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EDITOR'S NOTE

This issue of the Newsletter contains important information for LAS members. The preliminary program and other details of the annual meeting to be held in Monroe are presented. Glenn Greene and the Northeast Chapter have worked hard to organize the meetings and I encourage all of you to attend. The meetings provide an opportunity to learn more about the archaeology of Louisiana and, just as important, allow us to see old friends and make new ones. The meetings are fun as well as informative.

Also in this issue is a ballot for the two positions open in the society this year—Recording Secretary and Vice President/President-Elect. The activities of the Society, its direction and overall success are largely determined by its elected officials. It is important that members vote for that person they feel is most qualified and will most usefully serve the Society. Therefore, I urge you to vote. A brief biography of the nominees is provided.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

1984 is no more. By the time you read this I will shortly be the past president. When you start out in an office like this you have all sorts of ideas and things you want to do, but reality soon changes your outlook. I have enjoyed my year as president but it seems as if there are more things now to do than when I started.

Some of the things we did this year seem rather small but will pay dividends in future years. We got our bulk-mailing permit; the newsletter is going really well (with the exception of articles - why didn't you write that article?). I hated to see

the dues increase but we really had no choice. We will soon have the LAS Lending Library going. I think the by-laws are finally straightened out. Our bulletin is up-to-date, or will be shortly. The ceramic seminar was really super. Membership is on the increase and I didn't spend all the money in the treasury.

I can take credit for all of these things but in reality it was the members of the executive committee and the other elected officers who did the work. They are the people who make the LAS work, not the president.

So, Smokey Joe, I give it to you with wishes of good cheer and Happy New Year. See ya'll in Monroe.

David R. Jeane

LAS CERAMIC SEMINAR

By
David R. Jeane

Approximately 40 members of the Louisiana Archaeological Society attended an all-day seminar on prehistoric ceramics on Saturday, November 17, 1984. The event was sponsored by the Certification Committee of the LAS. Dr. Pete Gregory of Northwestern State University in Natchitoches was our host.

The program began with a presentation by John E. Miller, Archeologist with the Arkansas Highway Department. John has been involved in the past few years with replication of Caddo and Quapaw

ceramics. Using local clays and firing techniques that were available to the Indians he has managed to duplicate their pottery. His lecture and slides were most informative. Next on the program, Rich Weinstein, Archeologist with Coastal Environments, Inc. of Baton Rouge, discussed the pottery traditions of the Lower Mississippi Valley and Coastal Louisiana. His lecture and slides covered the entire pottery sequence as it stands today.

After a lunch break, Dr. Frank Schambach of the Arkansas Archeological Survey, who has spent the last 16 years working with Caddo Ceramics, presented a three-hour lecture on Pre-Caddoan and Caddoan pottery. Dr. Schambach is presently working on a ceramic typology for the Caddoan area. His lecture of the "how and why" of Caddo pottery was very well received.

Dr. Gregory and the speakers had prepared a pottery display in the Williamson Museum making it possible for the seminar participants to see and handle type sherds of both Caddo and Lower Valley ceramic traditions during the break periods. It was a most interesting and informative day. I want to thank Pète, John, Rich, and Frank for their efforts in training us to become better archaeologists.

NEW LAS CHAPTER FORMED

Eighteen members from the Florida Parishes, La. petitioned the LAS Executive Committee to charter them as a local chapter of the LAS. At their meeting on September 15, 1984 in Alexandria, the Executive Committee voted in favor of the petition and granted the group, known as the Northlake Chapter, a charter. A formal charter will be presented to the new Northlake Chapter at the LAS annual meeting on Jan. 26-27 in Monroe. The group has already appointed Joseph Manuel, Jr. as their LAS representative and will soon elect local officers. A copy of the petition is as follows. Let's welcome the new Northlake Chapter to the LAS.

Petition

Whereas, certain of the citizens of the Florida Parishes of the State of Louisiana have demonstrated a continuing interest in Archaeology, and,

Whereas, certain of the members of the Louisiana Archaeological Society live in the Florida Parishes, and,

Whereas, there is a desire among those members to have a Chapter of the Louisiana Archaeological Society located in the Florida Parishes, and,

Whereas, those members are prepared to organize a Chapter in accordance with the Constitution, By-Laws, and Code-of-Ethics of the Louisiana Archaeological Society,

Now, therefore, those members respectfully submit this petition to the Executive Committee for the authorization to become a Chapter of the Society under Article V of the Louisiana Archaeological Society By-Laws, this tenth day of September, 1984, asking also that this group be permitted to call themselves the Northlake Chapter of the Louisiana Archaeological Society, asking finally that the names which follow be recorded as the petitioners:

George Riser, M.D.	Farrel La Tour
Robert Wolf, D.V.M.	Chip Carney
Father Dominick Breaux	Melissa Manuel
Doris Z. Stone	Jason Manuel
Mary Lynn LeGardeus	Benjamin Manuel
Linda Rupp	Thomas Manuel
Janet Carrigee	Joey Manuel
Steve Sieracki	Terri Manuel
Jo Ann Hanson	Joseph O. Manuel, Jr.
Lucille B. Schwab	

Submitted by Brian Duhe

MEETINGS

Louisiana Archaeological Society, January 26-27, 1985, Chemistry Building, Northeast Louisiana University, Monroe, Louisiana. For information, contact: Dr. Glen S. Greene, College of Pure and Applied Sciences, Department of Geosciences, Northeast Louisiana University, Monroe, LA 71209.

Caddo Conference, March 15-16, 1985, The University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma. For Information contact: Don Wyckoff, Oklahoma Archaeological Survey, The University of Oklahoma, 1808 Newton Drive, Norman, Oklahoma, 73019.

Society for Historical Archaeology/Conference on Underwater Archaeology, January 9-12, 1985, Park Plaza Hotel, Boston, Massachusetts. For Information contact: Mary C. Beaudry, Department of Archaeology, Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts, 02215.

1985 LAS ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, January 26, 1985

The Eleventh Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Archaeological Society will be held on the campus of Northeast Louisiana University in Monroe on January 26-27, 1985. The meetings will be hosted and coordinated by the Geosciences Department, College of Pure and Applied Sciences, Northeast Louisiana University and the Northeast Louisiana Chapter, with much appreciated assistance from the Monroe Convention and Visitors Bureau. The Program Chairman for the meetings is Dr. Glenn S. Greene. All members of the LAS and others interested in archaeology are urged to attend. Glenn has provided the following information and schedule for the meeting. There may still be time to submit contributed papers for the meetings. If you wish to give a paper contact Glenn at: Department of Geoscience, College of Pure and Applied Sciences, Northeast Louisiana University, Monroe, LA 71209.

Location: New Chemistry Building, Northeast Louisiana University Campus.

Registration: Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the auditorium corridor of the new Chemistry Building. Registration for LAS members will be \$5.00, \$10.00 for non-members.

Meetings: The LAS Executive Committee Meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, January 25, in the Chemistry Building Auditorium. The Business Meeting will be held at 5:00 p.m. Saturday, in the same room.

Accommodations: Several motels are convenient to the meeting locations. Suggested are the Ramada Inn on Hwy 165 Bypass South (800-272-6232) or the Holidome on Hwy 165 Bypass South (318-387-5100).

Program

Friday, January 25, 1985

7:00-8:00 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting

8:00 a.m.-
3:00 p.m. Registration, Chemistry Building Auditorium corridor

8:30-8:40 a.m. Official Welcome

8:40-10:30 a.m. PANEL DISCUSSION, The Poverty Point Culture, Chaired by Jon Gibson

10:30-10:45 a.m. Coffee

10:45-11:30 a.m. PANEL DISCUSSION, continued.

11:30-1:30 p.m. LUNCH

1:30-3:30 p.m. CONTRIBUTED PAPERS

3:30-3:45 p.m. Coffee

3:45-5:00 p.m. CONTRIBUTED PAPERS, cont.

5:00-6:00 p.m. Business Meeting

8:30-12:00 a.m. Social Gathering with Cash Bar and non-cash kegs N.L.U. Alumni Center

Sunday, January 27, 1985

8:30-10:15 a.m. SYMPOSIUM, Pottery Types of North Louisiana and Southern Arkansas, Chaired by Reca Jones. Participants and audience observers are invited to bring specimens of vessels and sherds they wish to discuss.

10:15-11:00 a.m. Coffee

11:00-12:00 p.m. SYMPOSIUM, continued.

7:30-11:30 a.m. FIELD TRIP to Poverty Point State Commemorative Area. Bus leaves Chemistry Building at 7:30 a.m. and will return just before adjournment.

ADJOURN (until 1986)

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EXCAVATIONS AT THE LEE SITE EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH, LA

Under the direction of Richard A. Weinstein, personnel from Coastal Environments, Inc. have been conducting excavations at the Lee Site, a small prehistoric occupation in East Baton Rouge Parish. The site, measuring approximately 40 m x 80 m, is located on the toe of the Pleistocene Prairie Terrace adjacent to the Mississippi River floodplain. When occupied, the site was situated on the banks of a small tributary stream draining from the Prairie Terrace into Bayou Fountain, a backswamp drainage located about 200 m from the site. Thirty to 40 cm of recent alluvium, apparently derived from backswamp flooding, covers the site.

The excavation of a drainage ditch through the area several years ago revealed the existence of the site. As revealed in the profile of the drainage ditch, the site consists of a 15 cm to 25 cm thick, in-tact, midden zone containing several deeper pits and/or post holes. Research to date has involved recordation of the exposed profile, determining the extent of the site using mechanical auger boring and conducting hand excavation. The hand excavations, consisting of three 2 m x 2 m units, are in progress. Formal analysis of the material from the site has not been started; however, some preliminary observation can be made.

Preservation in the midden zone is good and carbonized seeds, wood fragments and bone have been recovered. The bone is generally small or fragmentary and much of it appears to be fish. Rangia cuneata has been recovered but is a rare occurrence.

The ceramic and lithic material examined indicates that the primary occupation occurred during the late Tchula into Marksville Periods with minor occupations dating to the Coles Creek and Mississippi Periods. Ceramics identified thus far include the Tchefuncte types Tchefuncte Plain, Tchefuncte Incised, Tchefuncte Stamped, and Orleans Punctated; the Marksville types Marksville Incised, Marksville Stamped, Mabin Stamped, Baytown Plain; the later periods are represented by late varieties of the types Mazique Incised, Avoyelles Punctated, French Fork Incised, and Evansville Punctated. Sherds with the Marksville cross-hatched rim treatment have been found.

Lithics are scarce though several projectile points have been found. These include one Kent point probably related to the Tchefuncte component

and several Bayougoula fishtail points presumably associated with the latest occupation.

It is anticipated that the Lee Site excavations will provide a quantity of information on the prehistory of the East Baton Rouge Parish area. Particularly important is that the site represents a small, non-shell midden, non-mound site, a setting which has received minimal attention in the past. The research at the site is being funded by grants from the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism and from Mr. Jerry McKernan of Baton Rouge. Members of the Baton Rouge chapter of the LAS are aiding in the excavations of the site.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL THIEVES CITED

On February 11, 1984, three individuals in Vernon Parish, Louisiana were cited for illegally digging in an archaeological site on the Kisatchie National Forest. The maximum penalty for such a violation under the Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979 is \$20,000 and imprisonment for 2 years for a first offense and \$100,000 and imprisonment for 5 years for a second offense.

An archaeological site is more than just a location where artifacts can be found. It is a fragile, complex record of the lives and activities of past generations. Artifacts are always valuable finds, but more important than the artifacts is their context or location in the ground. Both the horizontal and vertical position of an artifact may yield valuable information which is lost once the artifact has been removed. Even scientific excavation by a trained professional ultimately destroys the site, but through careful excavation, observation and detailed recording much of the data can be preserved.

The prehistoric site where the violation took place has been substantially damaged by illegal excavation in the past few months. Judging from the size of the site and depth of the deposit, this was probably once a very important site for understanding the cultural history of the area. Much of the valuable information which could have been obtained through a controlled scientific excavation of the site has been lost.

The Federal Government is responsible for protecting all historic and prehistoric sites and artifacts located on government lands. A body of laws and regulations have been issued which prohibit the excavation of sites or the removal of

artifacts without a permit. Permits are issued only to qualified groups and institutions, and generally only when preservation of the site is not a viable alternative, such as when the site is in imminent danger of being destroyed by a ground disturbing activity.

(From: Newsletter of the Kisatchee National Forest, Submitted by Walter Randall)

AN ACCOUNT OF THE INDIANS OF BAYOU LACOMBE

By Joseph O. Manuel, Jr.

In 1932 Joyce Gendusa was a young girl living with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Crow, on a farm about three miles southeast of the community of St. Tammany, located about half way between Mandeville and Slidell, and a few miles north of the town of Bayou Lacombe.

Her grandfather, Levi Crow, had a farm just north of St. Tammany with a home near the banks of Bayou Lacombe. It was Levi who donated the land for the Crow cemetery in St. Tammany.

Joyce has fond memories of the times she spent on the two farms. She remembers the massive furniture, the armoires with huge double mirrors, the marble topped washstands, porcelain canisters with wooden hinged tops, and the large rocking chair on her grandfather's porch. Levi used to sit in this chair as she combed his white hair and mustache with a large toothed comb. Even Levi was huge; standing six feet, three inches tall and having a thick heavy frame.

Joyce also remembers the Indians who used to visit both farms to collect sassafras leaves to use in making file'. As a little girl, she was afraid of them. One group of 10 to 15 Indians would walk single file along the unimproved road which ran from the town of Bayou Lacombe to that of St. Tammany. She never heard them speak as they came up the road to Levi's farmhouse. They walked past the front of the house, past the chicken yard, past the barn and then turned east to the bayou, Bayou Lacombe. Men and women both wore straw hats. The only child was one infant carried papoose-style on a young woman's back. This young woman stayed a considerable distance behind the others. She would linger behind until the group made a turn in the road and were out of her sight, then she would move to

that point and wait until they were at a distance from her or made another turn. Joyce learned years later that this young woman had had the baby out of wedlock and was condemned to keep her distance from the rest of the group, at least in public.

An old Indian couple, presumed to be man and wife, would go to Cornelius Crow's farm to gather sassafras leaves. Joyce believed that the Indians sold much of the file' that they made.

The Indians remained about a week at a time collecting the leaves. Then they would walk out single file back to the road and south toward the town of Bayou Lacombe. Joyce did not know where they lived permanently. However, during the time they gathered the sassafras leaves, the Indians lived in lean-tos constructed by pushing two long forked poles and two short poles into the ground. A ridge pole was placed across the two long poles and one across the two short poles. Then more poles were strapped from the high ridge pole to the low ridge pole and limbs from a large-leaved oak were thatched on to form a roof. Palmetto was not used, according to Joyce. She estimated the size of a lean-to to be about five feet high in front, about six feet wide, and the structure was about eight feet long.

It is possible that these Indians were remnants and/or descendents of those described by David I. Bushnell, Jr. in 1909, in the Bureau of American Ethnology, Bulletin 48, The Choctaw of Bayou Lacombe, St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana. In that paper he refers to the Indians as Choctaw or Acolapissa. He also mentions sassafras twice in his paper. First on page 8 is found the following:

Kombo ashish.-The leaves of Laurus sassafras are gathered during the autumn, usually about the middle of October, after they have turned red. They are thoroughly dried in the sun and air, without the use of artificial heat. They are then pounded in a wooden mortar until reduced to a very fine powder, which is sifted to remove all hard particles. The powder is again placed in the mortar and pounded until as fine as it can be made, when it is ready for use. About a teaspoonful of this powder added to a kettle of soup gives it a glutinous quality and the flavor also is relished. This powder is highly prized by the Creoles of Louisiana.

Then on page 23:

Kafe ashish (Laurus sassafras)-The roots are boiled in water and the extract is drunk "to thin the blood".

I would like to thank Mrs. Joyce Gendusa for the interview she granted me in August of 1984. I hope you found it interesting.

TULANE SERIES TO FEATURE RICHARD LEAKEY

Noted paleoanthropologist and author Richard Leakey will discuss "Origins" in The Tulane Series at Tulane University this spring. The illustrated lecture will be Tuesday, March 26, 1985, at 8:15 p.m. in McAlister Auditorium on the Tulane campus.

Leakey, joint leader of the expedition that recently discovered remains of a male Homo erectus in Kenya, has been a major force in the continuing search for clues to human ancestry. Leakey wrote the popular books Origins, People of the Lake and The Making of Mankind.

The lecture, about his research work in Kenya, is free and open to the public. LAS members should find this lecture of great interest.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGE

Because of the action of the Executive Committee in September which raised membership dues and subscriptions to \$15.00 per year, beginning in 1985, a change in the by-laws is necessary. The particular section to be changed refers specifically to subscriptions for institutions. The new wording will allow the Executive Committee to change subscription rates without another by-law change.

Article I, Section 3:

Existing Wording:

Institutions and other organizations may subscribe to the Society's publications upon payment of \$10.00. Such Institutions and other organizations shall not be considered members of the Society. Orders for available back issues of the Society's annual publication (bulletin, special releases, and quarterly newsletters) shall cost \$10.00 for each year desired. If only the bulletin is desired, the

cost shall be \$7.50. Individuals who do not wish to become Society members may purchase the annual bulletin only for \$7.50 and/or the quarterly newsletters for \$2.50 as long as issues are available.

Proposed wording:

Institutions and other organizations may subscribe to the Society's publications upon payment of a subscription fixed by the Executive Committee. Such Institutions and other organizations shall not be considered members of the Society. The cost of available back issues of the Society's publications shall be fixed by the Executive Committee. Individuals who do not wish to become members of the Society may purchase publications at the rates fixed by the Executive Committee.

This proposed change in the by-laws will be voted upon by the membership at the annual meeting in January.

CHAPTER NEWS

**Northlake Chapter
Reported by Joe Manuel, Jr.**

The members of the newly formed Northlake Archaeological Society learned on September 16th that we have been granted a charter by the LAS and are now the Northlake Chapter. We would like to thank President David Jeane and the Executive Committee for their favorable vote.

The Northlake Chapter held an organizational meeting October 4th, at 7 p.m., at the Delta Regional Primate Center of Tulane in Covington. Our regular meetings will probably be held on the third Thursday of each month.

The Chapter is dedicated to studying the prehistory of the northlake Florida Parishes.

We are extending an invitation to all LAS members to become charter members of the Northlake Chapter. To do so just send your name and address to: Northlake Chapter, LAS, Attention: George Riser, M.D., Rt. 7, Box 1450, Covington, LA 70433.

**Southwest/Imperial Calcasieu
Reported by Joe Frank**

This Fall, McNeese State University, in Lake Charles, sponsored a leisure learning program on "Getting Acquainted with Archaeology and Louisiana Indian Artifacts". Joe Frank presented the program to sixteen individuals interested in Louisiana Archaeology. The class met for six nights.

The October meeting of the Southwest Louisiana Archaeological Society was held on October 25th in Frasch Hall auditorium on the McNeese Campus. A film "Sinew Backed Bow and its Arrows" was the highlight of the program.

David Jeane, President of the Arkansas and Louisiana Archaeological Societies was the guest speaker at the September meeting of the Southwest Louisiana Archaeological Society. His program was on the testing of the Martin Site in Arkansas. This site was dug by the Arkansas Archaeological field School in the summers of 1982, 1983, and 1984. The program was well attended and enjoyed by the membership.

**Central Louisiana
Reported by Walter Randall**

Officers 1984

President	Rose Walker
Vice President	Nancy Affeltranger
Treasurer	Charles Affeltranger
Secretary	Connie Randall
Historian	Frances Krist
Chapter Representative	Walter Randall

The Central Louisiana Archaeological Chapter submits the following information concerning their activities for the past year.

We have had outstanding guest speakers, largely through the efforts of our hard-working President, Rose Walker, who also finds time to put out a fine newsletter each month to our members.

January: Dr. Jack Keller (one of our members) spoke on his work on a recent survey in south-central Texas. He discussed the methods used in random selection of sample areas to provide a valid survey of a 6400 acre site.

February: Dr. William Haag presented an interesting talk on his work in various parts of the world and his investigations in archaeoastronomy.

March: Recca Jones presented an overview of pottery variations in northeast Louisiana. We also had a display of various lithic materials, furnished by the Rock, Mineral, and Lapidary Club to help in identifying materials used for artifacts.

April: Ellis Denning, a geologist (a chapter member) discussed ancient courses of the Red and Mississippi Rivers.

May: Dr. Jon Gibson discussed Poverty Point, and displayed recent aerial photos of the site. He spoke of the promising possibilities through the use of new technologies in the study of the site.

June: Dr. Ann Ramenofsky discussed plans for the 8 week LSU Field Course at the Cowpen Slough site where burials have been dated to 3300 B.C.

July: Bill Baker showed plottings of ancient river courses around the Cowpen Slough-Larto Lake area.

August: Mr. Thilo Steinschulte, local architect, discussed his visits to archaeological sites in China.

September: Harry Thibodeaux (chapter member) presented his speculations on techniques involved in making and using various stone tools and weapons. He demonstrated drilling a stone bead, using a cane jig to hold the blank while drilling with a fire-hardened cane drill turned with a bowstring, using sand as the cutting agent.

October: Dr. Jack Keller spoke on his 3 summers spent working with British archaeologists at the Winchester Cathedral site, describing their findings down through the centuries from Roman times.

The Chapter conducted several interesting field trips in the past year. One of these was to the Cowpen Slough site being excavated by a crew led by Dr. Ann Ramenofsky of the Department of Geography and Anthropology at LSU. The visit was a real learning experience, seeing LSU students dig test pits, expose and plot artifacts and features, use various sampling and screening techniques, expose and stabilize burials, etc. Our President, Rose Walker, worked at the site, exposing and plotting a hearth. This was only fitting, as Rose, and her husband, Richard, had worked with Bill Baker and Dr. Webb on the initial investigation of this very important site.

Through the efforts of Rose Walker, and Bill Day, local television personality at KLAX TV (and a

chapter member), a private fund drive has been successful and a contribution made to Dr. Ann Ramenofsky to help defray some unforeseen expenses incurred during the work at the Cowpen Slough site.

**Northeast
Reported by Claire Davis**

In September, Marilyn Taylor gave a very enjoyable slide presentation on her trip through China last summer. The trip included a visit to the 1600-year-old tomb of Qin Shi Huang in which over 6000 life size Terra Cotta warriors, horses, and carriages were found. The face of each soldier was individually sculpted and unique. It took over 20 years of work to build the tomb. Marilyn also visited the Great Wall which at one time stretched over 3800 miles, of which only 1500 miles remains.

The program for the October meeting will be a slide presentation on Machu Picchu by Dr. Glen Greene. Dr. Greene visited Machu Picchu this past summer. Machu Picchu, located in Peru, was built by the Incas probably after 1440 and rediscovered in 1911. This natural fortress has some of the most fabulous stone work in the world. This promises to be a very interesting program.

**MINUTES OF THE LAS EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE MEETING**

**September 15, 1984, Tyrone Plantation,
Alexandria, Louisiana
Submitted by Rose Walker**

The LAS Executive Committee met at 2 p.m. on September 15 at Tyrone Plantation. Members present were: President-David Jeane, President elect-Joseph V. Frank, Recording Secretary-Debbie Woodiel, Newsletter Editor-Charlie Pearson, Representative At Large-John Guy, Representative At Large-Clarence Webb, Central Louisiana Chapter Representative-Walter Randall, East Central Chapter Representative-Bill Baker, North East Chapter Representative-Reca Jones, North West Chapter Representative-Tommy Cheatham, and Lafayette Chapter Representative-Lyn Fontenot.

The meeting was called to order by David Jeane. The minutes were accepted as published. Brian Duhe gave the treasurer's report. In the projected budget he indicated that the treasury will be in

serious difficulty if something is not done. Future bulletins will be more costly and more money will be needed. The financial report was accepted. Debbie Woodiel gave the membership report. S explained the design of a new brochure that is being prepared. Motion was made based on the information presented by Debbie and Joe Frank that they proceed with the brochure. Motion was passed.

The Newsletter report was given by Charlie Pearson. The first Newsletter cost \$242 to go to press. Charlie reported that the permanent mailing permit is now paid and being used from the Baton Rouge location. There was a call for more news from the local Chapters. There is also a need for informative articles. The Bulletin report was given by David Jeane in the absence of Bob Neuman. Seven manuscripts are now submitted but they are short. Three are presently out for peer review. More articles are requested. Bob said he would get permission to reprint certain site reports if more articles were not forthcoming. Jon sent word that the Ouachita volume needs an introduction and Reca Jones article needs typesetting. It should be on the USL printer's calendar soon.

The Annual Meeting will be held on Northeastern's campus in the new Physical Science Building. The Convention is scheduled for January 25, 26, and 27, 1985. The program will include a Poverty Point Symposium chaired by Jon Gibson. Dr. Webb suggested David Hally be asked to talk on Plaquemine Culture. David said that \$150 would be advanced toward the Convention. The registration fees are suggested as \$10 for non-members and \$5 for members.

At this time Chapter reports were given. Joe Frank made a motion that money in the LAS treasury be utilized for LAS activities only i.e. the publication of the Bulletin, the Newsletter, and the annual Field School. Motion passed.

Report of the Certification Committee and Field School Committee was made by David Jeane. At the meeting terms of members of the Committee were clarified. A reading list was revised with test questions assigned to be constructed and submitted in the near future. The Field School for this year will be a Ceramics Workshop hosted by Dr. H. F. Gregory at Northwestern on November 17th.

Motion was made to raise the regular membership dues from \$10 to \$15. Motion was seconded and passed.

New Business

Joe Manuel Jr. petitioned for a charter for a new chapter. The new chapter will be for the Florida Parishes and is called the Northlake Chapter. Motion was made and passed that the charter be issued and presented at the Annual meeting.

Debbie Woodiel as Corresponding Secretary will seek nominations for the two positions that will become vacant at the end of this year. They are the office of President-elect and Recording Secretary. This will be done by mail from the local chapters and then names will be selected by the nominating committee and then put into the next Newsletter.

Rae Swent, hostess at Tyrone Plantation, and also president of Louisiana Preservation Alliance gave a brief description of the organization and benefits of membership. Dr. Webb suggested that Rose Walker act as unofficial liaison from LAS to LPA and report at the Annual Business meeting.

Debbie Woodiel reported that she was asked for a list of LAS members by the Louisiana Heritage Foundation. This is a newly created non-profit organization that is to support the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism in preserving and protecting Louisiana's cultural heritage. The foundation will enlist private support for projects and programs which are not amenable to public funding. Brian moved that a formal request be made in writing stating the intentions of the use of the names. Motion was seconded and passed.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

INFORMATION ON THE NOMINEES

The following information is provided on each of the nominees for office for 1985. The ballot is on the following page.

Linda Hardy Church - Born and raised in New Orleans, Linda is married to Whitner Church and has two children, Lisa and Michael. Linda has a BFA from Newcomb College and for the past two years has been working with the exploration department of Amoco Production Co. as a geological assistant. She enjoys both prehistoric and historic archaeology and has been active in the Delta Chapter for the past several years. She is currently serving as recording secretary for Delta Chapter.

Ray Fredlund - Ray was born and raised on Long Island, New York, and has lived in Texas and Louisiana since 1950. He is employed in the legal department at Dow Chemical in Plaquemine, Louisiana. Ray has been active as an amateur archaeologist for the past 15 years and has been involved in a number of archaeological projects in Texas and Louisiana. In 1983 he spent the summer on an archaeological project in Israel. He is a member of the Texas Archaeological Society and the Louisiana Archaeological Society and is past-president of the Baton Rouge Chapter of the LAS.

Joseph O. Manuel, Jr. - Joe was born in Biloxi, Mississippi and he and his wife Terri have five children Joey, Thomas, Benjamin, Jason, and Melissa. He has a B.S. in geology and an M.S. in microbiology from the University of Southern Mississippi and has been employed with A.H. Robins Pharmaceutical Company since 1965. Joe Manuel is a charter member of the LAS and a charter member of both the Delta and Northlake chapters. He is a past president and LAS representative of the Delta Chapter. Joe has had a life-long interest in archaeology and has worked on numerous sites in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee. He has published a number of articles on his research in the LAS Newsletter and is currently working on the comprehensive report of the archaeological work done at the Hornsby site.

Richard Weinstein - Richard was born in Queens, New York, and spent his first 18 years living in nearby Great Neck, New York. He received a B.A. in Sociology from Wilkes College in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, and an M.A. in Anthropology, from LSU. His thesis dealt with the archaeology of the Lower Amite River. Since 1975, he has been an archaeologist with Coastal Environments, Inc., of Baton Rouge. He is the author of approximately 40 cultural resources contract reports, several archaeological monographs and articles, including the Beau Mire and Moores Creek site reports, and has presented numerous papers at both local and national archaeological conferences. He is particularly interested in the prehistoric ceramics of the Lower Mississippi Valley and Louisiana coastal zone and the use of ceramics as an aid in understanding cultural change. He is a charter member of the LAS and of the Baton Rouge chapter and maintains memberships in numerous state and national archaeological organizations, including the Society of Professional Archaeologists.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND DUES RENEWAL 1985

Regular Membership	()	Annually \$15.00
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