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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Nominations are being solicited from the SEAC membership for the offices of President-elect, Editor-elect and Executive Officer II. Nominations should be forwarded to the Nominations and Elections Committee <u>before July 1</u>. The 1992 SEAC Nominations Committee members are:

William H. Marquardt (chair), Florida Museum of Natural History, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL 32611 (telephone 904-392-7188)

Ann Early, PO Box 7657 HSU, Arkadelphia, AR 71923 (telephone 501-246-7311)

Bruce D. Smith, Department of Anthropology, National Museum of Natural History, NMNH-MS112, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC 20560 (telephone 202-357-1572)

CURRENT RESEARCH

Alabama

The University of Alabama Department of Anthropology completed a third season of field school excavations at Moundville under direction of V. J. Knight. The chief goal of the project is to develop a reliable set of data on the chronology of the site plan and the use of the mounds. Excavations to date have focused on Mound Q. Radiocarbon dates from flank deposits on Mound Q indicate that most of Mound Q was constructed prior to A.D. 1250, at which time it supported a building whose precise character is still being evaluated. Two later building stages were added during the thirteenth century. Much later, at approximately A.D. 1420, the mound was

converted to residential use, and a thick midden was laid down along the northern flank. Test excavations are planned for Mounds P and F in the near future.

The Division of Archaeology of the Alabama Museum of Natural History is actively involved in excavation at Dust Cave (ILu496), near Florence, Alabama. The cave contains extremely well-preserved Archaic components including the isolable Big Sandy component near the base of the approximate 4 m thick deposit. Recent radiocarbon assays of three samples from this lower component produced dates of about 10,350 to 10,500 radiocarbon years B.P., suggesting a significantly earlier age range for Big Sandy materials than originally thought. Boyce Driskell directs the fieldwork at Dust Cave.

A PaleoIndian projectile point survey for Alabama has been initiated in conjunction with the Alabama Archaeological Society, coordinated by Eugene Futato, Charles Hubbert, and Van King. Over 100 fluted points from private collections have been recorded in the initial phase of the project.

The Division has also initiated the third and final season of above-pool survey of TVA property at Wheeler Lake. This season will complete the 3,000 acres yet to be surveyed and then focus on problem oriented survey and testing for buried sites in select localities.

CALL FOR PAPERS

SYMPOSIUM PRE-COLUMBIAN NATIVE ENCOUNTERS

The 500 year anniversary of the Columbian expedition to the New World has heightened

interest in anthropological studies of culture contact and change. Yet the encounters of Christopher Columbus and his European successors were extraordinary mostly for their notoriety; encounters of considerable significance have elapsed over the millennia of Native American prehistory. One can argue, in fact that sociopolitical entities we define as "cultures" are formed, maintained and transformed through interactions with similarly conceived entities. The interconnectedness of peoples forms the matrix of cultural identities that we, as archaeologists, recognize as discrete units of study.

In recognition of the Columbian Quincentennial, we propose to celebrate the millennia of North American contacts and interactions that took place long before Europeans To this end, we are organizing a 1992 Southeastern for the symposium Archaeological Conference in Little Rock. The theme of the symposium is regional-scale integration and interactions among southeastern populations from Paleoindian through late prehistoric times. We are seeking papers addressing processual themes at a regional scale of analysis that may incorporate such familiar concepts as core-periphery, boundaries and frontiers, migration, and exchange. We would ideally like to assemble contributions that span all periods of prehistory, to show, for instance, how early Holocene cultures were constituted on the in-filling process of an open landscape, how subsequent generations negotiated the use of increasingly limited resources, how pan-regional changes in mid-Holocene environments influenced population movements, how interregional exchange networks defined the boundaries and cores of Middle Woodland societies, and how regional shifts in the balance of power led to the rise and fall of Mississippian chiefdoms.

The symposium will also provide an opportunity to explore theoretical issues important to our understanding of pre-Columbian encounters. For instance, the Columbian expedition was part of an expanding European periphery that was itself becoming a core at the scale of a global system. But other interactions were occurring in the American Southeast independent of this global world system, some of which resemble coreperiphery relations, others that are significantly different. The spatial scale of these encounters

varied: How far did a Paleoindian explorer travel to encounter "the other," as opposed to a Hopewellian trader or a Mississippian warrior? How might group size, polity size or degree of integration affect encounters with others? Are interactions of individuals near a core similar to or different than interactions at peripheries? What are the specific mechanisms of interconnectedness and boundedness? How were cultural similarities and differences created and maintained? The variety and depth of issues stemming from the study of cultural interactions are great, and we hope to attract contributors with divergent theoretical perspectives.

Our forbearers in southeastern archaeology, James Ford, Joseph Caldwell, Ripley Bullen and Alex Krieger, among others, often speculated on panregional patterns of cultural interaction and influence. The rise of scientific archaeology in the 1960s forestalled such speculation by debasing the concepts of migration and diffusion. In their place, the "new" archaeology substituted neoevolutionary concepts which caused us to artificially bound systems and to investigate their inner workings with little regard for larger-scale phenomena. We have since come to recognize the shortcomings of such an approach, and are now in a position to redress, with new theoretical insights, the patterns our forbearers worked diligently to document. The Columbian Quincentennial is a fitting occasion to resurrect the grand schemes of southeastern archaeology in order to document the long history of Native American encounters prior to 1492.

We request that interested individuals and potential contributors send suggestions, comments, and/or abstracts by June 15, 1992 to: Michael S. Nassaney, Department of Anthropology, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA 01003, (413) 665-2151; Kenneth E. Sassaman, Savannah River Archaeological Research Program, P.O. Box 371, New Ellenton, SC 29809.

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS-ARKANSAS ARCHEOLOGICAL SÜRVEY ARCHEOLOG-ICAL FIELD SCHOOL AT PARKIN

An archeological field school will be conducted at the Parkin site in northeast Arkansas from June 29 through August 7, 1992. The Parkin site is a

17-acre Mississippian site surrounded by a defensive moat, which is in the process of being developed as Parkin Archeological State Park. Previous excavations have demonstrated that the Mississippian occupation lasted from about A.D. 1300 until the mid-1500s. Parkin was intensively occupied, and deposits are as much as two meters thick in portions of the village area.

The course will be taught by Dr. Jeffrey M. Mitchem. Students will be enrolled for six (6) semester hours (either undergraduate or graduate) in ANTH 4256: Archeological Field Session, through the University of Arkansas. Instruction will be provided in basic techniques of excavation, transit use, mapping, record keeping, laboratory methods, and flotation. While local housing and

a hired cook will be provided, students will be

responsible for tuition and food costs.

Excavations will be concentrated in two areas of the site. One location has yielded evidence of several superimposed structures and a possible low mound. The 1992 work in this area will be directed at defining structure floors and examining the mound stratigraphy. Work in the other location has revealed a deeply buried structure, which will be completely excavated this year. Preservation of bone, botanical remains, and other materials is excellent in both areas, and features are abundant. The diverse deposits at the site offer an excellent environment in which to learn basic field techniques.

Deadline to apply is June 12, 1992. Enrollment will be limited to 12 students. For additional information and applications, write Dr. Jeffrey M. Mitchem, Arkansas Archeological Survey, P.O. Box 241, Parkin, AR 72373.

DR. ROBERT L. STEPHENSON, 1919-1992

On January 14, 1992, Dr. Robert Lloyd Stephenson passed away at his home in Columbia, South Carolina. Bob, as he was known by most people, had been suffering from cancer in recent years. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Faith Goetz Stephenson, and two step-sons, Timothy and Michael Smith.

Bob retired as the Director of the Institute of Archeology and Anthropology (SCIAA) and State Archeologist of South Carolina in 1984, where he had spent the last 16 years of his career building the Institute into a modern research facility. Prior to that, he had spent 20 years with the Smithsonian Institution in its River Basin Surveys program. He was the Director of the Missouri Basin Project until 1963 when he went to Washington, D.C. to become Acting Director of the River Basin Surveys for the entire United States. In 1966 he joined the University of Nevada to establish the Nevada Archeological Survey where he spent two years.

In 1968, when he came to the University of South Carolina as the second Director of the Institute, the staff consisted of himself, John Combes and a secretary. By the time he had retired in 1984, he had increased the full time staff to 25 members and the Institute was doing several thousand dollars of contracts and grants a year. He established the first systematic site files for the state, founded the Notebook, the Research Manuscript Series and the Anthropological Studies. He, along with James L. Michie, co-founded the Archaeological Society of South Carolina which is sponsored by the Institute. When he retired, he donated his entire professional library to the SCIAA. In 1989, he donated the sum of \$50,000 to establish a research fund for the Institute known as the Robert L. Stephenson Archaeological Research Fund. In 1989, a trust fund was established through private giving by his friends and colleagues to support the SCIAA library, a good portion of which was donated by Bob. This trust fund, the Robert L. Stephenson Library Trust, was named in honor of him. In 1990, the current Director, Dr. Bruce Rippeteau and his colleagues, presented him with a festschrift entitled Studies in South Carolina Archaeology, Essays in Honor of Robert L. Stephenson (SCIAA, Anthropological Studies 9). This multiauthored book summarized much of the research done under Bob's tenure as Director of the Institute.

The profession, and the Southeastern Archaeological Conference in particular, have lost a great friend and supporter in the passing of Bob Stephenson. Memorials can be made to the Robert L. Stephenson Library Trust, SCIAA, University of South Carolina. Albert C. Goodyear

UPCOMING MEETINGS

SOUTHEASTERN ARCHAEOLOGICAL CONFERENCE 1992

The Forty-ninth Southeastern Archaeological Conference will be held October 21-24, 1992, at the Excelsior Hotel in Little Rock, Arkansas. The Conference is hosted by the Arkansas Archeological Survey. For the fourth and final time, SEAC pursues the trail of Hernando de Sotothis time to its tragic conclusion. Preliminary plans include a symposium on Caddoan ethnohistoric archaeology.

LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS CHAIRPERSON: Martha Rolingson, Arkansas Archeological Survey, 1 Toltec Mounds Road, Scott, AR 72142; Phone: (501) 961-2420.

PROGRAM CO-CHAIRS: Marvin Jeter & John House, Arkansas Archeological Survey, Box 136 UAPB, Pine Bluff, AR 71601; Phone: (501) 535-4509.

DEADLINES: Deadline for paper and symposium proposals and abstracts is August 1, 1992. Current membership in SEAC and payment of advance registration is required. Advance Registration is \$35.00 until September 21. Late Registration is \$40.00. Refunds for advanced registration fee can be made up to September 21, only. Membership and Advance Registration forms are on the following pages. Early submission of proposals, especially for symposia, is welcomed.

TOLTEC TOUR AND BARBECUE: A grand tour and Southern barbecue is scheduled for Thursday afternoon at Toltec Mounds Archeological State Park. Tickets include bus transportation, tour fee and barbecue buffet catered by the award-winning Lindsey's Bar-B-Q of North Little Rock, Arkansas. The total price is \$16.00; tickets must be reserved no later than October 14, so pay for this along with your advance registration fee! No Conference sessions will be concurrent with the Toltec event.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Dr. George R. Milner of Pennsylvania State University is the keynote speaker scheduled for Friday night. Dr. Milner's title is "Tracking the Four Horsemen Across the Post-Columbian Southeast." He will discuss evidence for the disruptions of Native American ways of life in the Southeast during the first two centuries following Columbus' landfall in the Americas.

DANCE: A dance will top off the Friday activities.

HOTEL: The Excelsior Hotel is offering rates of \$70.00 for a single and \$77.00 for a double or triple, plus 9.5% tax. Hotel reservations must be in by September 21, as this is the closing date on the conference block of rooms. A hotel reservation form is included here. Please mail it directly to the hotel.

The hotel is located on the scenic bank of the Arkansas River in downtown Little Rock. A free hotel shuttle bus will be available between the airport and hotel. Free parking is available adjacent to the hotel.

CHILD CARE: Anyone interested in child care during sessions please contact Martha Rolingson regarding possible arrangements.

BOOK ROOM: People wanting display space in the book room contact Martha Rolingson for reservations.

GREAT WINES: The Great Wines of the Southeast will <u>not</u> be held this year. Mark Mathis is proposing a change in this event, for 1993. Next year, it will be Great Spirits of the Southeast, broadened to include homemade beer and other spirits. So start brewing for the event in Raleigh.

DELTA AIRFARE DISCOUNT TO 1992 SEAC: A 40% discount is available on Delta Air Line's round trip coach fares within the United States and San Juan. Certain restrictions may apply. Seats are limited.

- 1. Valid travel dates: October 18-28, 1992.
- 2. Purchase tickets 7 days in advance.
- 3. Refer to file number L42146.

Call Delta, or have your Travel Agent call 1-800-221-1212 and ask for Special Meeting Network. The Network is open daily from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Central Time.

SPEAKERS: Please limit your presentation to the scheduled 20 minutes listed in the program. It is unprofessional to drag on and cut into time allotted to others. Let the symposium organizer or session chair know who you are so the paper introductions and transitions between speakers will go smoothly. It is a good idea to label your carousel with your name. Leave your slide carousel with the volunteer hosts operating the projector. Finally, remember to pick up your carousel from the projectionist after your talk. Session rooms will have a slide projector, if any other type of equipment is needed, you must indicate this on your paper proposal form.

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Refunds for Advanced Registration can be made up to September 21, 1992, only. Complete and return this registration form with check or money order to:

John H. House, Arkansas Archeological Survey P. O. Box 136, UAPB, Pine Bluff, AR 71601

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Make checks payable to SEAC 92. Refunds for advance registration can be made up to 21 September 1992 only.

ROOK NOTES

RECENT CHICORA PUBLICATIONS

Formulating Ethics and Standards in Archaeology. PATRICIA CRIDLEBAUGH, editor. Chicora Foundation Research Series 19, 1990. vi + 71 pages, 2 figures, 4 tables, references. \$10.00

This study incorporates eight papers dealing with such diverse topics as conservation of material remains, preservation of paper and photographic documentation, development of field and reporting standards, and site vandalism.

The Second Phase of Archaeological Survey on Spring Island, Beaufort County, South Carolina: Investigation of Prehistoric and Historic Settlement Patterns on an Isolated Sea Island. MICHAEL TRINKLEY, editor. Chicora Foundation Research Series 20, 1990. ix + 196 pages, 30 figures, 15 tables, references. \$15.00.

This study refines prehistoric site classifications, discussing the differing settlement patterns from the Early, Middle, and Late Woodland periods. Also included are test excavations and architectural studies at the standing tabby ruins of the early nineteenth century Edwards Plantation on Spring Island.

Archaeological Excavations at 38BU96, A Portion of Cotton Hope Plantation, Hilton Head Island, Beaufort County, South Carolina. MICHAEL TRINKLEY, editor. Chicora Foundation Research Series 21, 1990. vii + 157 pages, 26 figures, 32 tables, references. \$15.00.

This study examines the changing plantation landscape and settlement pattern as revealed at 38BU96. Originally an eighteenth century slave settlement, the site's function and orientation changed twice in the nineteenth century.

An Archaeological Context for the South Carolina Woodland Period. MICHAEL TRINKLEY. Chicora Foundation Research Series 22, 1990. vi + 65 pages, 1 figure, 3 tables, references. \$5.00

This study reviews what is currently known about the period in South Carolina prehistory from 2000 B.C. through A.D. 1000. This is followed by detailed discussions of site types, potential research questions, and an annotated list of recognized pottery and projectile point types for South Carolina.

REPORTS

MINUTES OF THE 1991 SEAC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE YEAR-END MEETING

The final 1991 meeting of the Executive Committee of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference was called to order by President Vincas Steponaitis at 7:00 p.m. on November 6, 1991, in the Holiday Inn Downtown, Jackson, Mississippi. In attendance were C. Clifford Boyd, Ian W. Brown, I. Randolph Daniel, R. P. Stephen Davis, David H. Dye, Eugene M. Futato, John House, Jay K. Johnson, Jim Knight, Mark Mathis, Charlie McNutt, Jeffery M. Mitchem, Mary Lucas Powell, Elizabeth Reitz, John Scarry, Vincas P. Steponaitis, and Nancy White.

OLD BUSINESS

The results of the election were announced. A total of 155 ballots were cast. Jay K. Johnson is Treasurer-elect and Jeffrey M. Mitchem Executive Officer I.

Steve Davis presented the editor's report. This has been a year of learning for Steve. It has taken a lot of time, but has also been rewarding. The papers and the reviews have been good. relationship with Allen Press also continues to be good. Two issues have been published. Volume 10. No. 1 was mailed in September and the page proofs for Volume 10, No. 2 are on schedule and this issue should be out by the first of the year. Steve would like to move the publication schedule to a summer (June)/winter (December) one. We are about an issue or an issue and a half ahead in terms of papers which have been accepted. This is a good backlog of manuscripts, but it would be better to have a somewhat larger backlog. There seems to be a tendency for papers to be submitted at the beginning of the year and just before Steve also reported that he has appointed Randy Daniel as Associate Editor for Book Reviews. Book reviews had reached the point where it was enough work to warrant a separate editor. Hopefully this will mean that book reviews will be a higher priority than before and will get out sooner. As agreed with Allen Press, publication costs will go up one more time by 10%, at which time it will be necessary to renegotiate our contract with Allen Press. A fuller version of Steve's report appears in this issue of the Newsletter.

Steve brought up the problems associated with putting the hotel information into the spring <u>Newsletter</u>. The spring <u>Newsletter</u> will include the call for papers. He wants to do a September 1 meeting mailing which will include membership notice, the hotel information, and the ballot. There was also a problem with mailing the meeting mailing via bulk mail. Mark Mathis noted that bulk mail does not get forwarded so that there is a problem with changes of address reaching the editor and treasurer. Betsy noted that the mailing should go first class. The notice would go faster and change of address would be forwarded to the editor. It was concluded that a copy of the hotel reservation card would be in the Newsletter and the final card would go out in the meeting mailing, hopefully by the first of September.

Vin complimented Cliff Boyd and Steve Davis on the appearance of the <u>Bulletin</u> and the Newsletter.

Cliff Boyd reported that two issues of the Newsletter had been distributed. He is including in the Newsletter articles with photographs. He thanked Carolyn Sutphin for her contribution to this effort. He asked officers to let him know by February 15 of changes of address and other information.

Eugene Futato reported that all back issues are now at Moundville so that we no longer pay storage charges to Allen Press. Moundville will continue to store back issues for SEAC on a good faith basis with no written agreement. Vin reiterated SEAC's appreciation that Moundville provides this service.

David Dye presented the Treasurer's report, the complete version of which appears in this Newsletter. There has been a 19.03% growth rate in the Fund balance as well as an increase in the number of Life Memberships. Unfortunately, there was also a decline in membership which Dave attributed to two factors. One factor is a dues increase during poor economic times. He sent out three dues notices and there are 1991 dues still coming in now. The other reason is probably that there was no Treasurer's desk at the annual meeting last year. The Life Fund has more or less been given over entirely to Dave Dye, but three Mercantile CD's are still with Jim Price. As each

matures they are to be turned over to the SEAC treasurer.

The finance committee has not yet met. It includes the Treasurer (Dave Dye), the past Treasurer (Mark Mathis), and the Treasurer-elect (Jay Johnson), as well as Jeff Chapman. It will take up many of the issues relating to these CDs. It may be time to begin thinking about useful ways to spend the interest from this fund, which now is about \$1500 annually.

Dave Dye had not prepared a specific budget for next year. Dave suggested that last year's budget was a good basis for a projected budget. After some discussion, Vin moved that we accept the treasurer's report and use last year's figures as next year's budget. Betsy seconded the motion and it passed.

Following this, upcoming meetings were discussed. John House provided an update on the 1992 Little Rock meeting to be held October 21-24th at the Excelsior Hotel. They are tentatively planning a barbecue at Toltec for Thursday evening. Room rates will be \$70.00 for a single and \$77.00 for doubles, triples, and quads. George Milner, Pennsylvania State, will give the Keynote Address, which is tentatively entitled "Tracking the Four Horsemen Across the Post-Columbian Southeast." Betsy suggested contacting the Humanities Council for funds for the Keynote Speaker. Mark noted that they were going to do Using free plane fares obtained via the discount ticket program for the Keynote speaker was suggested by Nancy White. She also suggested getting contributions from area Jeff Mitchem suggested archaeologists. approaching rice companies for support as well. Further details appear in this issue of the Newsletter. The 1993 meeting will be held at the Radisson Plaza in Raleigh, North Carolina, November 3-6. The room rate will be \$70.00. Vin Steponaitis will be Program Organizer and Mark Mathis is in charge of local arrangements. Another joint ESAF/SEAC meeting was considered for 1993, but ESAF did not wish to participate. The 1994 meeting will be held in Lexington, Kentucky, during the first or second week in November. John Scarry and Mary Powell are contacting hotels at this time. A joint meeting with the Mid-west conference was discussed for The board voted to consider a joint conference. Knoxville, Atlanta, Savannah, Gainesville, Tallahassee, and Jacksonville were mentioned as possible sites for the 1995 and 1996 meetings.

NEW BUSINESS

There followed a discussion of the drop in This is the first time that membership has declined. While the economy and the dues increase may be the primary reasons it declined, John Scarry thought there might be difficulty with the renewal notices. Mark Mathis observed that the membership seems to need to be reminded often to renew, suggesting at least four notices be mailed out. Various other alternatives were discussed, most of which made the point that nagging people seemed to be the only approach. The tardiness with which members renew causes problems for the Newsletter and journal mailing cycles. That is, at what point in the membership year should delinquent members stop receiving these? While November 1st is the end of the fiscal year, usually members are given until the annual meeting to pay. Members should be encouraged to pay membership before November 1st, before the meeting. Right after the end of the meeting, delinquent members should receive a card that says they will be dropped from the mailing list. For example, 1991 dues must be paid by the end of November, 1991. We need to find some way to get the members to understand that this is costing the conference a great deal of money and is a threat to the financial health of the organization.

Vin raised the issue of the SEAC archives. He reminded the board that this has been discussed off and on for a number of years. Stephenson of the Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology of South Carolina had agreed to keep the archives but it is time to do something more permanent with them. There is a National Anthropological Archives at the Smithsonian Institution which is charged with curating archives. They are eager to have SEAC archives, if South Carolina is willing to give them up. South Carolina is willing to do whatever we wish them to do. SAA and AAA have their papers curated at the NAA. Jim Glenn, curator of the National Archives is eager to receive them if South Carolina would be willing to give up the responsibility. The memorandum of agreement between SAA and the National Anthropological Archives was discussed. Of particular concern was the stipulation that no records could be transmitted to the NAA which are less than five years old. Mark Mathis suggested that each outgoing officer box up their records and send them on to their replacement. At the same time, records the out-going officers inherited at the beginning of their terms should be sent to the Secretary. When five years had passed, the records would be sent to the Archives by the SEAC Secretary, after the Secretary had gone through the papers and determined what was relevant. John Scarry moved that the National Archives become the official SEAC repository. The motion was seconded and passed. Vin will work out an agreement with the Archives along the lines of the SAA agreement.

Vin suggested that SEAC needs a historian or archive task force to gather relevant materials such as a complete set of Executive Committee minutes and Finance reports for the Archives. Another complete set of minutes needs to be passed down from President to President. The Secretary will chair a task force to do this. John Scarry, with Mary Powell's assistance, will begin this process.

Jim Knight presented a proposal for a student prize. Steve Williams tried to do this several years ago, with few submissions. Jim thinks it may be time to try again since the Conference is larger. He noted that book room exhibitors do not pay a charge for book room space here. They usually do have to pay at other meetings. Jim suggested that we ask publishers to contribute their display copies toward a student prize. The total value would probably be more than \$1000 in books, with about seven book publishers displaying 30-35 books. Exhibitors also normally expect to give up their display copies so they probably would not object to this. These books would make a very nice student prize. Commercial trade publishers will be strongly encouraged to contribute and other organizations will be asked to contribute. Contributors will be acknowledged when the prize is announced. The student must submit a paper to a person/committee in charge of making the award before the meeting and the prize and the value of the prize will be announced at the business meeting. The paper should be presented at the meeting of the year in which the prize is awarded. The possibility of publishing the paper was also discussed. The prize need not be awarded each year. Vin asked Jim to chair a student prize committee to develop procedures for the award. Nancy, Jeff, and lan agreed to serve on this committee. The board voted in favor of trying this.

Charlie McNutt presented information on the Archaeological Conservancy. He suggested that SEAC encourage them to purchase archaeological sites in the southeast either by contributing some money or by joining the organization. discussion ensued as various members had some experience with the Conservancy. concluded that the Conservancy is less in need of funds and more in need of someone to provide information about southeastern sites which might be candidates for purchase. Vin suggested we offer our expertise to the Conservancy. Vin asked Charlie to have the Conservancy send literature to SEAC about the organization's operations for us to distribute. Ian volunteered to provide expert advice to the Archaeological Conservancy and to pass out their flyers at the next SEAC meeting.

The agenda for the Business Meeting was prepared and the Executive Committee meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Elizabeth J. Reitz, SEAC Secretary

MINUTES OF THE 1991 SOUTHEASTERN ARCHAEOLOGICAL CONFERENCE BUSINESS MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Southeastern Archaeological Conference President Vincas Steponaitis and began with welcoming comments by Stephen Cooper, representing the Office of the Mayor of Jackson, Mississippi.

Samuel O. Brookes, local arrangements chairperson for the 48th annual meeting, reported that there were 291 registrations. There were seven symposia and a total of 114 papers presented. He expressed his heartfelt thanks to all of the people who helped put the meeting together, especially the session chairs; Janet Ford for organizing the program; Patricia Galloway, John O'Hear, David Morgan, Tom Birchett, Sheila Lewis, Marilyn Brookes, all of the students who helped, Suzanne Schutt, as well as Lynn Holloway and the Holiday Inn staff.

SEAC Secretary, Elizabeth J. Reitz, reported the results of the election. She thanked the Nominating Committee for its efforts in putting forth an excellent slate of candidates. The committee was chaired by Mary Lucas Powell with Mark Mathis and Edwin Jackson serving as members. Those who agreed to stand for office were also thanked for their willingness to serve the Southeastern Archaeological Conference in this capacity. Jay K. Johnson will be Treasurer-elect and Jeffrey M. Mitchem Executive Officer I.

She also announced plans for upcoming SEAC meetings. The 1992 meeting will be in Little Rock, Arkansas, on October 21-24 at the Excelsion Hotel, downtown on the banks of the Arkansas Plans are being made for a catered barbecue at the Toltec Mounds, a keynote address by George Milner, and a Friday night dance. Arrangements have been made for discount air fares with Delta Airlines. Local arrangements will be made by Martha Rolingson. Marvin Jeter and John House will be responsible for the program. Further details appear in this Newsletter. The 1993 meeting will be in Raleigh, North Carolina. Local arrangements are being made by Mark Mathis and Vincas Steponaitis will organize the program. Negotiations are currently underway with hotels in Lexington, Kentucky, for the 1994 meeting. Knoxville is being considered for the 1995 meeting.

R. P. Stephen Davis read the Editor's report. This first year of Steve's editorship has been a relatively busy one. Steve thanked James Vernon Knight both for ensuring a smooth transition during this year and for putting up with frequent telephone calls as he tried to learn the ropes. Between Jim and Vin, who was right down the hall, Steve was able to get answers to all of his questions about what it is that a SEAC Editor does. Steve also thanked the many reviewers who assisted him in the task during the year by evaluating submitted manuscripts. thoughtful reviews made his job easier and gave him a new appreciation both for the intellect and expertise which exists in the society. relationship with Allen Press remains good. Steve thanked his predecessors for creating a process which made publishing Southeastern Archaeology a relatively straightforward process. Since our last meeting, you have received two issues of the journal and two Newsletters have been sent.

While the acceptance rate continues to be just over 50%, the number of submissions has declined for the last three years and is at its lowest point since 1988. People are encouraged to submit papers to the journal. Cliff Boyd and Eugene Futato were thanked for their work with the Newsletter and sales. Randy Daniel has agreed to serve as Associate Editor for Book Reviews. Further details are found elsewhere in this Newsletter.

David H. Dye read the Treasurer's report. The good news is that the cash assets increased by 18.36%. However, membership as of November 1, 1991, is only 606, a decrease of 176 from this time last year. David urged members to keep the treasurer informed of changes in address. It costs us over \$3.71 every time a journal is returned to us. Our Life Fund balance is \$23,038.54 with a total liabilities and fund balance of \$62,748.43. Operating expenses have decreased substantially. Further details are found elsewhere in this Newsletter. Finally, David Dye thanked his wife, Debbie, who was very helpful in preparing the financial statement.

The motion to accept the reports of the officers was seconded and approved by voice vote.

Vin Steponaitis summarized the reports by noting that it has mostly been good news over the past year for the operation of SEAC. The thing that deserves comment is the one piece of bad news which is that for the first time in recent memory our membership has gone down this year. Throughout the 1980s, membership was relatively stable. We went from about 500 members in the early 80s to almost 800 last year, and this year we have seen a decline. We are not sure what the reasons are. Possibilities are the recession or last year's dues increase. There has also been a tendency of members to wait until later in the year to pay their dues. Whatever the cause it is important we take steps now to ensure that this drop is just an aberration rather than a trend. Vin asked everyone to help out by doing three things. First by encouraging students and colleagues who are not already members to join. Second is to encourage libraries to subscribe. A surprising number of libraries which should be subscribing to Southeastern Archaeology are not. Finally, SEAC members should renew their membership on time, which means at the beginning of the membership year rather than at the end. In 1991, for example,

about 20% of our members waited until after the first issue of the journal came out to renew their This places both the editor and the treasurer in a very awkward position. If, for example, the editor decides to withhold the issue for someone who has not paid their dues and that person renews a week or a month later, that means that the issue must be sent out with regular postage rather than bulk mail and therefore costs SEAC a lot more money. On the other hand, if the editor gives the delinquent member the benefit of the doubt and sends out the issue anyway, despite the fact that that person has not paid dues, invariably some people end up getting publications they have not paid for. Either way SEAC loses money. He would like everyone to make a New Year's resolution to pay their 1992 dues as soon as possible, certainly no later than January. those who have a hard time remembering their New Year's resolutions much less living up to them, we can make it easy. David Dye will be at the dues desk for a half an hour after this meeting is over. If you have not already paid your 1992 dues, please go ahead and do it tonight.

There being no further old business, the program moved on to new business.

Vin announced that at last Wednesday's board meeting the board voted to revive the student paper competition. It was started in the late 1970s by Stephen Williams and ran successfully for a period of time. Jim Knight has agreed to chair the committee which will set up and run this award for the first year. More information is provided in this Newsletter.

Stephen Williams made the C.B. Moore Award with the following statement:

It is a great pleasure to continue a tradition, short-lived as it is, of presenting the Clarence B. Moore Award from the Lower Mississippi Survey of the Harvard Peabody Museum. The award is the Moundville cat pipe; a replica of the original which resides at the Peabody thanks to the acquisition of that specimen by Clarence B. Moore almost 100 years ago. This year's honoree was selected by the LMS staff in consultation with the LMS Honorary Fellows, more than 15 in number. As stated last year, the first year it was awarded, this award is for outstanding contributes to southeastern archaeology by a young scholar. Last year the winner was David Anderson. This year I am happy to present this award to a young scholar

who has begun to open our eyes to the analysis of something other than potsherds and lithics. The awardee is Gayle J. Fritz. Gayle has done important work in floral analysis and has written articles that ask us to revise our concepts of the economic engines that run our potsherd-laden cultures. Little things do mean a lot to her and I am sure that we in the southeast will continue to be enlightened by her research and challenging synthesis for a long time to come.

Jerald T. Milanich presented the first resolution: WHEREAS, Elizabeth J. Reitz has served the Southeastern Archaeological Conference with commitment and competence during her term as Secretary, AND WHEREAS, Theresa Singleton has ably served the Southeastern Archaeological Conference as a member of the Executive Board, THEN BE IT RESOLVED that SEAC acknowledges their contributions and thanks these two out-going officers for their work on the association's behalf.

Elizabeth J. Reitz presented the following resolution: WHEREAS, Sam Brookes, Janet Ford, and Pat Galloway, with the able assistance of students and colleagues, have given of their time and energies for the purposes of organizing and accommodating the 48th Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference: AND WHEREAS, the Mississippi Association of Professional Archaeologists, the U.S. Forest Service, the Mississippi Humanities Council, and the Mississippi Department of Archives and History have contributed toward making this meeting both successful and enjoyable to the membership in attendance; BE IT RESOLVED that the Southeastern Archaeological Conference does hereby extend to each a heartfelt thanks.

Nancy White presented the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Southeastern Archaeological Conference notes with sorrow the loss of Patricia S. Essenpreis, on 24 September, 1991. Her work in the archaeology of the eastern United States was for many years focused particularly upon the site of Fort Ancient in southern Ohio and the Hopewellian culture adaptation responsible for its mounds, earthworks, and elaborate Middle Woodland ceremonialism. Pat's death followed closely the autumnal equinox, a point in the year that was surely marked by the prehistoric people whom she studied; her remains will be returned to Fort Ancient at the time of the summer solstice. The members of the

SoutheasternArchaeologicalConferenceappreciate her important contributions to archaeology and anthropology, and wish to express our deepest sympathy to her daughter Maya, her husband Mike Moseley, her parents, and the rest of her family. A memorial fund has been set up in her name to provide scholarships to support women students in archaeology. You can send contributions to the Patricia S. Essenpreis Memorial Fund, University of Florida, Department of Anthropology, Gainesville, FL 32611.

James V. Knight read the following resolution: On February 19th, 1991, the Southeastern Archaeological Conference lost one of its founders. David L. DeJarentte was the Dean of Alabama archaeology, from the Picwick Basin, to Stanfield-Worley, to the historic Creeks. RESOLVED, that the Southeastern Archaeological Conference remember the passing of this man, and that the Conference convey to his widow, Elizabeth, and his daughter, Sarah, a sign of our respect for him and his works.

Bill Haag read the final resolution: WHEREAS, Clarence H. Webb, died January 18, 1991, in Shreveport, Louisiana, AND WHEREAS, the Southeastern Archaeological Conference is greatly impoverished by the absence of his participation at our annual meetings, AND WHEREAS, Dr. Webb made great contributions to our profession and although a non-professional himself, we will always look upon him as epitomizing the true amateur spirit, AND WHEREAS, Dr. Webb had strongly influenced other amateurs with his high standards for excellence in excavation, record and report preparation, keeping, THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Southeastern Archaeological Conference extends its condolence to his family and joins others in our sad acknowledgement of our loss both professional and personal.

These resolutions were adopted as read. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Elizabeth J. Reitz, SEAC Secretary

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EDITOR

This first year of my editorship has been a busy one. I want to thank Jim Knight for insuring a smooth transition and for putting up with my frequent phone calls while I was "learning the ropes." Between Jim and Vin Steponaitis, I was able to get answers to all of my questions about what a SEAC Editor does. Our relationship with Allen Press remains good and, thanks to the efforts of my predecessors, publishing Southeastern Archaeology is a reasonably straightforward process.

Since our last meeting you have received two issues of the journal. Volume 9, No. 2 was mailed in March and Volume 10, No. 1 was mailed in September of this year. Volume 10, No. 2 was submitted to Allen Press in early October and hopefully will be available for distribution by the first of next year. One of my goals as editor is to get the journal on a more realistic summer-winter schedule with June and December distribution dates.

This year the editorial office received 24 papers, including four that already had been accepted by Jim. Of the remaining 20, nine were accepted and three are still pending. Ten book reviews also While the acceptance rate were received. continues to be just above 50%, the number of submissions has declined for the last three years and is the lowest since 1988 when only 17 papers were received. The good news is that: (1) our acceptance rate remains relatively high; (2) authors whose manuscripts have been accepted can expect reasonably prompt publication (within about a year); and (3) with few exceptions, our manuscript reviewers continue to respond on a timely basis. I strongly encourage all of our members to seriously consider Southeastern Archaeology as a vehicle for disseminating the results of their research.

Both 1991 issues of the <u>Newsletter</u> were distributed on schedule, thanks to the diligence of our Newsletter Editor, Cliff Boyd. By using a smaller, proportionally-spaced font, Cliff has been able to produce an attractive publication that includes more news as well as short articles of general interest to the membership. Please continue to send all of your news items to Cliff.

Eugene Futato continues to serve SEAC with distinction as Associate Editor for Sales. Eugene

reports that this year's sale of back issues totalled \$700.50, about the same as last year's sales. Most of this amount came from new institutional subscribers wanting to obtain a complete set of the journal.

Finally, in August I established the new position of Associate Editor for Book Reviews, and asked Randy Daniel to fill that position. This should insure that books submitted to the SEAC editorial office are reviewed in a timely manner. If you have received a book from Randy, myself, or one of the previous editors, and have not yet written a review, please take the time to write it. I know that the book's author(s) and the readership will appreciate it.

Respectfully submitted, R. P. Stephen Davis, Jr., Editor, *Southeastern Archaeology*

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER

I have prepared the accompanying balance sheet of Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Inc. as of October 31, 1991 and other related statements.

The cash assets increased by 18.36% from the previous year. The overall growth in Fund balances was 19.03%. This is an excellent growth rate!

Inventory is stated at the lower of cost or market value. This enables us to match the expenses with the revenue, therefore providing a better idea of the cost of publications in relation to our membership dues and sales.

Membership as of November 1, 1991 was 606, a decrease of 176 from the same time last year. As of this date we have 350 members paid for 1992 membership.

Respectfully submitted, David H. Dye, SEAC, Treasurer

BALANCE SHEET

October 31, 1991

	10/31/91	10/31/90
Current Assets First Tennessee checking acct. Pub. Sales checking acct. Merrill Lynch CBA acct. Advance for '90 Conference Inventory Accrued Interest Income Prepaid Expenses Total Current Assets	\$5,759.47 695.41 42,424.31 - 9,927.71 521.02 156.00 59,483.92	\$7,635.32 852.99 1,733.62 200.00 9,159.73 1,356.21
Other Assets - Certificates of Deposit First Fed S&L 8.15%, CA Fed Bank 7.75%, 727985 Merchantile 10.25%, 727650 Merchantile 10.25%, 730949 Merchantile 6.25%, Total Other Assets	2/13/91 2/20/91 9/07/91 1,412.04 2/24/92	10,000.00 17,000.00 1,412.04 2,582.54 1,852.47
Total Assets	\$62,748.43	\$53,784.92
Total Assets	\$02,740.43	433,104.32
Current Liabilities Dues Paid in Advance Total Current Liabilities	\$1,425.00 1,425.00	\$2,265.00 2,265.00
Fund Balance Unrestricted Fund Balance	38,284.89	30,591.54
Restricted Fund Balance	23,038.54	20,928.38
Total Fund Balance	61,323.43	51,519.92
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$62,748.43	\$53,784.92

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED OCTOBER 31, 1991

	Unres 10/31/91	tricted 10/31/90		ricted 10/31/90
Revenue Regular dues Family dues Institutional dues Various Prepaid '90 dues Interest income Labels income Advertising income Family life dues	\$9,840.00 1,060.00 4,300.00 	\$7,970.00 630.00 2,050.00 642.50	\$ 225.00	- - - - - - - - 675.00
Regular life dues Interest income-Life Fund		<u>-</u>	\$ 300.00 1,585.16	
Total Revenue	16,631.86	12,646.40	2,110.16	3,395.07
Cost of Publications to members	10,506.64	12,242.68		
Gross Profit	6,125.22	403.72	2,110.16	3,395.07
Operating Expenses Office Expense Lodging - '90 Conference Professional Fees Annual Report Fee Advertising Bank Charge Total Operating Expenses Income <loss> from Operating</loss>		198.88 572.25 350.00 10.00 150.00	- - - - - -	- - - - - -
Expenses	5,625.58	< <u>877.41</u> >	2,110.16	3,395.07
Other Income Nov. 89 Conference Income (Appendix A) Publication Sales Income (Appendix B)	1,766.84 300.93	644.48 308.70	-	-
Total Other Income Net Income	2,067.77 7,693.35	953.18 75.77	2,110.16	3,395.07
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	30,591.54	30,515.77	20,928.38	17,533.31
Fund Balance, End of Year	\$38,284.89	\$ <u>30,591.54</u>	\$ <u>23,038.54</u>	\$ <u>20,928.38</u>

APPENDIX A

Annual Meeting Mobile, AL, November 1990

Finance Report

Revenue Registration Donations Interest Earned Total Revenue	\$10,512.00 174.00	\$10,686.00
Expenses Hotel Charges Printing & copier charges Reception Honorarium - keynote speaker Airfare - keynote speaker Supplies Dance (band) Gas for Van Telephone-L.D. Bank expense Total Expenses Conference Profit	3546.86 1911.28 1211.25 500.00 697.20 112.57 703.00 10.00 220.00 7.00	\$ <u>8,919.16</u> \$ <u>1,766.84</u>
APPENDIX Publications Sa FYE October 3	les Report	
Sales		\$700.50
Cost of Publications Sold		<291.49>
Gross Profit		409.01
Expenses Postage Service charge Total expenses	107.90 <u>0.18</u>	\$108.08
Net Income		\$ <u>300.93</u>
Beginning Cash Balance (11/1/89) Sales Expenses Check to SEAC		\$852.99 700.50 <108.08>

Check to SEAC Ending Cash Balance (10/31/90) <<u>750.00</u>> \$<u>695.41</u>

BUDGET OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED OCTOBER 31, 1992

	Unrestricted	Restricted
Revenue Regular dues Family dues Institutional dues Interest income Labels income Advertising income Family life dues Regular life dues Interest income-Life Fund	\$10,825 1,155 4,700 1,132 200 150	\$550 600 1,152
Total Revenue Cost of Publications to members	20,464 < <u>12,608</u> >	2,252
Gross Profit	<u>7,856</u>	2,252
Operating Expenses Office Expense Lodging - '91 Conference Professional Fees Annual Report Fee Advertising Bank charge	500 300 0 10 0 <u>65</u>	
Total Operating Expenses	<u>875</u>	
<pre>Income <loss> from Operating Expenses</loss></pre>	6,981	2,252
Other Income Nov. 91 Conference Income (Appendix A) Publication Sales Income (Appendix B)	3,000 <u>300</u>	
Total Other Income Net Income	$\frac{3,300}{10,281}$	\$ <u>2,252</u>

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