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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 Artifacts on Exhibit. 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 Francis Land House in Virginia Beach help to explain lifestyles of the early 18th-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.

These special exhibits join ongoing exhibits at the Crab Orchard Museum in Tazewell, The

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 taking 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. Mitchem 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 turned 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 Archeological State Park.

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 Herman 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 Herman Mound is a single, conical Middle Woodland mound, 55 feet in diameter and just over five feet in height. Aside 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 the 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, make 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 Herman 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 Herman Mound and Village Site, made out to the Archaeological Conservancy, and sent to: Sylvia Ball, Eastern Regional Director, The Archaeological Conservancy, 7402 Charrington 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.

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

The Wickliffe Mounds Research Center recently completed a MAP I assessment grant. The report, by Andrew Gulliford 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, Gulliford 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 moundbuilder sites." These are recommendations that should be pursued quickly while the AAM's own evaluation is fresh.

One of the things that struck Gulliford 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 topics:

- 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 *SEAC 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.

The **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 advance registration fee can be made until September 21, only. Membership and Advance Registration forms are included in this packet.

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

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

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and to WELCOME the Survey's NEW DIRECTOR
DR. THOMAS GREEN



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

Old State House Museum
(next door to the Excelsior Hotel)
Little Rock, Arkansas

BE THERE !

Semi-formal

Short program at 7:30 pm

food • wine • friends • music • exhibits • surprises • food • friends • wine

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.

BOOK ROOM: People wanting display space in the book room contact Martha Rolingson 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 Rolingson 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 Mitchem 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 round trip coach fares within the United States and San Juan. Certain restrictions may apply. Seats are limited. Purchase tickets 7 days in advance. Valid travel dates: October 18-28, 1992. 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. Refer to file number L42146.

SPEAKERS: Please limit your presentation to the scheduled 20 minutes listed in the program. Persons chairing sessions are instructed to limit a presentation to the time allotted to keep the program on schedule. Session rooms will have a slide projector, if any other type of equipment is needed, you must indicate this on your paper proposal form. Standard 35mm slides are 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.

SEAC 1992 MEETING
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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:

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PROPOSAL FOR PAPER, October 21-24, 1992
(Submission Deadline: 1 August 1992)

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ABSTRACT (must be enclosed within this box: 100 word maximum)

Current SEAC membership status of author:
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BOOK NOTES

Theses and Dissertations Relevant to Virginia Archaeology, Architecture and Material Culture, J. MARK WITTKOFSKI. 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 BOTT, 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.

3. Ceramic Study of Woodland Occupation Along the Clinch and Powell Rivers in Southwest Virginia, KEITH T. EGLOFF, 1987, \$10.00. Analysis of ceramic artifacts from 24 sites in southwestern Virginia revealed patterns of temporal and spatial distribution as well as socio-cultural interaction.

4. Archaeological investigations at Croaker Landing-44JC70 and 44JC71 KEITH T. EGLOFF, MARY ELLEN N. HODGES, JAY F. CUSTER, KEITH R. DOMS, AND LESLIE D. MCFADEN, 1988, \$10.00. Report of findings and analyses of stratified shell midden and pit features dating from ca. 1000 B.C. to A.D. 1500 has provided sequence of projectile points and ceramics for Virginia Coastal Plain. Report defines Croaker Landing ware and Potts Side-Notched projectile point. Also contains a detailed shellfish analysis.

5. Native American Sites in A Fall Line Transition Study Area, KEITH T. EGLOFF, 1989, \$10.00. Analysis of three sites in a dense 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 Gravel 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.

2. The Cullers Site - 44PA128 - Page County, Virginia, KEITH T. EGLOFF AND MARY ELLEN N. HODGES, 1989, \$5.00. Excavations of a Late Woodland midden and historic cabin site (ca. 1790-1893) within proposed right-of-way of highway project in northwestern Virginia.

3. The Fincastle Pottery (44B)304): Salvage Excavations at a Nineteenth-Century Earthenware Kiln Located in Botetourt County, Virginia, KURT C. RUSS, 1990, \$5.00. Excavation and analysis of a mid-19th century groundhog type earthenware kiln providing an understanding of technological evolution of pottery manufacturing industry in Virginia.

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

Quandaries and Quests: 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

Between Bands and States, Edited by Susan A. Gregg, Occasional Paper Number 9, List Price: \$30.00

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 ARCHEOLOGICAL INVESTIGATIONS SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY CARBONDALE, IL 62901-4628.

The Society for Georgia Archaeology is pleased to announce publication of a special edition of its

Early Georgia journal entitled, "Used Archaeology: Classroom Activities by Teachers, for Teachers", edited by Rita Folse Elliott, 145 pages.

This educator's manual emphasizes a multi-disciplinary approach to applying archaeological activities in a variety of curriculums 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 pre-excavation 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.

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. Josephs Manor, and the developing social dynamics of colonial Harveytown.

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 37 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 contents. 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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Making Dead Oysters Talk, BRETTON W. KENT, 1992 (revised). List price: \$12.95 + \$3.50 postage and handling.

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--Schlerochronology; *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:

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