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## **FROM THE PRESIDENT**

I would like to thank everyone for coming to a great annual meeting. On behalf of the L. A. S. and especially the Executive Committee, we would like to give a special thanks to Carl Kuttruff, Lisa Coleman, Michelle Hutchins, and Lynn Shreve for a very well put-together meeting. Not only did we have a lot of good papers presented and a great keynote speaker (Sam Brookes), but the food and music have to receive an A+.

We would also like to thank John Polk and his Delta Chapter friends for taking on the big annual meeting chore next year. If your chapter turn is coming up, how about volunteering for the '95 meeting soon? It took me two years to put together everything and accumulate all of the necessary items for a good meeting when the Central Chapter hosted the affair in 1990. The earlier you start, the more help you can get.

I feel we accomplished a lot for the year, all the way from a fun field school to publishing two of the L. A. S. Bulletins. Thus, it is at this time that I would like to thank Bob Neuman, and all of those who helped him, for that accomplishment. Our future looks good,

and, hopefully, the bulletins will be caught up by our next annual meeting.

Finally, I would like to mention that Linda Jackson has suggested that each one of us should go out and find a new member to bring into the L. A. S. family or try to recapture one of our old members who has not been heard from in the past few years.

Nancy Affeltranger  
L. A. S. President

## **THANKS TO THE USL ANTHROPOLOGY AND ARCHAEOLOGY SOCIETY**

Due to a lack of time at the 1993 Annual Business Meeting, it was not possible to formally thank those members of the USL Anthropology and Archaeology Society who did such an expert job in hosting and organizing the 1993 Annual Meeting in Lafayette. Through this brief notice in the newsletter, therefore, the Executive Committee (along, no doubt, with all members of the society) wishes to express its gratitude to the USL society and its members for a "job well done!"

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## **A REMINDER FROM THE EDITOR**

I would like to remind many of you who are reading this newsletter that your 1993 L. A. S. dues have not been paid. This issue of the newsletter is being sent out to all members who paid their 1992 and/or 1993 dues. However, it is the last issue that you will receive if you paid only for 1992. Please check the current address label to find out whether you have renewed for 1993. If your label says "1992," then you need to send your dues in now. If not, you will miss the remaining 1993 newsletters, plus the 1993 bulletin when it comes out in the near future.

Rich Weinstein  
Newsletter Editor

## **PROGRAM OF THE 1993 LOUISIANA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING**

By  
**Carl Kuttruff**  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

The 1993 Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Archaeological Society got off to a fine start on Friday evening, January 15, 1993. After the General Meeting of the Louisiana Archaeological Conservancy and the Executive Committee Meeting of the Louisiana Archaeological Society, those in attendance were treated to a wine and beer and cheese reception that was generously hosted by the Louisiana Archaeological Conservancy.

This was followed by a day and a half of well-attended presentations, despite the fact that Saturday was the first day in most people's memory that they had seen sunshine and a blue sky. The papers given during the sessions were varied, and approached that of a regional meeting, with topics on Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, Mississippi, and Tennessee archaeology represented. The time periods covered by the papers ranged from the Paleo-Indian period through early-twentieth-century historic sites. Students, avocational archaeologists, and professional archaeologists all contributed, reflecting the make-up of the

Louisiana Archaeological Society. To the credit of nearly all of the presenters, the presentations were most often made within the stipulated 20-minute time allotment. This allowed the meeting to generally run on schedule.

The Saturday morning session began with opening remarks and a welcome by Dr. C. Eddie Palmer, Professor and Head of the Sociology and Anthropology Department at the University of Southwestern Louisiana. The session of papers that followed was devoted to Paleo-Indian and Archaic occupations in Louisiana. David Jones of the Monroe Chapter (who cheerfully agreed to lead off the program when asked by the Program Chair) showed the sites that he has been recording and collecting along the shores of Lake D'Arbonne near Farmerville. He illustrated numerous artifacts from those sites which represented occupations during the Early and Middle Archaic periods. Moving to south Louisiana, the next presentation, by Thomas Marckese of USL, gave a summary of the archaeological work that had been done at the Meche-Wilkes site located in St. Landry Parish near Grand Coteau. Descriptive data and illustrations of numerous artifacts documented a well-represented Paleo-Indian occupation at that site.

The next papers were on two Archaic mound groups in Louisiana. The first was by Joe Saunders on the Frenchman's Bend site located just north of Monroe. His presentation described recent test excavations, the artifacts recovered, and the Middle Archaic time range of the radiocarbon dates. That paper was complemented by Bill Haag's talk and slide show about the 1967 salvage excavations at the Monte Santo site in Baton Rouge. At that site, a now-accepted radiocarbon date demonstrates that rectangular and truncated earthen platforms were part of the Middle Archaic culture of the area.

Following the morning coffee break, Alan Dorian commented on upland Louisiana archaeology and provided an introduction to the next three papers dealing with archaeological work in the piney woods of the central Louisiana area. Geoffrey Lehmann followed with the first paper detailing the results of ex-



cavations at site 16 RA 644 that were done during Louisiana Archaeology Week. Excavations revealed a pit feature and numerous artifacts indicating a long sequence. Particularly surprising was the depth of the archaeological deposit, believed to be unusual for the area. Timothy Phillips then presented the description of the artifacts from site 16 RA 644, and the effects of various natural processes on the intrasite distribution of the artifacts. Dennis Jones concluded the morning session with a description of survey and testing in Allen and Rapides parishes. He indicated that six sites were located in a 20-mile-long highway corridor. Most were lithic scatters, but one tested site produced a pit feature and several probable postmolds, with the artifact assemblage suggesting an occupation from Late Archaic through Late Woodland times.

The Saturday afternoon session began with two presentations on the Poverty Point period. In the first paper Glen Green summarized the results of his long-term coring program at the Poverty Point site. He illustrated the reconstructed land surfaces for the northern portion of the site with a series of computer-generated surface images using data from the cores. Additionally, he showed the potential of the coring program for locating structural features, such as the one resulting from his 1991 excavations on Ridge 1 North. The next paper, by Jon Gibson, moved away from the main site to the Orvis Scott site, a small Poverty Point component on Joes Bayou. The 1992 excavations and artifacts were discussed in the context of the main site and other nearby components of the same period.

Moving to coastal Louisiana and well into the ceramic period, Maria Tavaszi presented the results of work by Earth Search, Inc., at three shell mounds making up site 16 SB 39 in St. Bernard Parish. Work at the site, which is located on a subsiding natural levee east of New Orleans, revealed one burial and several ash features. The ceramics that were recovered suggested an initial occupation during the late Marksville or Baytown period. Herschel Franks, Earth Search, Inc., then reported on the analysis of faunal and floral materials from the Pump Canal site,

located on Lake Cataouatche in St. Charles Parish. Dating to the Baytown, Coles Creek and Mississippian periods, the plant remains included squash and maize, but indicated much more reliance on naturally occurring seeds and fruits. The faunal remains showed that fish were the most important dietary component, muskrat remains were more common than deer, and there was a reduced reliance on fish with a corresponding increase in muskrat consumption through time.

The afternoon break was immediately followed by two presentations on Caddoan archaeology in Bossier Parish. Jeffrey Girard discussed his work on determining the distributions of Caddoan occupations along Willow Chute Bayou, and the effort to better delineate the sequence of occupations that are represented. This paper was followed by one given by David Kelley, Coastal Environments, Inc., on the excavation of two Caddo farmsteads located in the Red River floodplain. The McLelland site contained two circular structures, seven burials and numerous features that yielded large numbers of artifacts, animal bones and charred plant remains. The excavations at the Joe Clark site revealed one circular structure, one burial, and several small pits. Ceramic dates suggest that the sites are transitional between the Belcher phase and the historic Lawton phase, with radiocarbon dates from the McLelland site placing that occupation in the middle to late seventeenth century.

Marvin Jeter then made a delightful and informative presentation on the Arkansas Archeological Society's "summer dig" program. He illustrated several of the summer field programs that have been done in the past 29 years in different parts of Arkansas. Instructive to the L. A. S. members in attendance was Marvin's description of the organization of these summer field programs and some of the behind-the-scenes logistics and planning necessary for successful programs. He also made suggestions with regard to the establishment of a similar program involving professional and L. A. S. members in Louisiana. Dennis Jones concluded the afternoon session with a slide/paper program that he had developed to inform the public about the Louisiana Archaeological Conservancy. It



included a brief summary of the history and organization of the LAC and its purpose of preserving Louisiana's threatened archaeological sites. He outlined the several ways in which the LAC functioned to preserve and protect sites, the various activities of the LAC, and the research programs that have been funded by, and through, the Conservancy.

Following the conclusion of the Saturday afternoon session, the Louisiana Archaeological Society Annual Business Meeting convened. This was followed shortly after its adjournment by a cash-bar social prior to the L. A. S. Banquet. Featuring a Cajun buffet, it was perhaps the best banquet food ever eaten by this writer, a thought also shared by a number of persons.

The keynote speaker for the evening was Sam Brookes of the Forest Service. He gave a delightful and profusely illustrated presentation on his reevaluation of the Archaic chipped-stone and beadwork assemblage from Mississippi. Most instructive was the distinction that is apparent between the Archaic lapidary industry and that of the Poverty Point culture. Most fascinating, though, were his slides of the large Archaic blades, and the hundreds of jasper and other stone beads that he has recorded. Following the keynote presentation there was a dance featuring "The Jolly Boys" with traditional Cajun music.

Beginning the Sunday morning session, Thomas Marckese presented a summary of his research on the layout of the Anna site near Natchez, Mississippi, and illustrated several possibilities of solstitial alignments. Intra-site alignments of the mounds may have been oriented to the extreme northernmost and southernmost risings of the sun and moon. Moving to yet another bordering state, Richard Weinstein gave a presentation of recent work by Coastal Environments, Inc., in the central Texas coastal area. He summarized a program of intensive survey, mapping and testing of seven sites along the lower Lavaca River. Controlled excavations at two of the sites consisting of earth and shell middens produced evidence of occupations ranging from the Early Archaic through those of the historic contact period in the early eighteenth century.

The next two papers were on historical archaeological work by Earth Search, Inc., on sites in Louisiana. Tara Bond presented the first, illustrating the excavations at the Cabildo in New Orleans and the artifacts that reflect the African heritage of African-Americans. Comparisons were made with other assemblages of the same nature from plantation sites in the surrounding areas, as well as from African-American sites in other parts of the United States. Jill-Karen Yakubik then made a fascinating presentation on excavations at several nineteenth- and early-twentieth-century sugar houses associated with plantations. Particularly impressive were the large-scale excavations that were done to document one of those at Ashland/Belle Helene Plantation, and subsequent interpretations using photographic evidence in conjunction with the archaeological data.

The program chairman made the last presentation of the meeting. This was done for two reasons. Another paper was needed to fill out part of the morning, and to avoid any complaints from the person having to give the last paper on Sunday morning. The talk illustrated the salvage work that was carried out at Fort Loudoun, Tennessee, which resulted in the near total excavation of a mid-eighteenth-century British frontier fortification.

In addition to the presentations that were made during the various sessions, John Polk of the Delta Chapter showed a video program in the book-sale room. The program illustrated the excavations at Orange Grove Plantation, and the public outreach program that was done there to explain the purposes of the excavations and the archaeological methodology.

### **Program Chairman Comments**

Having served as co-chairman for last year's annual meeting, and having organized the program for this year's meeting, has been an interesting and rewarding experience. The success of the program, however, must be attributed to those who contributed their presentations. I would like to thank all of the participants for their efforts. The early response by many to the call for papers was gratifying and made organizing the program much easier. I



would particularly like to thank those individuals that willingly agreed to make presentations when asked, namely Bill Haag, Marvin Jeter, David Kelley, and, especially, Sam Brookes.

For next year, I would like to encourage the continued early and enthusiastic response to the call for papers. I would also like to urge that more members consider presenting their research and activities at the 1994 meeting. Finally, there is one suggestion to be made. Someone should consider organizing a symposium for the next meeting consisting of five or six papers plus introductory remarks dealing with one cultural period in Louisiana, or organized around a single theme. The papers should be written (for publication), and circulated among the symposium participants prior to the meeting. The collection of papers, with an added introduction, could then be published as an L. A. S. Bulletin.

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

**Hotel Acadiana  
Lafayette, Louisiana  
January 15, 1993**

**Reported by  
Donita Burton  
L. A. S. Secretary**

The first 1993 L. A. S. Executive Committee Meeting was held at the Hotel Acadiana in Lafayette, Louisiana. Members present were:

Nancy Affeltranger — L. A. S. President, Central Chapter  
Linda Jackson — L. A. S. Vice-President, Delta Chapter  
David Jeane — L. A. S. Treasurer, Northwest Chapter  
Donita Burton — L. A. S. Secretary, Imperial Calcasieu Chapter  
Rich Weinstein — L. A. S. Newsletter Editor, Baton Rouge Chapter  
Bob Neuman — L. A. S. Bulletin Editor  
Dennis Jones — Baton Rouge Chapter Representative

David Jones — Northeast Chapter President  
Dan Shipman — At-Large Representative  
Newt Jackson — Delta Chapter  
Marjorie Friedman — Delta Chapter  
Marie Standifer — Baton Rouge Chapter  
Ward E. Zischke — Central Chapter

Nancy Affeltranger called the meeting to order.

Donita Burton read the minutes of the previous Executive Committee Meeting. Linda Jackson made the motion to accept the minutes as read. David Jones seconded. Motion carried.

#### **Reports**

Rich Weinstein presented the L. A. S. Newsletter report for Volume 19 for 1992:

##### **Vol. 19, No. 1**

320 printed @ \$314.24  
222 mailed @ \$24.13  
1 returned @ \$0.29  
**Total \$338.66**

##### **Vol. 19, No. 2**

300 printed @ \$259.20  
316 mailed @ \$34.35  
(includes 53 of No. 1)  
1 returned @ \$0.35  
**Total \$293.90**

##### **Vol. 19, No. 3**

300 printed @ \$232.63  
279 mailed @ \$30.31  
(includes 6 each of Nos. 1 and 2)  
**Total \$262.94**

**Bulk Mailing Fee \$75.00**

**Total Cost \$970.50**

Rich also provided costs for the dues reminder that was mailed out in June 1992, and the field school flyer that was sent out in September 1992:

##### **Dues Reminder**

240 printed @ \$57.76

237 mailed @ \$25.90  
 11 returned @ \$3.19  
**Total \$86.85**

**Field School Flyer**

275 printed @ \$107.95  
 267 mailed @ \$28.97  
 5 returned @ \$1.51  
**Total \$138.43**

Rich reported that the next newsletter is in progress and should be out by the first of February. The Brian Duhe synopsis has been co-authored by Rich Weinstein, Linda Jackson, and Dennis Jones and will be published in the forthcoming issue of the newsletter.

In the absence of David Jeane, who did not arrive until later in the meeting, Donita Burton presented the membership report (included below).

Rich Weinstein made the motion that we table the Treasurer's report until David Jeane could present it during the Annual Business Meeting on the following day. Donita Burton seconded. Motion carried.

Bob Neuman then presented the L. A. S. Bulletin report. The 1988 bulletin, entitled "Archaeological Investigations at the L.S.U. Campus Mounds," with articles by Bob Neuman and Jeffery Homburg, was published and mailed out to respective members. Special Publication No. 3, edited by Jon Gibson and offered as a tribute to Dr. Clarence Webb, is ready for publication. Several other reports, including Debbie Woodiel's investigations at the St. Gabriel Mound, are in various stages of publication readiness.

A brief discussion was held on ways to effectively generate the solicitation of articles and the publication of upcoming bulletins,

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LOUISIANA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

1992 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

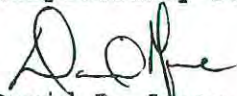
JANUARY 13, 1993

REGULAR MEMBERS.....	175
ASSOCIATE MEMBERS.....	21
STUDENT MEMBERS.....	10
INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERS.....	20
SUSTAINING MEMBERS.....	2
LIFE MEMBERS.....	63

TOTAL 1992 MEMBERS	<u>291</u>
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Total membership for 1988 was 251  
 Total membership for 1989 was 328  
 Total membership for 1990 was 315  
 Total membership for 1991 was 313

Respectfully submitted,



David R. Jeane, Treasurer  
 January 16, 1993

along with ways to increase the distribution of back issues of the bulletin. One concern of the Executive Committee was the possible drop in membership due to the fact that the L. A. S. is behind in the publication of its bulletins.

Rich Weinstein suggested that we initiate a method utilized by other states in bringing their bulletin publications up to date and, at the same time, to effectively keep membership stable. Bulletins would be published in alternating order, between those of the current year and those of former years that still are lacking bulletins.

Rich made the motion that the next L. A. S. Bulletin published should be for 1992 and should include relatively recent reports. The next bulletin would then be for 1989 (the earliest year for which a bulletin still is lacking), and it should include older studies or theses from several years ago. The next bulletin would be for 1993, and the following one for 1990, and so on. Linda Jackson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

We are striving to publish three L. A. S. Bulletins during 1993. These would be for the years 1992, 1989, and 1993.

Nancy expressed her thanks for all of the help she received with the L. A. S. Field School. There were 28 members who attended, along with five staff members. If enough interest is generated, we will hold another field school in the fall of 1993.

### **New Business**

John Polk, Delta Chapter President, submitted a request to host the 1994 Annual Meeting in New Orleans. Dan Shipman made the motion that we accept the request submitted by Delta Chapter to host the meeting. David Jones seconded. Motion carried.

A possible problem in the L. A. S. By-Laws regarding the Code of Ethics (Article VII, Section 2) was brought to the Committee's attention by Nancy Affeltranger. The problem arises from some members' interpretation of a portion of the section. That portion in question is italicized in the following copy of Section 2:

## **ARTICLE VII - Code of Ethics**

### **Section 2**

Nonadherence to the views expressed in Section 1 may constitute grounds for dismissal from the Society. Nonadherence to the above principals shall be judged by the following types of activities: *the buying and selling of artifacts for commercial purposes*; the disregard of proper archaeological field techniques; and the willful destruction or distortion of archaeological data. Such offenses are censured and may cause the expulsion of any member, proven guilty of such charges, on a two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee. Complaints or charges of breach of ethics shall be fully considered by the Executive Committee. Reprimand, probation, or expulsion may be considered.

After discussing the issue of what constitutes "commercial purposes," it was decided to present the problem to the general membership of the society the following day at the Annual Business Meeting. At that time, suggestions for amending the wording will be entertained.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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

**Hotel Acadiana  
Lafayette, Louisiana  
January 16, 1993**

**Reported by  
Donita Burton  
L. A. S. Secretary**

The 1993 L. A. S. Annual Business Meeting was held at the Hotel Acadiana in



Lafayette, Louisiana, in conjunction with the 1993 Annual Meeting.

President Nancy Affeltranger called the meeting to order.

Jim Fogleman made the motion that we exclude the reading of the minutes from last year's Annual Business Meeting, as they were published in the L. A. S. Newsletter. Rich Weinstein seconded. Motion carried.

## Reports

Bob Neuman presented the format for publishing future L. A. S. Bulletins, as discussed in the Executive Committee minutes. He noted that an explanation of printing issues out of sequence would be inserted in the L. A. S. Newsletter.

The future L. A. S. Bulletins will be published in the order listed below with their probable topics. It should be noted that this is a slight change from the order suggested at the Executive Committee Meeting, but one that would allow the society to satisfy active members more quickly:

- 1992. Jon Gibson's volume in honor of Dr. Clarence Webb, which originally was to be published as Special Publication No. 3, pending approval by the Executive Committee and Jon Gibson.
- 1993. Debbie Woodiel's thesis on the St. Gabriel site and Joe Saunders' study of a Coles Creek mound group.
- 1989. Kass Byrd's thesis on the faunal remains from the Morton Shell Mound on Weeks Island.
- 1990. The volume edited by Wiley Parsons which includes several recent articles.

- 1991. Andrew Albrecht's ethnographic study of Louisiana Indians written for the WPA in the 1930s.

Rich Weinstein made the motion to accept the bulletin report. Donita Burton seconded. Motion carried.

David Jeane presented the Treasury and Membership reports (included in this newsletter). Jim Fogleman made the motion to approve the reports. David Jones seconded. Motion carried.

Nancy Affeltranger asked for three volunteers to review and approve the financial reports each time they are published. Volunteers were: Bill Haag, Maureen Downey, and Newt Jackson.

With the membership report fresh in everyone's minds, a discussion on the ways to increase membership was prompted. One suggestion, introduced by Rich Weinstein, was the possibility of sending out a questionnaire inquiring why members have not renewed their membership in the society after receiving a second dues notice.

Linda Jackson suggested personal contact with former members of the society, inviting them to return as active members.

Nancy Affeltranger suggested that a flyer with a list of L. A. S. Bulletin publications could be sent to all Louisiana high schools. Ann Early, of the Arkansas Archeological Survey, interjected that the Arkansas Society had published a booklet geared to high school students, and the response was not as positive as expected.

It was noted that our regular membership numbers stay relatively stable year to year, although different people may be involved. One area of concentration could be directed at increasing our institutional memberships. Rich Weinstein agreed to contact state societies in the area to discuss some of the techniques that they employ to recruit institutional members.



LOUISIANA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
1992 FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
JANUARY 16, 1993

Period covered by this report - 1/14/92 thru 1/13/93

ACCOUNT REPORTS JANUARY 14, 1992

Louisiana Archaeological Society Savings "A"...	5,239.15
Louisiana Archaeological Society Savings "B"...	3,459.60
Checking Account Balance.....	3,451.74
Petty Cash.....	88.53

TOTAL ASSETS	12,239.02
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TRANSACTIONS

INCOME

Membership Fees and Publication Sales.....	4829.70
Checking Account Interest.....	124.96
Caddo Conference Book Sales.....	332.00
Field School.....	576.57
1992 Annual Meeting.....	191.36
Brian Duhe Payments.....	850.00
Savings Account Interest.....	451.75

<u>TOTAL 1992 INCOME</u>	7,356.34
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EXPENSES

Treasurer Expenses(printing,phone,postage).....	412.75
Secretary Expenses.....	40.76
President Expenses.....	5.35
Sprint Printing (Newsletters, dues reminder)...	971.78
Newsletter Editor Expenses (Coastal Environ)...	344.57
ISF Check.....	29.00
Society of American Archaeology.....	25.00
USL Print Shop (Bulletin # 14 and # 15).....	4,000.00
Field School.....	484.36
Caddo Conference Book Sales Change.....	200.00

<u>TOTAL 1992 EXPENSES</u>	6,513.57
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1992 INCOME.....	7,356.34
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1992 EXPENSES.....	6,513.57
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BALANCE IN CHECKING ACCOUNT 1/13/93.....	3,820.76
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TOTAL ASSETS LOUISIANA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

LAS SAVINGS "A".....	5,482.76
LAS SAVINGS "B".....	3,667.74
CHECKING ACCOUNT.....	3,820.76
PETTY CASH ON HAND.....	22.00

<u>TOTAL</u>	12,993.26
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Account Information  
SAVINGS

1) LAS "A" - Certificate of Deposit #5017268  
Louisiana Archaeological Society - Citizens Bank and  
Trust Company, Springhill, La. 71075 - 12 Month  
Certificate matures 4/08/93. (4.00% interest)

2) LAS "B" - Certificate of Deposit #5016697  
Louisiana Archaeological Society - Citizens Bank and  
Trust Company, Springhill, La. 71075 - 12 Month  
Certificate matures 7/10/93. (3.50% interest)

CHECKING

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

Respectfully submitted,



David R. Jeane  
Treasurer  
Louisiana Archaeological Society  
January 16, 1993

Rich Weinstein then presented the newsletter report as given in the Executive Committee minutes. Rich stated that a concise summary of the Brian Duhe case would appear in the next newsletter. He reminded all chapters to send in their chapter news. Dr. Haag made a motion to accept the newsletter report. David Jones seconded. Motion carried.

Nancy Affeltranger requested that all chapter representatives present should please give her a list of their chapter officers at the end of the meeting.

**New Business**

Nancy Affeltranger introduced John Polk, Delta Chapter President, and announced that Delta's request to host the 1994 Annual Meeting in New Orleans was approved by the Executive Committee.

Nancy then introduced the concern she had for the interpretation of Section 2 of Article VII of the By-Laws, as noted in the Executive Committee Minutes. She noted that the Executive Committee has the understanding that

artifacts should not be sold or bought under any circumstances, and not just for "commercial purposes." The Committee's suggestion is to delete the words "for commercial purposes" from the By-Laws.

Skip Newfield made a motion that we table the issue and present the topic in question to society members in the L. A. S. Newsletter. Charlie Bollich seconded. Motion carried.

Different avenues with which to approach and investigate the code of ethics issue then were discussed. Rich Weinstein made the motion that a committee be formed to research and collect information on the code of ethics incorporated into the by-laws of other societies from surrounding states, i.e., Arkansas, Texas, Mississippi. These findings, along with our concern on the issue, then would be printed in the newsletter. In this manner, the total membership would be informed of the findings and notified that this will be an issue to be voted upon at the 1994 Annual Meeting. Mimi Weinstein seconded. Motion carried.



The By-Laws Committee then was selected and includes the following members: Skip Newfield (Chairman), Marjorie Friedman, and Linda Jackson.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Following the conclusion of the Business Meeting, the Executive Committee went into a special session to approve the printing of Jon Gibson's volume honoring Dr. Webb as the 1992 L. A. S. Bulletin. The printing was approved, and Jon Gibson eventually gave his approval to the change, as well. The Committee also passed a resolution to print a note of thanks in the L. A. S. Newsletter to all involved in hosting the 1993 L. A. S. Annual Meeting.

## **SYNOPSIS OF THE BRIAN DUHE CASE**

**By  
Richard A. Weinstein  
Dennis Jones  
and  
Linda Jackson**

### **Introduction**

At the Executive Committee Meeting held on September 12, 1992, in Pineville, Louisiana (see Newsletter Vol. 19, No. 3), a motion was passed which requested that a summary of the various investigations, court proceedings, and final outcome of the Brian Duhe case be compiled and published in the L. A. S. Newsletter. Many current members of the society did not join the organization until after Brian Duhe was Treasurer, having only heard rumors of the investigations conducted against Mr. Duhe, or read brief excerpts of such investigations in the Executive Committee minutes over the last several years. It was hoped that a final summary article would "set the record straight," and lay to rest whatever unknowns there may still be in the minds of the society's members. This article is a result of that endeavor.

The article has been compiled by three of the principal participants in the case, two of whom, Weinstein and Jackson, have been involved from the very beginning. They certainly were not the only people to take part, however, as numerous individuals, both L. A. S. members and nonmembers, devoted a great deal of their time and effort to resolving the situation. There is no need to list these individuals here, as their contributions will be made clear below.

## **Background**

Brian J. Duhe had been a long-time and devoted member of the L. A. S. when he became Treasurer of the society in January 1984. Up until then he had served for several years as Corresponding Secretary, was Vice-President for 1981, and subsequently became President for 1982. As Corresponding Secretary, Brian maintained the society's "archives," which primarily consisted of all of the back issues of *Louisiana Archaeology*, the L. A. S. Newsletter, and past correspondence. He also was responsible for L. A. S. tee-shirt and cap sales implemented at the 10th Anniversary Annual Meeting in Lafayette in January 1983. In fact, it was because of the revenue that he was receiving from the sale of the tee-shirts and caps, that Mr. Duhe opened a checking account in the name of the L. A. S. at the Bank of St John, Reserve, Louisiana, at the end of August 1983. At that time Mr. Duhe knew that he would become the next Treasurer of the society, succeeding Emily Vincent in January 1984, so the opening of the new checking account seemed a logical thing to do.

When Mr. Duhe became Treasurer at the 1984 Annual Meeting he was given a check for \$4,900.00 from Emily Vincent, which included most of the money in her L. A. S. checking account then housed in New Orleans, along with another check for \$6,516.40 which represented the principal, plus interest, from a series of CD (Certificate of Deposit) accounts that she maintained for the L. A. S. About one month later Emily transferred the remaining money in her checking account, \$721.39, to Mr. Duhe. That closed out her checking account, and brought the total transferred to the new Treasurer to



\$12,137.79. Also transferred to Mr. Duhe were all financial records of the society, including those that Emily had acquired plus records from the previous two Treasurers, Jack Bonnin and William Baker.

Mr. Duhe then served as Treasurer of the society for three years, until January 1987, at which time Linda Jackson became the new Treasurer. Up until that time, Mr. Duhe consistently provided the society with Treasurer reports, and these reports were published in the L. A. S. Newsletter. Although there had been two apparent minor problems involving payments to the University of Southwestern Louisiana for the printing of L. A. S. Bulletins in early 1985 and late 1986, and in reimbursing the Northlake Chapter for expenses incurred at the 1986 L. A. S. Field School, these were dismissed as a general lack of communication, and everything seemed normal when Linda took over as the new Treasurer. At that time, Mr. Duhe's last Treasurer report (published in Newsletter Vol. 13, No. 2) stated that the L. A. S. Treasury contained \$2,471.48 in checking and \$7,206.37 in savings, for a total of \$9,677.85.

### Early Suspicions

The first inkling that something was amiss with the L. A. S. Treasury came when Linda Jackson attempted to gain control of the society's money. After almost one month of being Treasurer, Linda finally managed to contact Mr. Duhe, and received from him a check in the amount of \$500.00 to help open her own account. Mr. Duhe said that this basically closed out his checking account, and that the rest of the money, which supposedly was maintained in CD accounts, would be turned over shortly. Unfortunately, by the end of May no additional money had been turned over, and Rich Weinstein, new L. A. S. President, wrote a letter to Mr. Duhe requesting that all society funds still under his control be turned over immediately to Linda. Nothing happened, nor did Mr. Duhe respond to Weinstein's letter.

Several months then passed during which Linda Jackson was unsuccessful in contacting Mr. Duhe and obtaining the remaining funds still under his control. Although this

apparent lack of cooperation was disturbing, both Jackson and Weinstein knew that Mr. Duhe had just changed jobs and they figured that he simply was too involved in his new work to be able to devote much time to the L. A. S.

This assessment seemed correct when, in October 1987, Mr. Duhe sent a check in the amount of \$391.31 to Linda, stating that it represented the money remaining in one of the CD accounts. Other CD money would follow.

A letter was soon to appear, however, which raised the curiosity of Jackson and Weinstein, and suggested that they may have been too generous in their faith in Mr. Duhe. The letter was dated November 17, 1987, and was sent to Linda by Michael Tew, an L. A. S. member from DeRidder. Tew noted that he had not been given credit for his 1987 membership in the society, although he had sent his dues to Mr. Duhe. While this in itself was not particularly enlightening, since people sometimes were accidentally omitted from the membership list, it was noted that the dues had been sent to Mr. Duhe on March 7, 1987, had been endorsed by Mr. Duhe in the name of the L. A. S., and then deposited into an account at the First Financial Bank in Litcher. This was several weeks after Mr. Duhe had told Linda Jackson that he had closed out the L. A. S. checking account, and almost two months after he had been succeeded as Treasurer. Why had Mr. Duhe retained the check without simply forwarding it to Linda, and why had he deposited it into an unknown account?

Duhe's actions concerning the Michael Tew check prompted Linda to write a letter to him on December 11, 1987, requesting, once again, a full accounting of the society's money still under his control. Among other things, Linda wanted to know where the other CDs were housed and how much money was in them. She also wanted an accounting of the difference in money reported on Duhe's last Treasurer's report, \$9,677.85, with that turned over to her so far, \$891.31. Where was the remainder of the L. A. S. funds? Copies of Linda's letter were sent to Weinstein, J. Manuel, former L. A. S. President during 1986, and William Edwards, a Metairie attor-



ney and L. A. S. member who had agreed to provide the society with legal guidance.

### **The Investigation**

Shortly before the 1988 Annual Meeting in Bossier City, Mr. Duhe sent another check to Linda in the amount of \$320.00. This, he said, was all that remained of any L. A. S. money anywhere. With that revelation, the L. A. S. Executive Committee decided to take action. Weinstein, now former President of the society, having been succeeded by Recca Jones, and Linda Jackson, still Treasurer, were appointed members of an official Investigative Team that had the power to research the various L. A. S. accounts maintained by Mr. Duhe. Bill Edwards also was asked to join the team and provide legal advice, if necessary.

Jackson was charged with the task of trying to track down the missing CD money. Unfortunately, initial research at the Bank of St. John soon showed that there were no CDs in the name of the L. A. S. at that institution. It then was decided to research the checking account to see if the CD money transferred to Mr. Duhe by Emily Vincent had been deposited into the checking account rather than into a separate CD account. Weinstein then initiated research on the checking account in February 1988. Since the beginning and ending periods of the account were deemed the most critical, research was requested from the time the account was opened, on August 29, 1983, until February 29, 1984, and again from May 8, 1986, until the account was closed on February 24, 1987. Altogether, therefore, the research covered 17 of the 44 months that the account was active. Cost for the research totalled \$254.96.

Results of the checking account research were startling, to say the least. Weinstein summed it up in a letter to Bill Edwards, dated November 7, 1988. Overall, for the 17 months examined, it was found that Mr. Duhe had made cash withdrawals in the amount of \$2,350.00 and had written questionable checks in the amount of \$4,807.62, for a total of \$7,157.62. Particularly striking was the fact that on the very first day that the account was opened, Mr. Duhe endorsed 14 checks

(received for the sale of books, tee-shirts, and caps) in the amount of \$349.00, but immediately kept \$150.00 in cash, leaving an opening balance of only \$199.00.

Another highly questionable cash withdrawal occurred on January 23, 1984, only a few days after Mr. Duhe had officially taken over as new L. A. S. Treasurer. On that day, Mr. Duhe endorsed numerous checks that he had received at the annual meeting. Most of these were for membership renewals, although one was from Emily Vincent for \$4,900.00, as part of her transfer of funds. All told, Mr. Duhe endorsed checks totalling \$5,980.50, but only deposited \$3,980.50 into the L. A. S. account. He kept \$2,000.00 in cash.

About one month later came the first hint of questionable checks being written. Many of these simply were made out to "cash" and endorsed by Mr. Duhe. Others were written to specific business, whereby Mr. Duhe was using L. A. S. funds to pay for personal items or bills. The first of these was Check No. 103 (only the third check written on the account), made out to "Barnes and Noble" in the amount of \$47.15. The next check, No. 104, was made out to "cash" for \$700.00 and endorsed by Mr. Duhe.

Perhaps one of the more amazing checks written on the L. A. S. account was Check No. 269, written to "Thomas Cook Travel" on November 5, 1986, in the amount of \$498.00. It was recorded as being for a "Cancun Trip." Other businesses being paid by the L. A. S. account included Napa Auto Parts (\$28.22), Garrett Honda Country (\$40.00), American Indian Books (\$20.00), Pittmans's Service (\$165.86), Parker and Son Marine (\$79.06), Reserve Telephone Co. (\$152.96 and \$157.55), Riverlands Cable Vision (\$40.95 and \$61.90), Louisiana Power and Light (\$145.22), Unocal 76 (\$51.33), Hymel's Florist (\$32.00), Maison Blanche (\$27.25, \$29.20, \$49.04, and \$38.12), 927 Gallery (\$103.55), etc. Hundreds and hundreds of dollars also were withdrawn by writing checks to "cash," endorsing them, and then cashing them at a local convenience store (Don's Country Store).



Additionally, instances were noted where the L. A. S. account had been depleted to such a degree, that checks were returned "NSF." The society then had to pay the NSF fees out of the account. This occurred several times in the late summer and fall of 1986, a period that happened to coincide with the problems noted earlier in paying for one of the L. A. S. Bulletins and reimbursing the Northlake Chapter for the 1986 Field School. Unknown to the L. A. S. membership was the fact that there was not enough money in the Treasury to meet society needs.

Missing in all of the checking account research was any indication that Emily Vincent's CD money (\$6,516.40) had made it into the account. Yet it was known that Emily had given Mr. Duhe a check for that amount in January 1984. We still needed to know where the CD money had gone.

Accordingly, Linda Jackson took up the search for the missing CD money once again. This time, after following the CD money from one institution to another during Emily's tenure as Treasurer, Linda eventually traced the money to the Jefferson Savings and Loan Association, where the final account was located. Linda then asked for a copy of the cancelled check that closed that account. This time she got results. Emily's check, in the amount of \$6,516.40 had been deposited on January 31, 1984, into a money fund account at the Bank of St. John. All along Mr. Duhe had been reporting the money in a CD account, not a money fund account, and that was why there was no record of such an account at the Bank of St. John.

In August 1988 Linda Jackson requested information on the money fund account at the bank of St. John. Although official documentation was not to come until February 1989, the Bank of St. John soon provided Linda with some startling new information. Although opened in late January 1984 for \$6,516.40, by October 1984 the account was down to \$1,902.94. During November and December 1984 another \$1,100 was removed from the account, and by August 1985 the account was closed. Yet Mr. Duhe continued to list \$6,516.40 on his Treasurer reports throughout his term. Unfortunately, no one in

the society noticed that this amount remained steady, indicating that no interest had been added. Mr. Duhe simply repeated the initial sum long after the money fund account had been depleted and closed.

### **The L. A. S. Takes Action**

Following the revelations of the checking and money fund research, Bill Edwards was asked to write a letter to Mr. Duhe requesting a meeting to determine once and for all what had occurred during his term as Treasurer and what Mr. Duhe was willing to do to make amends to the society for the missing money. At that point, in late December 1988, the society still did not want to take the matter to the courts if at all possible. Bill's letter requested a meeting within 10 days. Included with the letter was an example of the lawsuit that the L. A. S. intended to file with the State of Louisiana if Mr. Duhe did not respond. Bill's letter was successful, and a meeting was held at his office in Metairie on January 5, 1989. In attendance were Bill Edwards, Richard Weinstein, Linda Jackson, Joe Manuel, Dan Shipman, and Brian Duhe. Joe Manuel made a tape recording of the meeting for the L. A. S. archives.

The meeting lasted approximately two hours. During that time, Mr. Duhe was appraised of what the L. A. S. investigations had uncovered, and he was asked to explain what had happened. He was also asked to turn over all copies of L. A. S. records still thought to be in his possession. This included all treasury records from his term and those terms of past treasurers, and all back issues of the L. A. S. Newsletter. After a good deal of discussion, it became clear that Mr. Duhe could not explain the missing L. A. S. funds, and, additionally, that he had simply left the past treasury records and newsletters at his old office and these were discarded when a new company moved into the building.

Bill Edwards noted that a total of at least \$13,674.02 had been questionably removed from the L. A. S. Treasury (\$7,157.62 from the checking account and \$6,516.40 from the money fund account). It also was specified that the checking account total was a minimum figure, as checks relating to only about 1/3 of



the total time the account was active had been researched (17 of 44 months). Bill asked Mr. Duhe how he felt the problems could best be resolved. When Mr. Duhe revealed that he did not have any money and could not pay the L. A. S. for such a large sum, Bill asked if he would be willing to contribute \$1,000 to help research the remainder of the checking account. This would serve as a "good-faith gesture" to show that Mr. Duhe was trying to cooperate. Mr. Duhe responded by saying, "Why pay \$1,000 to help hang myself." At that point, Bill stated that Mr. Duhe's uncooperative attitude left no recourse but to pursue the matter in the courts. Mr. Duhe was given until January 10, 1989, however, to change his mind and notify the L. A. S. if he was willing to cooperate. This he did not do.

On January 20, 1989, at the annual meeting in Lake Charles, the L. A. S. Executive Committee was appraised of the findings of the Investigative Team, and the results of the Metairie meeting. Continued support of the Investigative Team was granted, and that team was asked to gather additional information that could be used to determine what course of action the L. A. S. should pursue in the courts. In other words, should the L. A. S. file a civil suit against Mr. Duhe, or should the case be handed over to the District Attorney's office in St. John the Baptist Parish so criminal proceedings could commence? The annual meeting in Lake Charles ended with David Jeane succeeding Linda Jackson as Treasurer, and Ray Fredlund succeeding Recca Jones as President. Although Linda needed to resign the treasurership because of job commitments, she still would continue as a member of the Investigative Team, having seen the L. A. S. Treasury regain its health and return to the black.

Shortly after the annual meeting, Thurston H. G. Hahn of Coastal Environments, Inc., was asked to examine conveyance, mortgage, and other pertinent records in the St. John the Baptist Parish courthouse in Edgard. It was hoped that the records would reveal if anyone else had filed suit against Mr. Duhe and if Mr. Duhe owned property that could be mortgaged to help pay the L. A. S. Thurston conducted his research on January 30 and February 8, 1989. The results of this research

were sent to Investigative Team members under cover letter from Weinstein on February 9, 1989. In sum, it was found that Mr. Duhe had several mortgages still in effect, along with a prior judgement filed against him. The mortgages originally totalled \$79,600, and the judgement had been for \$6,596.88. It was not known, however, how much of this indebtedness had been paid off during the time since the mortgages were taken out and the judgement had first been rendered. What was clear, however, was that Mr. Duhe had access to very little money or potential money and that he would not be able to repay the L. A. S. Treasury in a relatively short period of time.

About two weeks after Thurston's investigations at the St. John the Baptist Parish courthouse, David Jeane, as new Treasurer, received the results of the money fund research. Although, as discussed earlier, the general details of the account were known, the new research provided copies of all checks written on the account, along with all withdrawal statements. As with the checking account, the money fund account was used by Mr. Duhe as a personal source of funds.

The account was opened on January 31, 1984, in the amount of \$6,516.40. It gained interest for about two months before the first of the personal checks were written. This was a check to Mrs. Edna A. Madere for \$875.00, written on March 27, 1984. Soon after, other checks were written to cover additional personal expenses: Reserve Telephone Co. (\$352.91), State Office Supplies (\$359.34), Chateau Jewelers (\$477.00), and cash (\$350.00, \$300.00, \$350.00, \$300.00, \$800.00, \$100.00, and \$100.00). Additionally, several large cash withdrawals removed extensive amounts of money from the account: \$1,000.00 on April 17, 1984; \$600.00 on April 27, 1984; and \$500.00 on June 1, 1984.

All told, by the end of December 1984, less than a year since the account had been opened, there was only \$172.81 remaining. On March 11, 1985, the account was in the black for the last time at \$74.28. Early withdrawal penalties and check costs soon put the account into the red for \$40.49 by the end of March. The account then remained at -\$40.49



until July 11, 1985, at which point Mr. Duhe added \$40.49 to balance it out and close it.

### **A Warrant is Issued**

By the end of 1989, the L. A. S. had accumulated enough information to proceed with its case against Mr. Duhe. Accordingly, on January 16, 1990, three days before the L. A. S. Annual Meeting in Alexandria, Ray Fredlund, out-going L. A. S. President, and Richard Weinstein, Investigative Team member, travelled to LaPlace and met with John M. Crum, Jr., District Attorney for St. John the Baptist Parish. After being presented with the results of the various L. A. S. investigations, Mr. Crum agreed to accept the case on behalf of the State of Louisiana. He recommended that Ray obtain an arrest warrant against Mr. Duhe by contacting a Justice of the Peace in St. John the Baptist Parish, as a Justice of the Peace needed to issue the warrant. Two days later Ray returned to LaPlace in an effort to find a Justice of the Peace, but was unsuccessful. The warrant would have to wait until after the annual meeting.

Thus, when this information was presented to the Executive Committee Meeting on January 20, 1990, at the L. A. S. Annual Meeting in Alexandria, the committee gave its approval for Ray to continue to try to contact a Justice of the Peace. Two days later, Ray went back to LaPlace, found a Justice of the Peace, provided sworn testimony against Mr. Duhe, and an arrest warrant was issued. Mr. Duhe was officially charged with violation of R.S. 14.67, "Felony Theft." The warrant read, in part:

On Jan. 20, 1984, Brian J. Duhe became Treasurer of the La. Archaeological Society. Mr. Duhe at the time was a resident of Reserve. The funds turned over to Mr. Duhe for the Society was \$12,000.00. Mr. Duhe made a deposit of \$3,985.00 and on Jan. 31, 1984, deposited \$6,516.40 into the Society's name in the Bank of St. John. At the end of Mr. Duhe's tenure as treasurer in Jan. 1987, he conveyed the new treasurer \$500.00. Over the next

12 months he returned \$711.31 for a total of \$1,211.31 being the total funds for the Society. Mr. Duhe produced no records explaining the disappearance of \$17,000.00. Mr. Duhe produced treasurer reports showing the money fund account as intact at \$6,516.00. The Bank Statements of March 11, 1985, had a negative balance of \$25.72. The bank records showed [the account] depleted by a series of cash withdrawals and checks written to persons for unexplained purposes....

Wherefore, the deponent prays that the said accused be arrested and dealt with according to law...

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22nd day of January, 1990. [Signed] Mrs. Ernest Bailey, Justice of the Peace, 4 Justice Court.

With the arrest warrant issued, the L. A. S. sat back and waited for word of Mr. Duhe's arrest. Little did anyone realize just what it would take to find Mr. Duhe and have him apprehended. It was known that Mr. Duhe had moved to Lafayette, Louisiana, but no one knew where he lived or worked.

### **The Apprehension of Brian Duhe**

By the fall 1990, eight months after the arrest warrant had been issued, there still was no word from the DA's office. Members of the L. A. S. began to get worried. We did not want to have come so far, to have expended so much time and effort, and not see any results. This is where Dennis Jones entered the picture. Dennis was familiar with the L. A. S. case against Mr. Duhe by virtue of the published minutes of the various Executive Committee Meetings, but he had not taken an active part in the investigations. This was about to change.

In October 1990, Dennis and Malcolm Shuman had received funding from the



Louisiana Division of Archaeology to investigate prehistoric Indian mounds in St. Landry, Lafayette, and Acadia parishes. This was their sixth such grant, and they had by then developed a procedure of sending a press release to local newspapers to announce their project. They did this to identify themselves to landowners in the area and to solicit reports of mound sites that might not be in the site files of the Division of Archaeology.

The news release in this case brought a phone call from an informant who discussed several sites in the area, and mentioned several people that he knew who were also familiar with the area. One name mentioned was Brian Duhe. Somewhat surprised, Dennis asked the informant if he knew where Brian could be reached as he was "an old friend of his with whom he had sort of lost track." The person did not know his home number, but he did give Dennis the name of the place where Mr. Duhe worked in Lafayette. Dennis called that business the next day and was able to confirm that Brian Duhe did, indeed, work there, but he was in the office only infrequently.

Dennis knew that Brian was in the Lafayette area, but, as he had an unlisted telephone number, there was no record of an address that could be obtained for him. However, through a contact in the Utilities Department in Lafayette, Dennis was able to obtain an address for a Brian J. Duhe whom he felt had to be the man so many people in the L. A. S. wanted to find. Malcolm and Dennis went to this address on two occasions to see if, in fact, the place was occupied. As it turned out, there were definite signs that this address was occupied by someone, but nobody was home on either occasion.

The next problem was to figure out how to have Mr. Duhe arrested. As noted, a bench warrant had been issued, but, as it turned out, that only meant that if Mr. Duhe was detained for a traffic violation or some other offense, then this warrant supposedly would appear on a computer check of his record. In other words, the chances of Mr. Duhe getting arrested were slight. We needed some help.

Fortunately, Dennis and Malcolm's administrative assistant at the Louisiana Geological Survey is Sharon Newman, wife of Lt. Sid Newman of the Baton Rouge Police Department. Lt. Newman is well known in the Baton Rouge area as the head of the Crime Stoppers program. He has also helped to set up similar programs in other communities. As it turned out, Sid Newman checked the computer data base for outstanding warrants and found that Mr. Duhe's name was *not* on the list. However, Lt. Newman told Dennis that he was soon to travel to Lafayette to confer with the police department there about their programs. As he put it, he was "going to be around nothing but cops for the entire weekend."

Sid Newman was able to get a copy of the warrant, it was given to the Lafayette Police, and Brian Duhe was arrested by the Lafayette Police Department at his apartment on November 10, 1990. He was then taken to St. John the Baptist Parish. He eventually was released on his own recognizance after several days in jail, and his trial was scheduled for the future.

### **The Verdict**

In early 1991, Ray Fredlund was issued a subpoena to appear at the St. John the Baptist Parish courthouse in Edgard to serve as witness in a pretrial hearing regarding the case of the State of Louisiana vs. Brian Duhe. Rich Weinstein accompanied Ray to the courthouse on March 13, 1991. Unfortunately, although the hearing was for Brian J. Duhe of the L. A. S., another Brian Duhe had been brought to the courthouse in his place. No one, it seems, thought to use middle initials in the defendants' names. With an apology from the court, Fredlund and Weinstein were told they would be called back during the late summer or early fall of 1991.

This never happened, and it was something of a shock, although a pleasant one, for Harry Tanner, L. A. S. President for 1990-1991, to find that Brian Duhe eventually pled guilty to the charge brought against him. Mr. Duhe was sentenced on September 16, 1991 (Docket No. 90-331). On April 10, 1992, Ray Fredlund returned once again to Edgard

and met with the Clerk of Court to obtain the details of the sentence. He found that Mr. Duhe had been placed on probation for 10 years, with the stipulation that part of his probation include restitution of \$17,000.00 to the L. A. S. That restitution is now being paid in installments of \$170.00 per month, and will last for 100 months. Currently, Mr. Duhe's probation is being administered from Lafayette, where he still lives. As of February 1993, the L. A. S. has received six payments. We have been told that if Mr. Duhe falls in arrears with his payments, his probation can be revoked and he could then possibly be sent to prison.

### **Summary**

Although Mr. Duhe seriously damaged the financial status of the L. A. S., and betrayed the trust that the membership had placed in him, he has finally been brought to justice. In addition to having to repay the society for the missing money, Mr. Duhe was recently accorded the infamous honor of becoming the first L. A. S. member ever to be expelled from the society. This, perhaps, is the saddest part, as Mr. Duhe was an extremely dedicated avocational archaeologist who had contributed much insightful research over the years.

## **CHAPTER NEWS**

### **Delta Chapter**

#### **Reported by Joan Bruder**

Officers for 1993 are:

President — John Polk  
Vice-President — Bill Edwards  
Secretary — Joan Bruder  
Treasurer — Dolores Martin  
L. A. S. Rep. — Larry Basta  
Board Members — Dan Shipman, Malcolm Theriot, and Maureen Downey

The Delta Chapter currently (weather permitting) is locating, mapping, and excavating sites within the boundaries of the Jean

Lafitte National Park. Historic Canary Islander homesteads and at least one Indian site have been located.

A book on historic Jefferson Parish is being revised by Betsey Swanson using the additional information. Coastal Environments, Inc., is involved in these endeavors. Volunteers from the Delta Chapter are encouraged to assist.

### **Central Chapter**

#### **Reported by Nancy Affeltranger**

The Central Chapter of the L. A. S. has elected the following officers for 1993:

Nancy Affeltranger — President  
Fran Guchereau — Vice-President  
Ellis Denning — Secretary  
Charles Affeltranger — Treasurer  
Kathleen Adams — Librarian  
Frances Krist — Historian  
Tommy Sayer — L. A. S. Representative  
Ward Zischke — Alternate  
L. A. S. Representative

The Central Chapter meets on the second Thursday of each month, at 7:00 pm at the Pineville Community Center in Kees Park on Highway 28E in Pineville. We are in desperate need of speakers. If you have anything to share regarding any area of archaeology, we would appreciate a visit from you. Nancy Affeltranger can be contacted at:

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Pineville, Louisiana 71360  
(318) 640-9258

### **Northeast Chapter**

#### **Reported by Claire Davis**

At the first yearly meeting in January, the Northeast Chapter elected the following officers for 1993:

David Jones — President  
James Harty — Vice-President



Roselyn Nolen — Secretary  
Bernard McKenzie — Treasurer  
Marge Chase & Claire Davis —  
Newsletter Editors

Plans also were made for the year to come, as David Jones gave a list of tentative speakers.

Dr. Joe Saunders announced that while rearranging the lab, he came upon the Ft. Miro excavation items. He will help in cataloguing and classifying them, in addition to repacking the items. His suggestion that we might consider a restudy of the excavation resulted in the membership deciding to look into the possibility of using these items as the theme for Archaeology Week in October.

The February meeting included a presentation by David Jones on the Indian Bayou site in Madison Parish. It included a slide presentation and display of surface-collected artifacts.

It also should be noted that Joe Saunders was awarded a grant of approximately \$12,000 from the National Geographic Society to help pay for analyses related to verifying the ages of several mound complexes in Lincoln and Ouachita parishes. Dr. Saunders will be assisted by Thurman Allen of the U.S. Soil Conservation Service, and Ralph Mandel a geomorphologist at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

#### **Winnsboro Chapter (of the Northeast Chapter)**

**Reported by  
David Jones**

The Winnsboro Chapter is a subchapter of the Northeast Chapter of the L. A. S. It holds its own meetings and may eventually become a full-fledged L. A. S. chapter.

Jeff Girard, Regional Archaeologist for northwest Louisiana, presented a slide presentation on his investigations along Willow Chute Bayou in Bossier Parish at the February chapter meeting. Willow Chute Bayou is a relict channel of the Red River and was an area of major Caddoan occupation during the Bossier phase (ca. A.D. 1200 to 1500).

The March program will feature Dr. Joe Saunders, Regional Archaeologist for northeast Louisiana. Dr. Saunders will discuss his

investigations at the Frenchman's Bend mound group.

#### **INFORMATION ON ABORIGINAL CORDAGE REQUESTED**

Jenna Kuttruff and Marie Standifer would like to thank all of those who have contributed to their on-going study of Bayou Jasmine cordage. In particular, their thanks go to the Louisiana Archaeological Conservancy, Robert Neuman, Phyllis Glory, Marjorie Friedman, Ruth Guillié, Robert Vrbaskovich, and Mike Comardelle.

It is their understanding that there may be L. A. S. members who have cordage from the Bayou Jasmine (16 SJB 2) and/or Shellhill Plantation (16 SJ 2) sites in their collections. They would greatly appreciate the loan of such items for study. Please contact:

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School of Human Ecology  
Louisiana State University  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70803  
(504) 388-1600

#### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

##### **Mississippi Archaeological Association Annual Meeting**

The 1993 MAA state meeting will be held March 27, 1993, in Meridian, Mississippi. The meeting will take place at the East Mississippi Electric Power Association offices on Highway 39N. Hotel rooms are available at the local Howard Johnson for the group rate of \$44.00 per night. In addition to a slate of papers, including a keynote address by Dr. Gregory Waselkov on the "Archaeology at French Old Mobile," there will be a tour of the Meridian Opera House, built in the late nineteenth century. Registration for the meeting will be \$4.00, and the opera house tour will be \$2.00. The motel can be reached by calling (601) 483-8281.

For more information, contact:

Kenneth H. Carleton  
Choctaw Branch,  
Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians

P.O. Box 6005  
Philadelphia, Mississippi 39350-6005

### **Society for American Archaeology**

The 58th annual meeting of the SAA will be held April 14 through 18, 1993, at the Adam's Mark Hotel in St. Louis, Missouri. The meeting will include hundreds of papers and symposia, along with a meeting of the SAA Council of Affiliated Societies, of which the L. A. S. is a member. For those of you who may have attended the SAA meeting in New Orleans two years ago, you will recall just how much archaeological information can be obtained simply by attending a few sessions.

The Adam's Mark Hotel can be reached at (314) 242-7400. Conference rates are \$95.00 for a single, \$102.00 for a double, and \$112 for four or more. Registration for the meeting is \$90.00 for a nonmember before March 24, and \$100.00 after that date. Avocational and student members can register for \$50.00 before March 24, and 60.00 after that date. Contact the Society for American Archaeology, 900 Second Street, Washington, D.C., for more information.

### **UPCOMING FIELD SCHOOLS**

#### **Arkansas Archeological Society 1993 Training Program**

The Arkansas Archeological Society will hold its 1993 Training Program at the Shady Lake Recreation Area, Polk County, Ouachita National Forest, between June 12 and 27, 1993. The program will include the typical seminars, plus the testing of two or three prehistoric sites in the recreation area, and one historic site located nearby. Charlie Ewen will be Director of Excavations, and Jack Stewart will serve as his assistant. Archaeologists with the Ouachita National Forest, including Meeks Etchieson, Barbara Williams, and Roger Coleman, will also participate.

There will be a beautiful camping and recreation area at the park, along with a wonderful lake for swimming. The camping area is shady and the mountains *will be* cool. There also are motels in several nearby towns, such as Daisy, Glenwood, and Mena.

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