FROM THE EDITOR

Steve Davis informs me that he is lagging behind on manuscript submissions for publication in Southeastern Archaeology. If you have a manuscript that you have been working on and that is nearing completion, we urge you to put on the finishing touches and send it in to Steve quickly for review. Please remember that current research notes and short articles can also be published in this Newsletter, so send these items to me, Cliff Boyd.

CURRENT EVENTS AND INFORMATION

Information from the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (VDHR), 221 Governor Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219 (804) 786-3143.

Department Exhibits. The Department of Historic Resources wants to share its over 3 million prehistoric and historic artifacts with the public. In an active exhibit program, artifacts are being featured regularly around the state. Three exhibits have opened within the last six months: Artifacts on display at the Franklin Land House in Virginia Beach help to explain lifestyles of the early 19th-century residents of the house. The new Air and Space Museum of Hampton is using artifacts from the Department's prehistoric collections to illustrate early life in Tidewater. And a photo exhibit at Virginia Commonwealth University includes pipes from the Department's 17th-century collections.

Visitors Center at Philpott Dam, City Hall in Poquoson, Jamestown Settlement and the Yorktown Victory Center.

Coming up in the next six months are four more openings: an exhibit beginning in January at the State Library; artifacts from Fort Christanna at the Brunswick County Historical Society Museum; an exhibit about Violet Bank at the Colonial Heights Library and a special exhibit of prehistoric artifacts at the Fine Arts Museum of Southern Virginia in Chase City.

Organizations, libraries and museums are encouraged to inquire about using the Department's rich collection. Please call on our curatorial staff to help you.

Archaeology Week, October 3-12, 1992. In the year of the Columbian Quincentennial, Virginia Archaeology Week promises to take people back even further than 1492. This year's theme, 'Discovering New Worlds Through Archaeology,' will be highlighted with a poster featuring Paleoindians, accompanied by the release of First People, a short book on the prehistory of Virginia's Indians. Public service announcements and radio quizzes about Virginia in 9,000 B.C. are aimed at expanding the public's understanding of life before the time of European contact.

Statewide, events are being planned at libraries, universities and historic sites. School groups will be invited to tour current excavations at Mount Vernon. The Rust Library in Leesburg will host a panel of professional archaeologists who will discuss "The Meeting of Indians, Europeans and Africans in Virginia." For further information about events or assistance in setting up a program, contact Catherine Slusser, (804) 786-3143.
Memphis Man Arrested for Digging at Parkin.

Almost a year after two Memphis residents were arrested for unauthorized digging in the Parkin Archaeological State Park, another Memphis man was arrested for digging and collecting bottles from part of the property. William C. Kittrell was arrested at 7:00 a.m. on March 9, 1992, when he was observed digging and raising bottles from the property by Parkin Police Chief Buddy Young and Officer Roy Matthews, both of whom were off-duty at the time. Investigation by Arkansas Archeological Survey archaeologists Jeffrey M. Mitcham and Timothy Mulvihill revealed fourteen freshly-dug holes in the surrounding area. Mr. Kittrell was arrested and charged with violating Arkansas State Park Directive #3040, which prohibits unauthorized excavation on state park property. The charge carries a possible penalty of a $500.00 fine.

Mr. Kittrell pleaded no contest in Parkin City Court on March 13. The judge was sympathetic to his claim that there were no signs where he was digging indicating that it was park property (indeed, several signs had been torn down by unknown vandals). The sentence was therefore reduced to 6 months’ probation, with the stipulation that he not set foot on park property for 6 months. He was also required to pay $31.00 court costs and turn over six bottles which he had collected in two visits to the site.

The Parkin site is a fortified Mississippian village in northeast Arkansas that is the subject of ongoing archeological research. The site and surrounding acreage is being developed into Parkin Archaeological State Park.

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The Archaeological Conservancy Purchases a Mississippi Site, by Evan Peacock, Zone Archaeologist, U.S.D.A. Forest Service.

The Archaeological Conservancy, an organization which purchases and protects archaeological sites, has recently begun the process of acquiring a site in Mississippi. The site is the Hermon Mound and village, located in Oktibbeha County. It was first recorded by Janet Rafferty, of Mississippi State University, in 1991, the site was revisited in the spring of this year by Keith Baca, Mississippi Department of Archives and History, and Evan Peacock, U.S.D.A. Forest Service, for the purpose of gathering information pursuant to nominating it to the National Register of Historic Places.

The Hermon Mound is a single, conical Middle Woodland mound, 55 feet in diameter and just over five feet in height. Inside from a small pothole on the summit, the mound is completely intact. A one-inch diameter core taken from the center of the mound revealed a homogenous, brown loam fill, suggesting that construction took place in single episode. Beneath the mound is an intact A horizon, which could contain important paleoecological information.

Shovel testing in the woods surrounding the mound revealed a habitation area. No mechanical plowing has ever taken place at the site, so that beneath the thin plowzone are several centimeters of undisturbed midden. Numerous ceramics, lithics, bone and other artifacts were recovered, and concentrations of daub were also noted. Analysis of the artifacts revealed that the main component at this habitation site is Late Woodland, with the majority of the ceramics being grog-tempered plain and cordmarked sherds. Middle Woodland ceramics, including sand- and limestone-tempered plain and cordmarked wares, made up a strong minority at the site. A minor Mississippian component is represented by a few shell-tempered plain sherds and the daub.

Mississippi, like all southeastern states, has many important archaeological sites that are worthy of preservation. The purchase of the Hermon Mound sets an excellent precedent for increased involvement of the Archaeological Conservancy in the region. The Conservancy operates using a revolving fund, buying sites outright or purchasing an option and using local fundraising efforts to replenish the fund. Efforts are underway in Mississippi to raise money toward the purchase of the site; several individuals and chapters of the Mississippi Archaeological Association have already made contributions. The target figure is $15,000.

It is important that this first acquisition be a success, so SEAC members are encouraged to make donations. Checks should be earmarked for Hermon Mound and Village Site, made out to the Archaeological Conservancy, and sent to Sylvia Ball, Eastern Regional Director, The Archaeological Conservancy, 7402 Charrison Court, Indianapolis, IN 46254. All gifts to the Conservancy are tax deductible. Contributors of
gifts of $25 or more become members and will receive the Conservancy’s Newsletter. Updates on the fundraising effort will be given in the Mississippi Archaeological Association Newsletter.

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Wickliffe Mounds Research Center News, from Kit W. Westler.

The Wickliffe Mounds Research Center recently completed a MAP assessment grant. The report, by Andrew Guildford of Middle Tennessee State University, was quite thorough, and considered aspects of WMRC operations on site as well as its relationship to its university and wider anthropology/museum communities.

Among the recommendations, Guildford urged strongly that Mississippian site museum programs move decisively toward collaboration and the kind of networking that we have just barely begun. He recommended support from the AAM and IMS for these activities specifically beginning with a conference among all the directors of mound site museums.

"Out of that conference should come a large six-figure grant request for public programming and temporary exhibits which will link all the Mississippian sites... The interpretive issues are similar: pot-hunting... sensitive treatment of human remains and burial goods... [these facilities] can be very useful to AAM, IMS, and NEH in providing state-of-the-art programming and interpretation on the proper way to educate American citizens on crucial new developments in public archaeology... the AAM and IMS should openly solicit grant proposals which would link all the mound builder sites." These are recommendations that should be pursued quickly while the AAM's own evaluation is fresh.

One of the things that struck Guildford is the extent to which our sorts of museums have been ignored by groups such as AAM. He suggests that AAM is quite ignorant of the dynamics of our visitation, which (at least in Wickliffe's case) does not much resemble the textbook museum audience. He also feels that AAM's pronouncements of ethical considerations—for instance the removal of human remains from display—often are made in ignorance of probable negative impacts on visitation, and that AAM and IMS should take steps to help us weather the storms when we attempt to 'do the right thing' according to their formulations.

Grand Village of the Natchez Indians, Mississippi, received accreditation by the American Association of Museums, certifying that the museum operates according to standards set forth by the museum profession.

Mound State Monument, Alabama, the epicenter of trade and farming for the prehistoric Indians who lived along the Black Warrior River between A.D. 800-1500, has recently been renamed Moundville Archaeological Park.

The site of Marksville, Louisiana, was reopened to the public in 1991, after being closed for several years. The site is managed by Ward Zischke, curator, through the Office of State Parks. Ward is seeking information and ideas on educational programs, and may be reached at Marksville State Commemorative Area, 700 Martin Luther King Drive, Marksville, Louisiana 71351.

Dennis Peterson, historic property manager of Spiro Mounds, requests assistance from other archaeological parks on the following topic:

- Has anyone established a policy that deals with the repatriation of artifacts originally excavated from a now-protected site? He is trying to find out if it would be possible for artifacts to be repatriated to the site rather than a historic tribe.

- Are there any archaeological parks that have used Cultural Resource Management grants to create a master plan for the future development of their sites? He would appreciate any guidelines, examples, and comments on shortcomings that others could provide.

If anyone can help, please write to Dennis at: Spiro Mounds Archaeological Park, Rural Route 2, Box 339AA, Spiro, Oklahoma, 74959, (918) 962-2062.
SOUTHEASTERN ARCHAEOLOGICAL CONFERENCE 1992

OCTOBER 21-24, 1992
ARKANSAS’ EXCELSIOR HOTEL, LITTLE ROCK

The Forty-ninth Southeastern Archaeological Conference will be hosted by the Arkansas Archeological Survey. The initial announcement for this meeting was in the April 1992 Newsletter. The meeting is earlier than usual this year and it precedes the national elections. Gov. Bill Clinton is keeping his election headquarters in Little Rock, only two blocks from the Excelsior Hotel and we can expect it to be a busy place.

The Excelsior Hotel will hold our room block only until September 21, so if you want to be assured of a room at the Excelsior, call the toll-free number or mail the enclosed room registration form directly to the hotel. DO NOT DELAY!!! The Excelsior Hotel room rates are $70.00 for a single and $77.00 for a double or triple, plus 9.5% tax. The hotel is located on the bank of the Arkansas River in downtown Little Rock. Free hotel shuttle bus will be available between the airport and hotel. Free parking is available adjacent to the hotel.

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PROGRAM CO-CHAIRS: Marvin Jeter and John House, Arkansas Archeological Survey, Box 136 UAFB, Pine Bluff, AR 71601; Phone: (501) 535-4029.

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October 21, 1992, 6:30 - 9:30 pm

Old State House Museum
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Short program at 7:30 pm

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TOLTEC TOUR AND BARBECUE: A grand tour and Southern barbecue is scheduled for Thursday afternoon at Toltect 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 Toltect event.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Dr. George S. 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.

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

DANCE: A dance will top off the Friday activities, with Little Joe & The B.K.’s band.

CHILD CARE: Anyone interested in child care during sessions please contact Martha Bolingbroke regarding possible arrangements.
GREAT WINES OF THE SOUTHEAST WILL BE HELD! A protest of certain
members has resulted in the inclusion of Great Wines event (contrary to the
announcement in the April SEAC Newsletter that it would not be held this
year). Jeff Hitchen has agreed to host the 1992 event and has invited three
judges. So bring your favorite local wines. This event will be on Thursday
evening at the hotel, following the Toltec barbecue.

WEDNESDAY EVENING RECEPTION: Celebrating the Survey's 25th anniversary
at the Old State House Museum, next door to the Excelsior, 6:30 - 9:30 pm.

DELTA AIRFARE DISCOUNT: A 40% discount is available on Delta Air Line's
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the preferred format. Rental of an overhead projector costs an additional
$15.00 a day and we will not have one unless it is absolutely necessary.

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Make checks payable to SEAC 92. Refunds for advance registration can be made up to 15 September 1992 only.
BOOK NOTES

Theses and Dissertations Relevant to Virginia Archaeology, Architecture and Material Culture. J. MARK WITTKOFKSI. Bibliography Series No. 3, 1991 (revised), Virginia Department of Historic Resources. xvi + 174 pages, index of authors, index of key words. $10.00

This bibliography contains thesis and dissertation topics on subjects of archaeology, history, black history, historical architecture, material culture, and historic preservation from the Commonwealth of Virginia. Natural sciences theses and dissertations were included when it was ascertained they likely contained data useful to archaeology. The arbitrary cut-off date for titles listed in this volume was December 1989. In addition, titles of archaeological, architectural, and material culture research were included from states adjacent to Virginia as they were seen clearly to be of interest to researchers.

The format for the bibliography is as follows. First, each entry is listed by the school where the degree was obtained. Preceding each entry is a unique number which is followed by, in alphabetical order, the author's last name. The next line has the complete report title. The third section contains the completion year, degree earned, and the program or school of the study. An index of authors and a thorough index of key words included in the titles conclude the volume.

The Virginia Department of Historic Resources also has several other publications available in their Research and Technical Report Series (see below). For further information, write to: Virginia Department of Historic Resources, ATTN: Publications Program, 221 Governor Street, Richmond, VA 23219.

Publication Series, Virginia Department of Historic Resources.

Research Report Series:
1. Colonial Plantation Hoes of Tidewater Virginia, KEITH T. EGLOFF, 1980. $10.00. Synthesis of 17th and 18th-century archaeological data and historical documentation which resulted in a hoe typology that expands knowledge of this particular type of tool's evolution and integration within the agricultural system of Tidewater Virginia.

2. 44 RU7: Archaeological Test Excavations at a Large Woodland Village in the Lower Uplands of Southwest Virginia, KEITH EDWARD NOTT, 1981. $10.00. An examination of the regional context, including an evaluation of the agricultural potential of the region's soils, resulted in the discovery of alternative hypotheses for this site's location.


5. Native American Sites in A Fall Line Transition Study Area. KEITH T. EGLOFF, 1989, $10.00. Analysis of three sites in a dente quartzite region near Petersburg containing Late Archaic and Woodland components. The ceramics suggest not only indigenous development of cultures in Southeast Virginia but also strong and continuous cultural interaction with Native Americans of the Chesapeake Bay region as well as from the Piedmont of Virginia and North Carolina.

Technical Report Series:
1. Investigations at the Gwri Pit Site - 44SX14 - Sussex County, Virginia, KEITH T. EGLOFF, 1989. $5.00. Excavations revealed a stratified Early Archaic (ca. 8000 B.C.) to Late Woodland (ca. A.D. 1000) camp along the Nottoway River in the Virginia Interior Coastal Plain.


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New Publications from the Center for Archaeological Investigations Visiting Scholar Program, Southern Illinois University.

Guardian and Obese: Visions of Archaeology's Future. Edited by LuAnn Wandsnider. Occasional paper Number 20. This volume examines the present, projected, and desired states of Americanist archaeology. In their presentations, archaeological scholars from diverse backgrounds address current quandaries in the field and outline programmatic quests for their resolution. The twenty essays in this volume address matters both internal and external to the discipline, as well as on practical (e.g., CRM, funding sources, Native American relations) and theoretical (e.g., behavioral, critical, evolutionary, feminist, processual) issues. List Price: $25.00


Processual and Postprocessual Archaeologies: Multiple Ways of Knowing the Past. Edited by Robert Preucel. Occasional Paper Number 10. List Price: $25.00. For more information, write to: PUBLICATIONS, CENTER FOR ARCHAEOLOGICAL INVESTIGATIONS SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY CARBONDALE, IL 62901-4698.

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The Society for Georgia Archaeology is pleased to announce publication of a special edition of its Early Georgia Journal entitled, "Useful Archaeology: Classroom Activities by Teachers for Teachers," edited by Rita Folse Elliott, 145 pages.

This educator's manual emphasizes a multidisciplinary approach to applying archaeological activities in a variety of curricula from English to science to math. The activities are designed to capture the attention of students, improve or teach new skills in standard subjects, foster an appreciation for non-renewable cultural resources such as archaeological sites, and illuminate the many tasks of an archaeologist from preexcavation research to post-excavation analysis, reporting, and curation.

The manual is divided into three sections. The narrative segment contains short articles by educators detailing their logic, methods, and results when using archaeological activities in the classroom. Section 2 is a composite of a wide range of archaeological activities designed for use with students in grades 1-12. The third segment is a comprehensive sourcebook that lists archaeological background information and classroom curriculum materials including books (non-fiction and fiction), magazines, posters, films, videos, cassette tapes, travelling exhibits, teaching aids, artifact replica supply houses, computer games, etc.

Cost is $6.00 per issue, plus $1.00 shipping and handling. The publication may be ordered from: Publication Secretary, Department of Anthropology, Baldwin Hall, University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602.

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Myrtle Point: The Changing Land and People of a Lower Patuxent River Community. STUART A. REEVE and others, $18.00 220 pages.

Another piece of Maryland's earliest history and prehistory is the subject of a new archaeological study, Myrtle Point: Changing Land and People of a Lower Patuxent River Community, published by Maryland Historical and Cultural Publications, an agency of the Department of Housing and Community Development.

The 220-page publication provides a detailed review of the plants and animals of the changing Patuxent River estuary, and suggests how these resources and land forms affected Native American hunter-gatherers. Eighteenth- and 19th-century rural life is also examined. In looking at the
earliest European colonization of the Patuxent area, the book focuses on the career of Nicholas Harvey, the founding of St. Joseph’s Manor, and the developing social dynamics of colonial Harveys. The book’s study, directed by Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum, results from an unusual opportunity to document evidence of former land usage prior to the obvious destruction of archaeological sites by suburban development. Authors Stuart A. Reeve, Jean B. Russo, Dennis J. Pogue, and Joseph M. Herbert thank Route 347 Realty Corporation for its cooperation and funding support.

In the book, ecology and history are brought together through the archaeological survey of the Myrtle Point peninsula. This pre-development exploration of 211 acres of forests and abandoned fields revealed 57 archaeological sites. Among these are prehistoric base camps and activity areas, and two 17th century plantations. More than five dozen tables and figures in the book summarize or illustrate early animal life, soil types and vegetation, climatic fluctuations, native plant foods, ice-age mammals and early peoples, ceramic and artifact distributions. Maps and photographs give site overviews. Researchers probed such historical records as household inventories, proprietary debt books, and Jesuit mission papal letters in developing a history of Myrtle Point.

The publication concludes with recommendations on the cultural management of significant sites, on trends in settlement patterns that need further testing, and on future sampling for artifact contexts. Authors offer some conclusions about the causes of the demise of early colonial port towns in Calvert County. The book is published as Occasional Paper No. 3, a research series from Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum (JPPM). Stuart A. Reeve, Ph.D., principal author, is assistant regional archaeologist for Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum, a program of DHCD’s Division of Historical and Cultural Programs. Julia A. King, Ph.D., Maryland Historical Trust regional archaeologist based at JPPM, was primary administrator of the excavations.

The publication is available at $18.00 per copy plus $3.50 postage/handling from: Maryland Historical and Cultural Publications/DHCD, c/o Department of Finance, Central Cashier, P.O. Box 500, Crownsville, MD 21032-0500.

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Oyster shells are a significant archaeological resource and Making Dead Oysters Talk is a useful guidebook to deciphering the wealth of information they contain. Contents: *Introduction; *Chapter 1—Biology of the Oyster; *Chapter 2—Taphonomic Processes; *Chapter 3—Sampling; *Chapter 4—Habitats Being Harvested; *Chapter 5—Intensity of Harvesting; *Chapter 6—Oystering Methods; *Chapter 7—Schleschmohlog; *Chapter 8—Demographic Analyses; *References; *Appendices—Useful Solutions and A Simple Proportional Ruler for Estimating Season of Harvest; *35 Figures and 9 Tables. Order from:

Maryland Historical & Cultural Publications, Division of Historical and Cultural Programs, Department of Housing and Community Development, 100 Community Place, Crownsville, MD 21032-2023.

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The Society for Historical Archaeology is happy to announce the publication of a special issue of the journal devoted to the archaeology of the Spanish Colonial and Mexican Republican periods. Volume 26, Number 1 of Historical Archaeology, edited by Paul Farnsworth and Jack S. Williams, is a collection of thirteen articles concerning Spanish America between 1492 and 1850. The issue includes articles on a variety of research problems: Indian and Spanish cultural continuity and change, socio-economic status, internal and external economic relations, the application of general models of colonialism to Spanish America, subsistence and the role of animals in the Spanish colonial enterprise, and the past and future directions of the discipline. Single issues are available from the SHA, P.O. Box 30446, Tucson, AZ 85751-0446. The cost is $12.50 each plus $1.75 postage and handling.