeological society for both amateur and professional archaeologists. He strongly supported the formation of the LAS and is a charter member.

Because of his lifelong diligence and dedication to Louisiana archaeology, Paul Hodges has been named recipient of the 1984 Governor's Award for Service in Archaeology.

NEW BUSINESS: Monroe will host the 1985 meeting. There was a discussion about dates. It was finally decided that we continue to meet at the end of January.

The proposed by-law change that students be required to pay the difference for the Bulletin was voted for. There was discussion of the need to raise the annual dues. It was decided that the budget be evaluated and reported on the next Executive Committee meeting. Then the Committee should be relied upon to take action after the report is made. The suggestion was made by Marjorie Freeman that we consider a membership drive to make us a more effective organization. Roger Saucier suggested a fund raising drive. Malcom Webb suggested the Executive Committee act in April to get a mail ballot to effect a raise in January if there is such a need. Kass Byrd moved that the Executive

Committee evaluate the budget. If need be, present members will receive a ballot in the mail for a vote to change the by-laws and raise the dues. This motion was seconded and approved. Dr. Webb cautioned that we not jump into a situation to impose financial change without due study. He advised that we have time for such a study. Suggestion was made that if we anticipate a financial hardship we call for fund raising. Many organizations ask for donations, why not the LAS? Joe Manuel remarked that we should have a membership drive and a brochure. Brian Duhe responded that there is one in the making.

Each chapter was urged to get involved in local field schools. There is a need for the report of new sites throughout the state. This is something local chapters can take on as projects. There are plans for the Field School Committee to meet in the spring to plan activities for the year.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with a reminder of the dance to follow later in the evening.

MINUTES OF THE LAS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING April 7, 1984, in Alexandria, Louisiana

Present were:

President: David Jeane
President-elect: Joseph V. Frank
Recording Secretary: Rosie Walker
Archivist and Treasurer: Brian Duhe
Bulletin Editor: Robert Neuman
Newsletter Editor: Charlie Pearson
Certification Committee Chairman: Kass Byrd
Representative at Large: John Guy
Baton Rouge Chapter: Richard A. Weinstein
Delta Chapter: Bettie Pendley
Central Chapter: Walter Randall
East Central Chapter: Bill Baker
Lafayette Chapter: Lyn Fontenot
North East Chapter: Recca Jones
North West Chapter: Tommy Cheatham

The meeting was called to order by David Jeane. The minutes were accepted as printed with one correction. The cost of the three Bulletins in a packaged deal is for \$9000 instead of \$6000.

The membership report was given by Bill Baker in the absence of Debbie who has just experienced motherhood with the birth of a daughter. There is a total of 273 paid members for the year 1984. There are 20 life, 15 institutional, 2 sustaining,

201 regular, 31 associate and 4 student members. Debbie is mailing out invoices to the Institutions who have not yet renewed. At the next executive meeting she will have the latest LAS by-laws typed up with copies available.

Kass Byrd reported that the Division of Archaeology is in the process of printing a Newsletter. She offered the LAS the mailing list of approximately 2500 to 3000 names of persons interested in archaeology. Bettie Pendley asked if the LAS would be mentioned in the Newsletter. It would be a good way to become known to more people. Brian Duhe reported that he has sent every last-year member a renewal form. If the person has not been a member for the last 3 years or is a prospective new member he or she will receive a brief explanation of the organization and an application form.

The treasurer's report was given by Brian. He reported an ending balance of \$3184.03 in checking and \$6516.40 in a moneyfund account with a total of \$9700.43.

He also reported a breakdown of the recent LAS Convention. The income totalled \$3879 with expenses at \$4605.68. This reflected a debt of \$726.68 that was absorbed by the Society. Brian reported that there were hats and shirts available at \$7.00 each. Each LAS representative can consign these items to sell at the local chapter level. David inquired as to the amount of interest realized on the moneyfund. Brian reported that it was around 10% more or less.

The Bulletin report was given in part by Bill Baker for Jon Gibson. He reported that the Baytown issue is in the process of having its covers put on. It should be ready within the next 2 months. The Ouachita issue is being printed and should be out this year. Jon also requested that a list of names of members not in attendance at the convention, but who had bought their Bulletins, be sent to him by the LAS representatives so he can mail out the remainder of the Special Bulletins to the 1983 paid members. The new Bulletin Editor, Bob Neuman, continued the report. He expressed his understanding of why the Bulletins are so sporadic because of the use of the university press to cut down cost of printing. He sadly reported the days of inexpensive Bulletins were rapidly drawing to a close. At the time he took office he was given 3 manuscripts. They were turned over for review. The first was returned to the author because of critical evaluation. The second was sent back to the author because of incorrect format. The third is a short article, but looks good for publication. Since being in office he has received another

short article. Bob requested that Charlie Pearson make note of his address and the fact that he is now receiving articles for the Bulletin. This information should be in the forthcoming Newsletter so that anyone desirous of sending an article for publication will know where to send it. Bob added that articles do not need to be expansive, theoretical treatments. At this time John Guy expressed compliments to the LAS Bulletin as being one of the finest in the USA and sought after by professionals from out of state. Credit was given to Jon for doing a fine job for the past 10 years.

The Newsletter Editor, Charlie Pearson, gave his report. He will use the same schedule of publishing three times a year. The first Newsletter will be out in late April so as to include Field School news. He has plans to include chapter officers and addresses. He reported that several people have complained about last year's format. Many people like to file their Newsletter and an 8 1/2 x 11" size is more suitable. Charlie envisions an eight page Newsletter that will be offset printed. He plans 500 copies to be printed at \$116 per issue at the cost of \$354 per year to the LAS. The bulk mailing permit needs to be transferred to Baton Rouge from Lafayette. He said there have been several requests that the complete membership be printed so people can check to see if they are paid members. He reported that basically the same type of material will be in the Newsletter as in the past. Brian brought up the possibility of selling at least one ad per Newsletter. Walter Randall suggested that the past LAS Bulletins be advertised in the Newsletter. Charlie has permission to adopt the format of the Newsletter to his facilities.

Bill Baker reported on a new publication made available by the Center for the Study of Early Man. The first issue is free and it includes an offer to become a Charter Member of the Center at a cost of \$5.00. Brian said we could not afford the postage of mailing these to the membership; however, Kass suggested to give the LAS Representatives copies to bring to their chapters.

OLD BUSINESS: The question—Should we raise dues? was the first on the list. Brian reported on a projected budget. When he wrote to the chairmen of the various committees he got a sketchy return. He also noted that without the availability of USL for the printing of the Bulletins we will soon be broke. What can be done? Discussion was entertained concerning taking out ads, raising dues, requiring the local members to become state members. The result of the discussion was that the LAS representatives are to go back to

their chapters and talk seriously with members and bring back suggestions to the next LAS Executive Meeting. Bob suggested that we get in touch with other societies and see how they are handling the high cost of maintaining an organization such as ours with a quality publication. He suggested a face-to-face meeting to discuss these problems. Members of the board were urged to shop around for a printer (reasonable) for the bulletins.

FIELD SCHOOL: David recommended that the Certification Committee and the Field School Committee be the same. A motion was made that the Certification Committee serve as the 1984 Field School Committee. The motion was seconded and approved. Kass Byrd reported several options for this year's Field School.

1. Have a fall Field School as we have had in the past at Marksville.
2. Participate in the Arkansas Field School just north of the state line. Information on the field school will be in the Newsletter.
3. Participate in the LSU summer session at Cowpen Slough on Delta Farms. Dr. Ramenofsky will schedule her work week so as to be in full swing on the weekends to accomodate certification members who wish to work on the weekends.
4. A possible excavation at Loggy Bayou with Dr. Gregory from NSU.

Plans are to meet in July to get ready for the fall Field School. The cost of the Field School may be a bit more than in the past so as to relieve the cost burden of the sponsors. Volunteers to assist in planning the physical needs of the Field School were sought. The Central Chapter volunteered to assist as they have in the past. There is a possibility of a week session extending over two weekends with a social activity planned on one of the weekends. The work and lectures should be evenly distributed.

NEW BUSINESS - The resolutions read at the Lafayette meeting will be sent to Carl Alexander's family and Melvin Glory's family.

Discussion was held concerning the buying and selling of artifacts. The Code of Ethics prohibits such a practice because it encourages pothunters to dig so they can profit from the destruction of archaeological sites.

Respectfully submitted by
Rosie A. Walker
Recording Secretary

LAS STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

As of April 3, 1984

Reported by Rosie Walker

REGULAR CHECKING

Beginning Balance	\$ 6536.59
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Expenses to Date

Sheraton Acadiana (coffee)	\$ 271.95
U.S.L. Printing (Program)	2635.00
David Rowe (T-Shirts)	998.73
Jon Gibson (Convention advance)	600.00
Brian Duhe (Convention Op. Expense)	100.00
Debbie Woodiel (Postage)	101.81
P.O. Box Rent	11.00
Brian Duhe (Postage)	158.07
	\$ 4876.56
Balance	\$ 1660.03

Deposits to Date

Donation	75.00
T-Shirt/Hats	329.00
1984 Membership	745.00
LAS Registration	375.00
	\$ 1524.00

Ending Balance	\$ 3184.03
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SAVINGS

Moneyfund	\$ 6516.40
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TOTAL LAS FUNDS	\$ 9700.43
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