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FROM THE EDITOR

First, I must apologize for the delay of this newsletter. Submissions have been scarce in the new year and we have been trying to ensure that the mailing list is in order before any LAS publications are mailed out. For those of you inadvertently removed from the list, we apologize for the delay and appreciate your patience.

I would like to thank all of the folks at Northwestern State University Cultural Resource Office and the NSU Anthropological Society who hosted the 27th Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Archaeological Society in February. Even with the last minute complications of having to move the location of the meetings, everything seemed to go off without a hitch. It was a well-organized event and the many tours provided for those attending the meetings was a great addition to the meeting agenda.

The next newsletter is scheduled to mail out in August, so if anyone has anything they'd like to include, please don't hesitate to send it along.

Cherie Schwab
Newsletter Editor

PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT

The LAS year 2001 had a good start with a very successful and well-attended Annual Meeting in Natchitoches. A sincere thanks is extended to Northwestern State University Cultural Resource Office and the NSU Anthropological Society for hosting the meeting. Tommy Ike Hailey graciously agreed to organize the meeting. He and Jason Lott are to be especially commended for the excellent meeting, de-

spite some necessary last minute changes in venue. All of the members of the NSU Anthropological Society who assisted throughout the preparations and the meeting deserve a thank you for their efforts. Thanks are extended to the many presenters who either volunteered presentations or readily agreed to do so at the request of the program organizer and myself. The meetings began with a brief memorial to Bill Haag, followed throughout the day by many interesting and informative papers. These culminated with the keynote presentation by Ian Brown, Curator of Gulf Coast Archaeology at the University of Alabama, on his excavations at the Tabasco Laboratory at Avery Island. It is a pleasure to see Ian back doing Louisiana archaeology, and we extend our thanks to him for attending the meeting and making this presentation. The tours to various historic sites in the Natchitoches area that were organized for Sunday morning were a pleasant change for Sunday morning activities.

Plans are now being developed for the 2002 Annual Meeting. The details of that meeting will be published in the Summer issue of the Newsletter.

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There will be an Executive Committee meet in late June. Please forward to me or another member of the executive Board any comments or suggestions that you might have or any other topics of importance, so that they might be discussed at that meeting.

Wishing all of you an enjoyable summer.

Carl Kuttruff
June 2001

**MINUTES
OF THE
LOUISIANA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY
27TH ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**

**February 10, 2001
Room 142, Kyser Hall, NSU
Natchitoches, LA**

**Reported by
Maureen Downey
LAS Secretary**

The 27th Annual Business Meeting of the Louisiana Archaeological Society was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by President Carl Kuttruff. President Kuttruff welcomed everyone. He requested that each chapter submit to the secretary information on any new officers or changes in the chapter. He announced that the Society for American Archaeology would be holding its 66th Annual Meeting in New Orleans, April 18 - 22, 2001.

Minutes

The minutes of the 26th Annual Business Meeting were published in the Spring 2000 LAS Newsletter, Volume 27, No. 1. There being no corrections to the minutes, a motion was made by John Guy, Jr. and seconded by Tom Eubanks to approved the minutes as published in the Newsletter. The motion was passed unanimously.

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer David Jeane presented the 2000 Financial Statement, details of which will be published in the Newsletter. Total assets on 1/31/01 were

\$19,424.00. Income for the year was \$7,703.00 and expenses were \$9,052.00. The balance in the checking account on 1/31/01 was \$705.00. Savings Accounts A, B & C totaled \$18,484.00 and petty cash on hand was \$235.00. Treasurer Jeane explained that expenses for 2000 exceeded income mainly because of an increase in publishing costs and in the number of Bulletins produced to catch up on past-due publications. Because of increasing expenses, David remarked that dues may have to be raised. The Executive Committee is to consider this at future meetings. President Kuttruff thanked Treasurer Jeane for his report.

Membership Report

David Jeane announced that the Society needs to recruit new members. He reported that membership dropped in 2000. The total 2000 membership was 252. Membership in 1999 totaled 282. David remarked that membership is being addressed by the Executive Committee. Publication of Special Bulletins is one method being employed to increase membership. Special Publication No. 1 was reprinted last year and No. 3 was printed earlier this year. Bulletin Editor T.R. Kidder and Bulletin Managing Editor Chip McGimsey are working hard to bring the Bulletins up-to-date and the timely publication of future Bulletins should help with membership. A motion to accept the membership report was made by Joan Bruder and seconded by John Polk. The motion passed unanimously.

Bulletin Report

President Kuttruff announced that Bulletin Editor T.R. Kidder was unable to attend the meeting. In his report submitted earlier to President Kuttruff, Bulletin Editor Kidder related that because of continuing problems with the mailing lists, Bulletin No. 23 (1996) was mailed to persons who were members in 1996 and to all year 2000 members. Bulletin No. 24 (1997) will be mailed shortly. Plans are to publish two more Bulletins this year. One Bulletin will likely consist of Robert Connolly's report on the 1982 Goad excavations at Poverty Point. Plans are to have a future Bulletin consisting of papers from the Discovery Site symposium at SEAC. Despite continued problems with publication, bulletins are being caught-up. President Kuttruff encouraged everyone to submit to the Bulletin. He congratulated T.R. Kidder and Chip McGimsey on the excellent work they are doing.

Newsletter Report

Newsletter Editor Cherie Schwab commented that her first year as Newsletter Editor had been a good one and that she was pleased with the submissions she was receiving. She encouraged everyone to keep the articles coming and if anyone had any questions relative to submitting to please contact her. Contact information is on the back of the Newsletter. She explained that problems with the mailing list included names being dropped from the list. She and David Jeane are working to correct the list. She asked people to contact her if they were having problems receiving publications. She is hopeful that the problems will be worked out soon. A motion to accept the Newsletter Report, made by Ellen Ibert and seconded by Kathleen Bergeron, was passed unanimously.

ONGOING BUSINESS

LAS Special Publications

President Kuttruff thanked Cherie Schwab and Chip McGimsey for their efforts and speed of publication of Special Publication 3, *Louisiana's Archaeological Radiometric Database*, by Charles R. McGimsey and Josette van der Koogh.

Volunteers Needed

Joe Saunders reminded everyone of the upcoming excavation of a Middle Archaic site on April 13, 14, and 15 near Poverty Point. The work will occur over the weekend and attendees will be able to stay at the Poverty Point dorm on Friday and Saturday night. Those interested can contact Joe at 318-342-1899 or by e-mail at gesaunders@alpha.ulm.edu.

NEW BUSINESS

Kathleen Bergeron stated that flintknapping instruction would be held on February 17, 10-3 p.m. at the Marksville State Commemorative Area.

Kristen Koehn of the Old Natchitoches Courthouse Museum announced that an exhibit entitled "The Earth Holds our Story - Native American Artifacts from Northern Louisiana" would be at the museum March 12, 2001 through January 6, 2002.

Nancy Affeltranger, president of the Central Louisiana Archaeological Chapter, said that the chapter needed speakers for meetings. She requested any-

one wishing to speak to the Chapter to please contact her.

Nathanael Heller announced that *El Nuevo Constante* exhibit would be at Madisonville beginning in March. Further information may be obtained by contacting him at the Division of Archaeology.

President Kuttruff called for a volunteer to host next year's meeting. There were no offers, so President Kuttruff remarked that he would speak to chapter members at a later time to arrange for a host for the meeting. He then reminded the membership of the informal presentations to be held later in the evening.

On behalf of the LAS, President Kuttruff thanked Tommy Ike Hailey and Jason Lott for making the 27th Annual Meeting a success. Jason Lott introduced the members of the NSU Anthropological Society who worked so hard on the meeting. He thanked Dr. Kathleen Byrd for her support of the meeting.

There being no further business, Ellen Ibert made a motion to adjourn. John Polk seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. President Kuttruff adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

After the meeting, door prizes were awarded.

MINUTES OF THE LOUISIANA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

February 9, 2001
University Room, Ryder Inn
Natchitoches, LA

Reported by
Maureen Downey
LAS Secretary

The Executive Committee of the Louisiana Archaeological Society met Friday, February 9, 2001 in the University Room, Ryder Inn, Natchitoches, LA. President Carl Kuttruff called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m. Members present were:

Carl Kuttruff - LAS President
Joe Saunders - LAS Vice President/President-Elect
James Fogleman - LAS Past President

Maureen Downey - LAS Secretary
David Jeane - LAS Treasurer
Cherie Schwab - LAS Newsletter Editor
John Guy - LAS Representative-at-Large
Louis Courville - LAS. Representative-at-Large
Margarette Cheramie - CLAC Alternate Representative
Nancy Affeltranger - President, Central LA Archaeological Chapter
Harold Jeansonne - CLAC
Josetta LeBoeuf - Baton Rouge Chapter
Rich Weinstein - Baton Rouge Chapter
Jenna Kuttruff - Baton Rouge Chapter
Marie Standifer - Baton Rouge Chapter
Reca Jones - Northeast Chapter
Kristen Koehn - Old Natchitoches Courthouse Museum

President Carl Kuttruff welcomed everyone.

Minutes

There was one correction to the minutes of the last Executive Committee Meeting held October 14, 2000 in Lafayette, Louisiana. The total of the Roger Saucier Memorial Fund is \$515.00, not \$1,515.00 as cited in the minutes. The minutes were then approved (with this correction) as printed in the Winter 2000 LAS Newsletter, Volume 27, No. 3. The motion to approve, made by David Jeane and seconded by Cherie Schwab, was passed unanimously.

REPORTS

Treasurer's and Membership Report

Treasurer David Jeane gave the 2000 Financial Statement. Total assets as of 1/31/01 were \$19,424.00. Income was \$7,703.00 and expenses were \$9,052.00. The balance in the checking account on 1/31/01 was \$705.00. Savings Accounts A, B & C totaled \$18,484.00 and petty cash on hand was \$235.00. David explained that higher expenses for 2000 were largely due to the increase in publishing costs and the number of Bulletins published. He said that Brian Duhe will soon complete his payments. Because of expected increased expenses and reduced future income, David suggested it was time to consider raising dues. Joe Saunders suggested that all classes of membership be increased. The Executive Committee will make a decision on increasing dues at the October Executive Committee

Meeting. President Kuttruff thanked David for his report.

David Jeane reported that the total 2000 membership was 252. Membership in 1999 totaled 282. David believes that the drop in membership could be attributed in some measure to the Bulletins not being published timely. He commented that he has received some dues refund requests because of the problems with publication of the Bulletin. A motion to accept the membership report was made by Rich Weinstein and seconded by Maureen Downey. The motion passed unanimously.

Bulletin Report

Bulletin Editor T.R. Kidder and Bulletin Managing Editor Chip McGimsey were unable to attend the meeting, but Bulletin Editor Kidder had previously sent a report to President Kuttruff. Bulletin No. 23 (1996) has been mailed and Bulletin No. 24 (1997) will be mailed shortly. (Until the Bulletins are caught up, copies will be sent to all persons who were members during the period the Bulletin represents, as well as all present members.) Bulletin No. 25 (1998) will contain five articles. Bulletin No. 26 (1999) will likely consist of Robert Connolly's report on the 1982 Goad excavations at Poverty Point. Plans are to have a future Bulletin consisting of papers from the Discovery Site symposium at SEAC. Despite continued problems with publication, especially with graphics, Bulletin Editor Kidder observed that we are getting caught-up. A motion to accept the Bulletin Report, made by Nancy Affeltranger and seconded by Reca Jones, was passed unanimously.

Newsletter Report

Newsletter Editor Cherie Schwab reported that she was pleased with the submissions she was receiving and encouraged everyone to continue submitting. She explained that there were still problems with the mailing list causing the newsletters to be late being mailed. She is working on the list and is hopeful that the problems will be worked out soon. She noted that while the overall quality of the newsletters has increased, a change in format may become necessary in order to include more articles. Cherie was congratulated on the excellent job she is doing as Newsletter Editor and a motion to accept the Newsletter Report, made by Rich Weinstein and seconded by Marie Standifer, was passed unanimously.

ONGOING BUSINESS

LAS Special Publications

In his report, Bulletin Editor Kidder thanked Cherie Schwab and Chip McGimsey for their efforts and speed of publication of Special Publication 3, *Louisiana's Archaeological Radiometric Database*, by Charles R. McGimsey and Josette van der Koogh. That publication was printed earlier this year. President Kuttruff stated that he would like to have the unpublished WPA Quarterly Reports from the Ethnographic Survey of the Aboriginal Southeast written by Andrew Albrecht issued as LAS Special Bulletin 4. He stated that he would ask for volunteers to transfer these to a computerized format at the Business Meeting. The Executive Committee will discuss future Special Publications at its next meeting and make a final decision on future issues at its October meeting. Anyone having any suggestions for future publications, please contact Carl Kuttruff.

LAS Web Site

President Kuttruff related that after receiving a discontinue notice for the web site, he renewed the site. However, after David Jeane remarked that there should be another year for the site, Carl Kuttruff said he would check further into the matter. President Kuttruff said that the site is not being updated and complaints are being received. He will contact the web master. If the situation cannot be corrected, he will ask for volunteers for web master from the Society.

Volunteers Needed

Joe Saunders reminded everyone that he would be excavating a Middle Archaic site on April 13, 14, and 15 near Poverty Point. Interested parties can contact Joe at 318-342-1899 or by e-mail at gesaunders@alpha.ulm.edu. If this project is successful, he feels that such projects could become a yearly event.

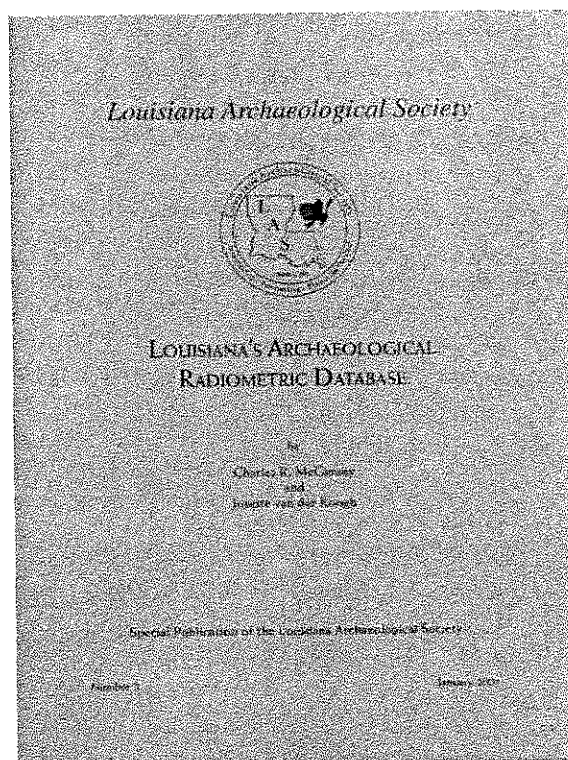
NEW BUSINESS

Joe Saunders announced that the LAS has been asked to have a spokesperson address the Council of Archaeologists meeting prior to the upcoming SAA meeting in New Orleans. David Jeane will do this. Joe Saunders also suggested that the LAS have a presence at the SAA meeting. David Jeane will also arrange to place LAS brochures and order forms for

Special Bulletins at the Arkansas Archeology Survey table.

David Jeane relayed complaints relative to publicity for the Annual Meeting. It was suggested that a special mailing giving meeting information may be the solution. It was also suggested that the Committee look into producing a manual for hosting Annual Meetings to make it easier for Chapters to plan future meetings.

There being no further business, Recca Jones made a motion to adjourn. Jim Fogleman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously and President Kuttruff adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.



NOW AVAILABLE!

**SPECIAL PUBLICATION NO. 3,
LOUISIANA'S ARCHAEOLOGICAL
RADIOMETRIC DATABASE**

**by Charles R. McGimsey
and
Josette van der Koogh**

**ONLY \$4.00
SEE PAGE 15 FOR ORDERING
INFORMATION!**

LOUISIANA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY
 2000 FINANCIAL STATEMENT
 JANUARY 31, 2001

Period covered by this report - 2/01/00 thru 1/31/2001

ACCOUNT REPORTS JANUARY 31, 2000

Louisiana Archaeological Society Savings "A"...	7,356.00
Louisiana Archaeological Society Savings "B"...	5,016.00
Louisiana Archaeological Society Savings "C"...	5,111.00
Checking Account Balance.....	3,618.00
Petty Cash.....	93.00

TOTAL ASSETS - 2/01/00 21,194.00

2000 TRANSACTIONS

INCOME

Membership Fees and Publication Sales.....	4,345.00
Checking Account Interest.....	66.00
Brian Duhe Payments.....	2,040.00
Savings Account Interest.....	1,002.00
Delta Chapter Contribution.....	250.00

TOTAL 2000 INCOME 7,703.00

EXPENSES

Treasurer Expenses (printing, phone, postage).....	328.00
Newsletter Expenses (printing, postage, etc.)....	2,970.00
Society of American Archaeology.....	30.00
Special Publication #1.....	2,123.00
La. Archeology Week Grant	200.00
Special Publication #3.....	300.00
Delta Chapter (patches).....	170.00
Bulletin #24.....	2,300.00
Pace Insurance (Bond).....	100.00
Misc (postage, ISFcheck, Speakers, SHAC, ref).....	531.00

TOTAL 2000 EXPENSES 9,052.00

BALANCE IN CHECKING ACCOUNT 1/31/2001..... 705.00

TOTAL ASSETS LOUISIANA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY - 1/31/2001

LAS SAVINGS "A".....	7,797.00
LAS SAVINGS "B".....	5,263.00
LAS SAVINGS "C".....	5,424.00
CHECKING ACCOUNT.....	705.00
PETTY CASH ON HAND.....	235.00

TOTAL 19,424.00

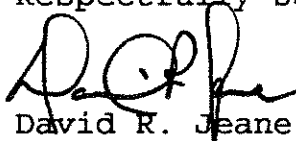
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SAVINGS

- 1) LAS "A" - Certificate of Deposit #5017268
Louisiana Archaeological Society - Citizens Bank and
Trust Company, Springhill, La. 71075 - 12 Month
Certificate matures 4/14/00. (4.17% interest)
- 2) LAS "B" - Certificate of Deposit #5016697
Louisiana Archaeological Society - Citizens Bank and
Trust Company, Springhill, La. 71075 - 12 Month
Certificate matures 7/07/00. (4.42% interest)
- 3) LAS "C" - Certificate of Deposit #5502039
Louisiana Archaeological Society - Citizens Bank and
Trust Company, Springhill, La. 71075 - 12 Month
Certificate matures 4/15/00. (4.42% 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
February 4, 2001

NOTE TO ALL MEMBERS REGARDING LAS PUBLICATIONS

This year all 2001 members should receive three LAS newsletters, LAS Special Publication No. 3, and LAS Bulletin No. 24. (Some of you already received your Special Publication No. 3 at the Annual Meeting this year when you renewed your membership). All new and renewed 2001 members, who did not get already a copy at the LAS Annual Meeting, will soon be receiving Special Publication No. 3 (mailed separately from the newsletters or bulletin). If you are a 2001 member and have not received your Special Publication by the end of July, please contact the LAS Newsletter Editor, Cherie Schwab, and let her know. Also, if you are missing any LAS publication(s) from 2000 (newsletters or Bulletin No. 23) and do not receive it by the end of July, please contact the editor. We have rectified the mailing list errors to the best of our knowledge and are mailing out current and back issues of publications, but we want to make absolutely sure that everyone receives their publications.

LOUISIANA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

2000 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

February 6, 2001

REGULAR MEMBERS.....	107
ASSOCIATE MEMBERS.....	18
STUDENT MEMBERS.....	12
INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERS.....	25
SUSTAINING MEMBERS.....	3
LIFE MEMBERS.....	87

TOTAL 2000 MEMBERS	<u>252</u>
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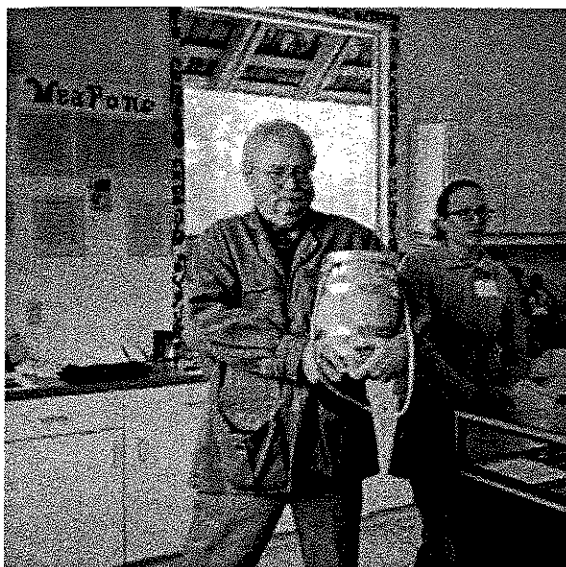
Total membership for 1988 was 251
Total membership for 1989 was 328
Total membership for 1990 was 315
Total membership for 1991 was 313
Total membership for 1992 was 291
Total membership for 1993 was 306
Total membership for 1994 was 304
Total membership for 1995 was 305
Total membership for 1996 was 297
Total membership for 1997 was 307
Total membership for 1998 was 273
Total membership for 1999 was 282

Respectfully submitted,



David R. Jeane, Treasurer
February 6, 2001

TOUR SNAPSHOTS . . . LAS ANNUAL MEETING NATCHITOCHE, LOUISIANA



"O.K., I've got the keg y'all. Let's go!" Treasurer David Jeane at the Los Adaes Visitor's Center.



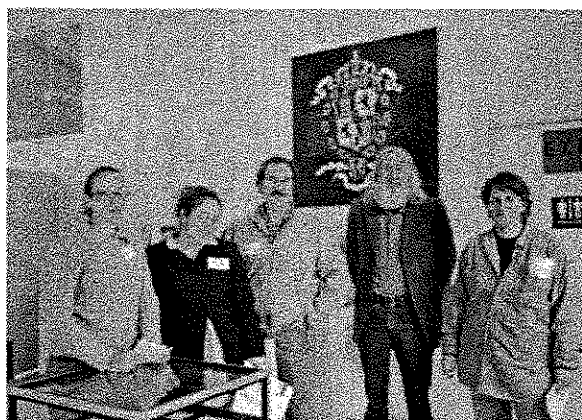
Archaeologists fraternizing with the historians! LAS members Cherie Schwab, Michelle Cossey, Fiona Vashbinder, and Josetta LeBoeuf pose in period costumes with Scott DeBose, part of the interpretive staff at Fort Jesup State Historic Site.



Reenactors of the Mexican War Encampment at Fort Jesup State Historic Site.



LAS members brave the cold weather for a tour of the Los Adaes site with Station Archaeologist George Avery.



Fiona Vashbinder, Cherie Schwab, Rich Weinstein, LAS President Carl Kuttruff and Josetta LeBoeuf pose for the paparazzi at the Los Adaes Visitor's Center.



Michelle Cossey and Josetta LeBoeuf in the reconstructed barracks kitchen at Fort Jesup.

CHAPTER NEWS

DELTA CHAPTER

The Delta Chapter of the Louisiana Archaeological Society meets on the last Thursday of every month except November and December. No meetings are scheduled for June, July and August. The public is invited to attend our meetings which are held at:

University of New Orleans
Science Building Room 1001
7:30 PM

In January, Delta Chapter was honored to have David Jeane present to us the work he has been doing in Peru. The presentation concerned Peruvian mummies and preservation of their associated textiles and artifacts.

Our March 29 meeting drew quite a bit of interest. Liz Good, director of the Pharmacy Museum and Ray Bergeron, long time Delta Chapter member, presented to us on "19th Century Pharmacy practices in New Orleans." The pharmacy museum is located at 514 Rue Chartes, New Orleans. Discussions were on the use of Leeches in medicine, then and now, and why certain colored bottles were used to contain the certain types of medicines. Drop by the web site. www.pharmacymuseum.org

Some of our members volunteered to help at the Society for American Archaeology convention which was held in New Orleans April 18 through 22.

We are getting started on Archaeology Week activities and are starting with DC member Mike Sandras who will present in Plaquemines Parish. A topic on "Astro-Archaeology" will be announced shortly.

Until next time.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

2001 ARKANSAS ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY FIELD SCHOOL

June 9th -24th

Our fieldwork this year will be entirely within the 4,885 acre Grandview Prairie Wildlife Management Area, purchased by the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission in 1997 and now the site of a major prairie ecosystem redevelopment project. According to representatives of the organizations involved in this project (the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, the Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission, and the Nature Conservancy) Grandview is "the most significant example of a Blackland Prairie-woodland ecosystem in Arkansas and possibly the largest contiguous tract in public ownership." So, just being there in June, when the prairie grasses and flowers will be in full bloom, will be a pleasure. You will see why they call it Grandview.

Our (Arkansas Archeological Society-Arkansas Archeological Survey) contribution to the Grandview project - and, of course, to Caddo area archeology was well - will be an archeological survey and testing program designed to determine how the prehistoric Caddo and their predecessors back to Paleo Indian times used (or did not use) this unique prairie/woodland ecosystem. Certainly, at least some of them used it in some ways at some times, because the crown jewel of the known archeological sites at Grandview is the Tom Jones site, a beautifully preserved Caddo mound group, and there are two other possible small mounds elsewhere on the property as well.

Hence, our training program this year will, for the first time, involve far more site survey work than excavation. There will be some test excavation going on at the Tom Jones Mound site, to determine the limits of the sites and to find out how many of the four or five low rises around the big platform mounds are also mounds. But, very likely, most of your time afield will spent walking some part of the vast prairie-woodland edge as a member of a four to five person site survey crew. (Do bring long pants and leather boots or a high-topped shoes for this work, for protection against snake bite.)

This should be pleasant and interesting work, for several reasons. One is simply the seemingly pris-

tine beauty, and peace and quiet, of Grandview. Except for access roads and a few ranch buildings, it's easy to feel that you are in an environment that hasn't changed much since the Indians were there. It's the kind of place where you wouldn't really be surprised to come upon a small herd of buffalo, or perhaps a mastodon or two.

Secondly, we expect to find many archeological sites, historic as well as prehistoric. The remains of the original, antebellum Grandview plantation, a large and important one, apparently, are somewhere on the property. Our historic archeologist, Dr. Leslie (Skip) Stewart-Abernathy, will be leading the search for them. This will probably involve some test excavations if promising sites are found. An old trail crosses the property and is particularly visible where it passes through the Tom Jones Mound group because it is bordered there by two long parallel embankments. Local legend has it that this is part of the "old military road" or "Southwest trail" which linked the nearby early historic town of Washington with points to the northeast and southwest. That may well be true, so we want to trace its entire route across Grandview, and search along it for sites. Some of them may be prehistoric. The parallel embankments at the Tom Jones site suggest that, whatever its later history, this trail was originally part of a network of Indian trails that linked the Caddo with peoples as far off as the southern Plains and the Mississippi Valley. Our test excavations at the Tom Jones site will include work in and around the embankments that, we hope, will tell us when they were constructed and whether or not the trail was coeval with the mounds.

Prehistoric sites should be abundant and may be unusually well-preserved. Grandview lies within the Ozan Creek drainage, a locality that has been known for its extraordinary concentration of Caddo mound and habitation sites ever since the publication of M. R. Harrington's book, *Certain Caddo Sites in Arkansas*, in 1920. While working less than 5 miles north of Grandview on Middle Ozan Creek in 1916, Harrington wrote of "seldom returning" from one of his "field hunting trips . . . without at least two or three hundred arrowpoints, not to speak of other specimens." He recorded, within a ten-mile radius of Grandview, two large habitation and cemetery sites and 36 mounds distributed among eight additional sites. Two of these, the Washington and Mineral Springs sites, had eleven mounds apiece. Harrington failed to find the two-mound Columbus Mound group, located about 3 miles south of Grandview. Nor did he find the Tom Jones Mound group.

Unfortunately, the sites around Grandview have all suffered frightful attrition from looting and other activities during the decades since Harrington explored them. But Grandview and its sites seem to have always have been pretty much under lock and key. Before the property was purchased by the Game and Fish Commission it was an exclusive hunting and fishing preserve, hence the fine lodge and dormitory complex, the two lakes for fishing, and other facilities that will be at our disposal. Before that it was a cattle ranch whose owners were well-known for prohibiting entry by local pothunters or anyone else. And before that, going back to the early 1800s it was an important plantation that was probably closed to looters as well. That would account for the near-pristine condition of the Tom Jones site, which appears to be one of the best preserved mound groups in the Caddo area. So at Grandview we may have some of the best-preserved archeology in the state.

David Jeane
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POVERTY POINT AND RAFFMAN ACTIVITIES

Excavating at Poverty Point SHS Past, Present and Future Research

Epps, Louisiana - On Saturday, June 16, 2001, from 9:00am until 3:00pm, Poverty Point State Historic Site visitors are invited to view archaeological excavations, attend a 2:00pm lecture, see demonstrations of basket weaving, flint knapping and earth oven cooking. This is in addition to the regular activities such as viewing artifacts in the museum, watching the video, walking the trail, and riding on the tram. Pack a picnic lunch and join us for the day. Excavations for the 2001 field season at the Poverty Point State Historic Site are in progress from May 23 through June 30 on a Wednesday through Sunday schedule.

Anthony Ortmann, under the direction of Dr. T. R. Kidder, Professor of Anthropology, Tulane University, will have test units open on two of the earthen mounds at Poverty Point SHS. The 2001 field project by Tulane is designed to help determine when the six mounds at Poverty Point were constructed and how they were used. This summer's research will address the when and why questions of mound construction. Were the mounds used as houses for the elite, for special celebrations or events? These are

the basic questions we hope will be answered this summer.

Poverty Point Station Archaeologist Dr. Robert Connolly will present a lecture in the museum theater at 2:00pm titled "Excavating at Poverty Point; Past, Present and Future Research."

Poverty Point State Historic Site offers visitors the opportunity to study the culture of area inhabitants from 1600 to 1300 B.C. The \$2 admission to the historic site provides access to the area museum, video and tram tour. Children (12 and under) and senior citizens (62 and over) are admitted free. Poverty Point is located in West Carroll Parish, east of Monroe on La. 577. For more information, call 1-888-926-5492 toll free or 318-926-5492.

Raffman Mounds Tour

Waverly, Louisiana - On Saturday, June 16, 2001, 9:00 AM, a tour will take place at the Raffman Mounds near Waverly Louisiana (20 minutes from Poverty Point). Raffman is a multi-component mound complex that has been the focus of research by T.R. Kidder over the past several years. The logistics for the Raffman tour will be organized by the Station Archaeology Program. Participation in the Raffman tour requires pre-registration through the Station Archaeology Program at 318-926-3314. For more information on the activities taking place at the Poverty Point site call 888-926-5492.

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CORRECTION

Dr. Kenneth Sassaman pointed out that the scale bar on the topographic map of Caney Mounds is incorrect (LAS Newsletter, Vol. 27, No. 3; Figure 1: p. 14). The scale bar should be in 100 m intervals and not 50 m intervals. The grid lines on the map are correct. This error is solely my responsibility. A corrected version of the map is presented below in Figure 1.

Joe Saunders

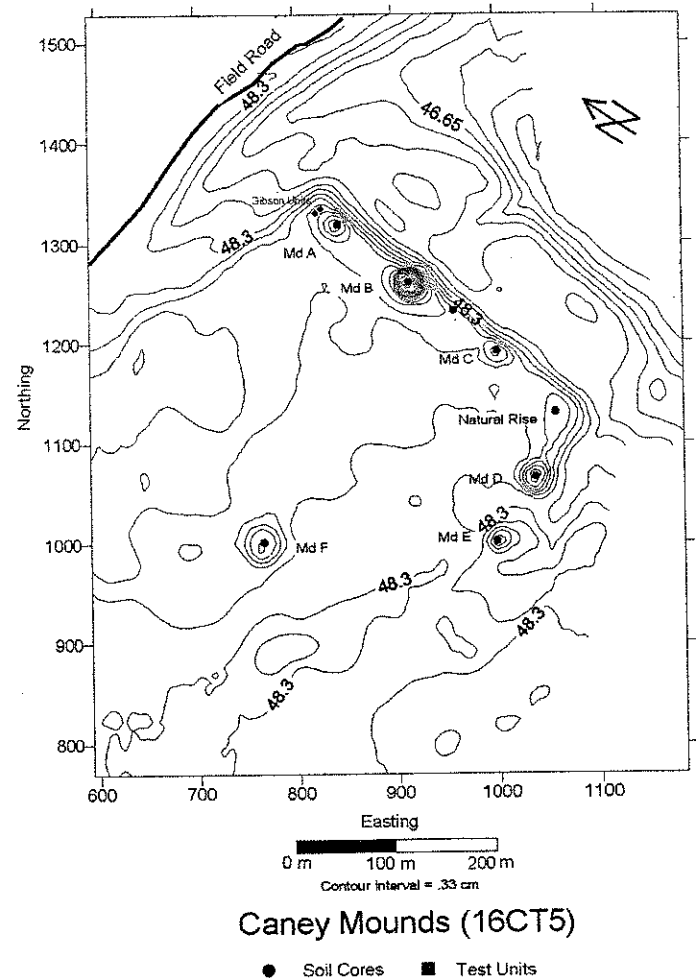


Figure 1. The Caney Mounds in Catahoula Parish.

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UPPA

(University of Poverty Point Alumni)

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The First Annual Social Gathering

When: June 23rd
Time: 10 am to 4pm
Where: Beaver Park, Lafayette, Louisiana

On Saturday, June 23rd, 2001, UPPA presents the first gathering of Poverty Pointers. This gathering is to reunite old friendships and create new ones with the common theme being, Poverty Point. This festivity will include a crab and shrimp boil along with beef brisket for those that don't eat seafood. Water and soft drinks will be provided. Alcohol is permitted on the park grounds, so **BYOB**.

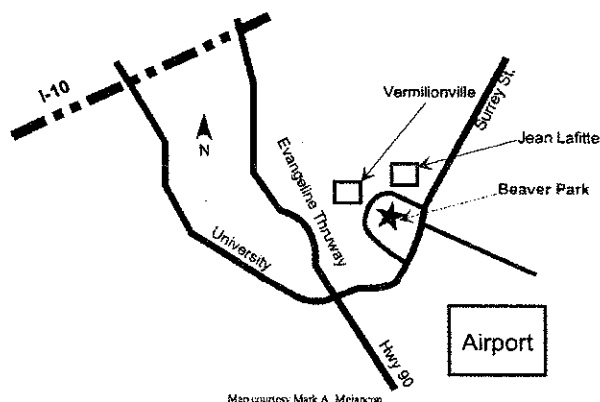
There is a **\$21.00 COVER CHARGE, PER PERSON**, to defray the cost incurred for putting this function together. Children under 8 are free.

T-shirts are being sold only on a **PRE-ORDER BASIS**. It will be a gray shirt with the UPPA logo over the left breast. **T-shirts are \$8** (a \$1 extra for XXL and \$2 extra for XXXL). We will not order any extra shirts, so please, place your order when you RSVP.

In order to finalize food orders and rentals, we are asking all persons who plan to attend, to submit their RSVP with payment, **no later than June 8, 2001**. If you place an order for a T-shirt, please enclose a separate check, with a note stating the size and quantity. Remember shirts are only **PRE-SOLD** and we will not have any extra shirts at the social. **Make all checks payable to UPPA**.

Please RSVP, no later than June 8, 2001, to:
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 Ellen Parker
 P. O. Box 145
 Anacoco, LA 71403

For those driving in from out of town, we have blocked 10 rooms at the Shoney's Inn on North Evangeline Thruway. The rooms are \$50 a night and can be booked for June 22 and/or 23rd. Their telephone number is 337-234-0383, just use the **Group Code UPPA** to receive the discount.



Map courtesy: Mark A. Melancon

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