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Obituary

Just before dawn on February 21, 2009, Dr. David S. Phelps Jr., 79, passed away peacefully in the arms of his loving wife Dorothy Block-Phelps. Dr. Phelps, Professor of Anthropology Emeritus at East Carolina University, conducted many archaeological explorations in the coastal plain and defined the cultural chronology for the region. A private graveside service was held in Greenville, North Carolina, and was followed on March 15 by a well-attended public celebration of his life and contributions to coastal archaeology at the Visitor Center of Fort Raleigh National Historic Site in Manteo. His survivors include his wife "Doro," her son Henry Calway, as well as a host of family, friends, and professional colleagues. Donations in his memory can be made to the David S. Phelps Jr. Anthropology Scholarship Endowment. Please make checks payable to the ECU foundation with the notation Phelps Memorial, and mail them to the Phelps Archaeology Laboratory, 267 Flanagan Building, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC 27858-4353. Personal condolences can be mailed to Mrs. Phelps at 301 North L Street # 101, Lake Worth, Florida, 33460.

-Thomas E. Beaman

Newsletter Editor's Note

As the new Associate Editor for the Newsletter, I would like to thank the SEAC Executive Committee for allowing me to serve SEAC in this capacity and Rob Moon (former Editor) for recommending me as his successor and for his help putting this first issue together. At the suggestion of former SEAC President Ken Sassaman, I am developing a proposal that examines possibilities for updating the content, appearance, and format of the SEAC Newsletter. If you have any ideas or suggestions, I would like to hear from you at Phillip.Hodge@tn.gov.

Call for Nominations

President David Anderson has appointed the SEAC Nominations Committee for 2009. Committee members will identify candidates for two positions: Executive Officer I (a two year term) and Secretary (a three year term). Nominations for each of these positions are sought. Names of nominees can be sent to any one of the committee members by June 30, 2009. Persons serving in these positions are on the SEAC Executive Committee, which convenes annually at the SEAC annual meeting and, if called, at the SAA Meeting.

The Nominations Committee is as follows:

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SEAC 2009

66TH ANNUAL MEETING

November 4-7, 2009

Renaissance Riverview Hotel – Mobile, Alabama

Go Coastal!

CHECK THE SEAC WEBSITE FOR COMPLETE INFORMATION AND FORMS
FOR REGISTRATION AND SUBMISSIONS:

www.southeasternarchaeology.org/2009SEAC/seac2009.html

Hotel:

The newly renovated Renaissance Riverview Hotel is located in the revitalized Mobile downtown entertainment district. Rising majestically over the sparkling waters of Mobile Bay and located just off of I-10 and near the I-65 and I-10 connection. The room rate will be \$124 plus tax (about 14% currently) or a Bayview Parlor from \$189 plus tax. Daily parking is offered for \$12.00 self-parking and \$16.00 valet. Reservations will be directly accessible from the SEAC website. Deadline for hotel reservations is Monday, October 5th 2009. The conference rate is valid during Nov. 4-8.

Registration:

Advance registration will be by check or on-line by credit card. On-site registration will be by check or by cash.

| | Regular | Student |
|-------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Up to October 5 th | \$65 | \$50 |
| After October 5 th | \$75 | \$60 |

Volunteers

A limited number of volunteer positions are available. For volunteering 8 hours, registration costs will be waived. Volunteers will assist with registration, and/or provide technical assistance during sessions. Volunteer opportunities are available upon a first request basis.

Proposals for papers, posters, and symposia:

Full information and submission forms are available now (or very soon) on the web page. The deadline for submission of papers, posters, symposia, and special events is **Friday, August 21, 2009.**

Information about the Student Paper Prize will also be available on the webpage. Anyone may benefit from the guidelines for giving effective papers currently available on the student section of the SEAC web site: www.seacstudentweb.org/resources.php?page=present.

All papers are 20 minutes long; board size for posters will be announced. Half-day symposia should have no more than 11 participants, including discussants. You must be a member in good standing to give a paper.

Open Theme

Original paper presentations and posters addressing any aspect of archaeology in the Southeastern United States and its periphery are welcome. There is no specific theme for the conference, but the place and current times do provide some possible directions to consider when developing one's research. As the originators of the American Mardi Gras, Mobile and the Gulf Coast potentially provide new considerations of feasting as well as core versus periphery. In light of recent events, 2009 is a year for change and who better to examine and discuss long term economic, social, and political changes than archaeologists. Like many Americans are finding at 66, SEAC still has much to do, and who can afford to retire? While presentations on all topics are encouraged, consider a symposium or a paper that takes advantage of the archaeological wisdom gained over the past 66 years or building on that wisdom through the use of new method and theory!

Media:

The hotel will supply digital projectors for PowerPoint presentations and have technicians available to provide assistance. Organizers and Chairs must supply laptops. Special arrangements are necessary for use of a slide projector.

Book room:

Contact Philip Carr (pcarr.seac@gmail.com) no later than August 21, 2009, if you want to have a table or tables in the Book Room. Please let him know the number of 6-foot tables you would prefer and the minimum number needed. All exhibitors are expected to donate to the Student Paper Prize.

Special Events:

Plan to attend a reception (free except for cash bar) at the *Explorem Science Center* across the street from the hotel. Get a taste of Mobile and Mardi Gras at this special event with food and the Excelsior Band which has marched the streets of downtown Mobile for over 100 years in various Mardi Gras parades.

Another great dance is planned for Friday night. Musical entertainment is being arranged, but is sure not to disappoint.

Join us for a closing party on Mobile Bay. Watch for announcement of the place and further details. There will be a moderate charge for food.

**COMPLETE INFORMATION AND FORMS AVAILABLE
NOW (OR REALLY SOON) ON THE SEAC WEB PAGE.**

<http://www.southeasternarchaeology.org/2009SEAC/seac2009.html>

2009 Membership

Southeastern Archeological Conference

Please direct all membership inquiries to Victor Thompson at vtompson@uwf.edu.

Print out this form and mail it with your check to the address below.

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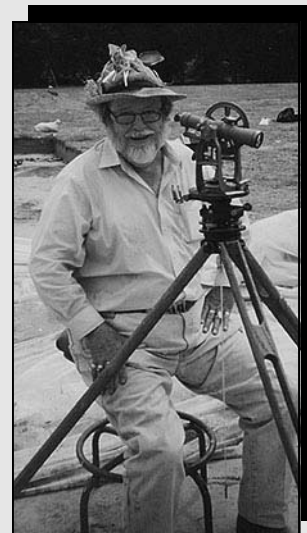
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Opinion Feature

NOTES DURING THE CHARLOTTE SEAC MEETING IN 2008: WELL-INTENTIONED OBSERVATIONS OF A CURMUDGEON

By Stanley South

I attended the Southeastern Archaeological Conference in Charlotte and as usual I marked on the program those paper titles that addressed research aimed at the broader explanatory aspects of culture process rather than simply reporting on this is where I dug and this is what I found. I attended those papers and as I listened I began to take notes. I present them here, because they may be of interest to some SEAC members.



<http://www.cas.sc.edu/sciaa/>

African-American Historic Sites

I was glad to see sessions on the archaeology of African-Americans, but at those sessions I was struck by the lack of research by African-Americans, and by the absence of African-Americans in the audience. This is a fast-growing field and one welcomed by many as a rich opportunity to explore the archaeological data waiting to reveal past culture process lying within those historic sites. A goal here would be to encourage African-Americans to take a more active part in such research and reporting their results at SEAC.

Native American Participants

It was rewarding to see Native Americans involved in communication through participation in SEAC meetings. Presenters of papers on Native American communities in the colonial era explored broad issues of culture process, as revealed through linguistic analysis and theoretical issues.

Public Education through Replication of Archaeologically Revealed Past Cultures

An impressive paper emphasized the skill with which Europeans are replicating Middle Age villages, complete with archaeologically documented artifacts worn by those involved in the interpretation of the past to visitors to such reconstructions. The point made was made that interpretations of Native American sites have not advanced to that level.

I was moved to comment to the discussant on the few reconstructions of Mississippian town houses where the archaeology to architecture process has been used for interpreting the archaeological record to the public, such as the town house I built at Town Creek Indian Mound in North Carolina. However, *we* have failed to provide the interest, the energy and the resources to go the next step toward authentically replicating Mississippian culture through clothing and artifacts worn by site interpreters.

I pointed out in my remarks that at Town Creek in the 1950s there were almost no Native Americans who visited the site. Now, those in charge at Town Creek Indian Mound are proud of the fact that Native Americans have come to appreciate the reconstructive efforts demonstrated there. However, the Native American interest involves coming each year to hold a powwow, with little concern for the juxtaposition of 20th century Native American ideas of what their ancestors' culture was like regarding dress and authentic archaeologically documented associated artifacts. Thus Plains Indians war bonnets and other anachronously jarring

elements to archaeologists are routinely on display to mislead visitors in thinking they are witnessing something authentic about Mississippian culture. Such displays are appropriate for entertaining children in their own community settings, but are jarring at Federal and State historic sites due to the lack of historic and archaeological authenticity.

Where does that leave Mississippian archaeologists eager to involve Native Americans in an appreciation of archaeological data on the one hand, and strong resistance toward authentically interpreting that past in 14th century Mississippian culture based on research instead of what has come to be accepted 21st century Native American ideas about the past? That is the frustrating *double-edged sword* facing interpreters of the past working on architecturally reconstructed ceremonial centers. Hopefully, the future will bring more interest in providing funding needed to assure a better fit between the archaeology, the architecture, and the associated cultural artifacts used at reconstructed sites to educate and entertain the public.

Paper Presentation

I was distracted at times by personal mannerisms, such as head tossing to keep back a lock of hair falling over one eye preventing the speaker from seeing the paper they were reading, and the use of “uh” by another speaker. I timed both, and found the tosses and “uhs” appeared at the rate of 600 an hour. With such distractions it was difficult for me to focus on what was attempted to be communicated to the audience.

Too many papers, it seems to me, also use an ineffective talk format consisting of 1) this is where we dug and this is what we found, 2) presentation of the entire data-recovery process, 3) site-specific and data-site-specific conclusions, and 4) no mention of relevance of site and data to broader culture process and theory. The primary purpose of a paper is to *communicate* what you think you know about your subject, not to simply *replicate the details* of the process you went through to arrive at your particular conclusion.

The Scientific Research Format

If you are supposedly involved in the *science of archaeology* you should avoid using the perspective of expressionist archaeologists, who see the objectivity of science as demeaning the culture of others. The format for scientific research is as follows:

1. Hypothesis regarding the question being addressed.
2. Method of data collection.
3. Relevant data collected.
4. Identification of pattern represented.
5. Conclusions regarding cultural process and theory building.
6. The resulting hypothesis directed at further research.

The World Turned Upside Down Is Not Always Bad

The way to present a paper is not to replicate the scientific research format used to gather the data. Rather, the recommended format should be turned upside down when presenting the results of that process. This is the recommended format for getting the message over to the audience:

1. This is the hypothesis regarding the question being asked.
2. These are the conclusions regarding culture process and theory building.
3. These are the patterns found.

4. These are the data used to derive the pattern.
5. This is the method used to identify the pattern found.
6. Graphic and photographic presentation of the revealed pattern.
7. The concluding hypothesis about culture process and theory to be tested.

With this approach, the audience is aware of the conclusions up front, knows where the speaker is going, and does not have to await the replication of the scientific process used to gather the information. My approach to historical archaeology has been primarily focused on site-specific pattern recognition, with a realization that whatever is discovered has relevance to the larger processes of culture responsible for the archaeological record.

Some Well Presented Papers

Some of the better papers, usually presented by more mature scholars, deal with the larger implications of their research. An example of this approach is seen in the paper on the relationship between the routes of Spanish world travel, mission and Indian politics. Others dealt with what language can tell of origins, the emergence of integrating institutions on frontiers, and the world trade network as revealed through archaeological research.

Some Elocutionary Recommendations

You should have command of the subject and not simply read your paper. You should also speak with the voice of authority, as though you know your subject. You should speak with clarity through clear articulation and projection. This is accomplished through pacing the flow of words and sentences, to allow listeners to assimilate what you just said, before you rush on to the next sentence. There is a tendency to lower the voice at the end of a sentence, causing listeners to often miss the point of what was just said. Sound comes from the mouth through three sources, the diaphragm, the throat, and the nasal passages. The use of the throat strains the vocal cords and the nasal passages produce a masked, unclear fuzzy sound. But the effective use of the diaphragm forces air from deep within to produce a sound that projects throughout a room.

Many presenters are totally unaware of the importance of the position of the microphone. Often someone from the audience must come up and place the microphone closer or place it the speaker's hand so the audience can hear. Communication between the speaker and the audience is not effected by droning in a monotone while staring at the paper on the lectern. The subject should be so familiar that frequent eye contact and facial expression is made with the audience to emphasize what is important. Plans for publication of the paper should also be stated for those truly interested in what you have to say.

Part of the problem comes from over 600 conferees at SEAC meetings, forcing a short 20 minute time schedule for a paper. This requires a succinct and cogent summary from the speaker. Interaction between speaker and audience, once a basic element of SEAC meetings, is no longer possible. But some presenters don't get it, and drone on, while applause from two papers rings from the adjoining session. However, there are no efforts in place today to improve the presentation efforts of speakers, no shouts of "Shut up and sit down!" as once heard at SEAC meetings.

A Past Strategy for Improving the Quality of Papers Presented

Gone are the days at SEAC when, if a speaker tried to present a shaky, undocumented, mumbled, wool-pulling-over-the-eyes paper, members of the audience shouted expressions such

as “What do you have against the taxonomic system?”, “Come back when you have read enough to know what is going on”, “Get your data, then we’ll listen!”, “Come back when you have something to say worth listening to!”, “He’s crazy as Hell!”, “Do you expect me to sit here and listen to you mumble?”, or “Speak up!”

As embarrassing as this was to the presenter, they were designed to help the speaker improve the quality of their professional presentation. The message was to get your act together or don’t waste our time with an ineffective presentation. Those expressions were open and honest, not hidden. The expectation was similar to that given to an opera singer: “You don’t go on stage without command of the material and the ability to render it effectively.” Without some measurement of audience expectation, as is the case today, the presenter can drone on in a private world of their own, with their snoot rooting deeply in their paper to discover what they once wrote.

In the 1950s, such presenters, when they finally looked up, would find the audience was two-thirds smaller than when they began, with the others having gone to the bar to get more from a beer than from the speaker’s attempt to communicate. Today no such message from the audience is present to improve the quality of presentations. At mid-century, older generations played an active educational role in the training of young ambitious diggers aspiring to become archaeologists. But that is no longer the case. “Oh lost! And by the wind grieved ghost, come back again!”

What a wonderful learning experience for giving papers SEAC that was, when in the audience were Joe Caldwell, Joffre Coe, Jim Ford, Jimmy Griffin, John Griffin, Art Kelly, Stu Neitzel, Tono Waring, and others, along with a few of us students new to the field. From witnessing such interaction, those of us still wet behind the ears knew that certain standards regarding research and paper presentation were expected of us by our colleagues.

When, in 1955, I got the courage to present a paper on “Archaeology on the Roanoke”, I was overjoyed when Stu Neitzel spoke up and said, “Well, I guess that was just your day!” What an endorsement! Some of the presenters of papers at SEAC these days could use some of that old time educational process on how to present a paper the audience can appreciate and learn from!

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**Stanley South is a Research Professor with the
South Carolina Institute of Archaeology & Anthropology**

Student Committee Update

Since we were last together in Charlotte, the Student Affairs Committee has been busy with four main projects. First, we have chosen two new members of the committee. Victoria Dekle (University of Kentucky) is the new chair-elect and Leslie Walker (University of Arkansas) is joining us as a member-at-large. We had an overwhelming number of very qualified applicants this year and would like to sincerely thank everyone that applied. We will be looking for new members each year and look forward to seeing many people apply again next year.

Second, we are continuing to work on the SEAC Student Webpage. Since our improvements last fall, webmaster Dan Martinez has reported that our visitation has increased dramatically (an understatement when you look at the numbers). We received a number of suggestions at the Charlotte meeting and through an on-line student survey and look forward to adding significantly to the website over the next six months. We have begun the process of compiling information for these additions and are anxious to make this new content available. Remember to check back with us regularly at <http://www.seacstudentweb.org/>.

Third, perhaps our primary goal this year is to create bylaws for the Student Affairs committee. As the committee has both increased in size and responsibility in recent years, the need for these bylaws has been made clear. A draft will be submitted to the board for approval in Mobile. Finally, while the Student Committee continues to work towards planning student events for the upcoming SEAC meeting, we do not have any details to report right now.

*- Meg Kassabaum
Student Affairs Committee Chair*

Current Research

Tennessee

Prehistoric Archaeologist Aaron Deter-Wolf with the Tennessee Division of Archaeology recently prepared a National Register of Historic Places nomination for the RiverView Mounds site (40MT44), located along the Cumberland River in Montgomery County, Tennessee. This Mississippian site includes a flat-topped substructural mound, a rounded mortuary mound, and two cemetery areas. Background research identified reference to the site

in a 1784 North Carolina land grant, as well as mentions of the mounds by both Cyrus Thomas and William Edward Myer. The site is located within a 300-acre Tennessee Century Farm that has been owned and worked by the Rinehart family since 1833. The Rinehart family initially approached the Division of Archaeology about pursuing the NRHP nomination, and it is their responsible stewardship that has prevented the site from being heavily looted or disturbed. In January the site was presented to the State Review Board, which voted to approve the nomination.

In September of 2008, Mr. Rex Moore contacted Mark Norton and John Broster from the Tennessee Division of Archaeology about a Paleoindian site located in Wayne County, Tennessee. A visit to the locale revealed a substantial and previously unrecorded Clovis quarry site situated on a ridge overlooking the Buffalo River. Mr. Moore has collected thousands of Clovis age artifacts at this site including preforms, blade cores, blades, blade tools, and lithic debitage, and has made his extensive collection available for study. The TDOA has analyzed a sample of over 700 artifacts from the site and is pursuing further research avenues in conjunction with staff from the Smithsonian Institution.

The Tennessee Division of Archaeology and the Department of Sociology & Anthropology at Middle Tennessee State University are completing reexamination and analysis of 40WM51, a predominately Late Archaic site located along the South Harpeth River in Williamson County, Tennessee. The site was excavated in 1985 as a result of a TDOT bridge replacement project, and although a partial draft report was prepared on the excavations, artifact analysis was never completed and no site data was ever published. TDOA Prehistoric Archaeologist Aaron Deter-Wolf and MTSU faculty Shannon Hodge and Tanya Peres have worked since 2007 with graduate students from American University, the University of Hawaii, and the University of Georgia as well as MTSU undergraduates to reanalyze the more than 100,000 artifacts and all burial, feature, and structure data.

The Southeastern Archaeologist Tattoo Survey is an independent, not-for-profit research study that began in January 2009 as a result of ongoing investigations into the archaeology of tattooing and body modification in the prehistoric Southeastern United States. This project seeks to document and examine tattooing among the modern archaeological

community of the region, and especially the appropriation of prehistoric Southeastern themes and images. All members of the Southeastern archaeological community who have tattoos (archaeological or otherwise) are encouraged to visit the SATS at: <http://archaeologyink.blogspot.com/>

Jay Franklin and students at East Tennessee State University (ETSU) finished the third year of the Pogue Creek State Natural Area archaeological survey on the Upper Cumberland Plateau (UCP). More than 120 sites have been recorded, mostly rock shelters. Sites range in age from the Early Archaic through the historic era. ETSU excavations also continue at Eagle Drink Bluff Shelter and Sachsen Cave Shelter on the UCP. Deposits at both span the Woodland and the Late Archaic periods. Both sites also contain Middle Archaic components, the focus of 2009 investigations. This is significant because this is a time on the UCP that is hypothesized by some to have largely been abandoned. The Upper Cumberland Plateau Luminescence Dating Project is also allowing Jay Franklin and Sierra Bow to refine Woodland chronology and ceramic sequences in the region at the above sites and others.

Jay Franklin and Michelle Hammett (ETSU) and Renee Walker (SUNY-Oneonta) finished investigations concerning the Nelson Site in upper East Tennessee. The Nelson Site is notable because it is one of the few known Middle to Late Middle Woodland Period large habitation sites in the region. Recovered ceramics indicate interactions with western North Carolina, North Georgia, and perhaps the Ohio Valley.

In August 2005 Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area began to relocate the 1368 documented archeological sites listed in the National Park Service's Archeological Sites Management Information System database. To do so NPS relied on staff, hired Archeological Technicians, and entered into partnerships with Middle Tennessee State University and the University of Tennessee's Archeological Research Laboratory. At the end of August 2008 this Condition Assessment Project was completed with these results: A total of 1421 Condition Assessments were done and of these, 140 did not meet criteria as sites (duplicates, non-NPS, destroyed). Now all the sites in the database have photographs, they have site tags, all have accurate GPS location data, and the high risk, vulnerable sites can now be monitored on a more frequent basis.

- Shannon Chappell Hodge

Virginia

In 2008, ECS Mid-Atlantic, LLC (ECS) completed survey and evaluation projects in Northern and Central Virginia. ECS also completed a number of cemetery evaluation and delineation studies. Notably, ECS formally delineated an unmarked historic cemetery associated with the earliest settlement of Middletown in southern Frederick County. The cemetery was found to contain at least 22 graves dating from the eighteenth through early nineteenth century and is likely associated with the family of David Nisewander. The Nisewander family was one of the original twenty families that traveled with Jost Hite to the Shenandoah Valley from Pennsylvania in 1731. The cemetery is presumed to have been active through the 1830's and may have also been the burying ground for members of the Tice and Moore families, subsequent landowners of the tract.

It was purported that Jost Hite (or Hite family members) may have been buried in this cemetery. Research yielded that Hite is most likely buried at Opequon Memorial Churchyard near Kernstown, Virginia in Frederick County. There is no grave marker for Jost Hite. Jost Hite resided at a plantation named Long Meadow with his favorite son Isaac Hite. His first wife, Mary, died in 1738 and was buried at Long Meadow. Historical accounts suggest there was a controversy about his burial site. Allegedly, a grave was dug at Long Meadow for him, but at the last minute it was decided that he would be buried at the Opequon Churchyard (Wilkins 1980:233). It has been presumed that the location of Jost Hite's grave is north of the sanctuary wall near the bell tower entrance (Gordon 1996). Mary Magdalena who died in 1792 was buried by his side (Opequon Church File).

- Ray Ezell

SEAC EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES OF THE FALL 2008 MEETING, NOVEMBER 12, 2008

Attending: Ken Sassaman, David Anderson, Rebecca Saunders, Victor Thompson, Paul Welch, Eugene Futato, Gayle Fritz, T.R. Kidder, Charlie Cobb, Renee Walker, Rob Moon, Phillip Hodge, Brett Riggs, Thomas Pluckhahn, Chris Rodning, Al Goodyear, David Hally, John Scarry, Margie Scarry, Alan May, Phil Carr, David Cranford, Megan Kassabaum,

Outgoing President Ken Sassaman called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Secretary's Report

Submitted by Rebecca Saunders

SEAC's first electronic election was a success. As at least 434 of you know, this year SEAC contracted with Vote-Now to manage our first e-vote. The ballot included: for the position of President-elect, candidates Ann Early and Adam King, and for the position of Executive Officer II, Chris Rodning and Sissel Schroeder. First, the results; we congratulate Ann Early, our new President-Elect, and Chris Rodning, our new Executive Officer II. Both races were very close.

As for the voting process itself, comments included with the e-balloting were all positive, except for one. One individual did not realize that a short candidate biography and a platform statement were linked to the candidate's name. This is probably not the only person, so, for future reference, candidate information can be retrieved by clicking on the candidate's name.

As this last statement indicates, the Executive Board has agreed to continue with e-voting for all elections. E-voting substantially increased voter participation, which was up some 300% from last year's vote. As noted, 434 members voted this year, as opposed to 159 last year. This year, paper ballots were sent to members who requested one (by contacting the Secretary). This 'transitional' provision was supposed to be in effect for only one year. However, this secretary will continue to send paper ballots if requested (contact Rebecca Saunders 225.578.6562, rsaunde@lsu.edu).

If you did not get an email ballot, SEAC does not have a valid email address for you. There is a notepad provided at the registration desk for those who did not get a ballot. Please put your name, email address, and phone number (in case I can't read your address) and I will update our files. Thanks to all who participated and congratulations to our new SEAC officers.

Treasurer's Report

Submitted by Victor Thompson

I am glad to report that SEAC is in good financial health, although we have suffered some setbacks due to poor market returns this year. As of

the end this fiscal year, SEAC has \$188,667.22 in financial assets (Table 1). Of this total, \$87,459.21 is in liquid assets (with \$52,318.07 in the Merrill Lynch EMA Working Fund checking account; \$19,414.38 in the Merrill Lynch EMA Mutual Funds; \$14,154.50 in Life Fund Money Market account; \$1,572.26 in the Associate Editor for Publication Sales account); \$71,157.12 in various Life Fund Long-Term Investments; and \$30,050.89 inventoried (at cost) in the Publication Inventory. Over the course of the year, SEAC's total financial assets decreased by \$50,812.86 largely due to market fluctuations in the Merrill Lynch Low Duration Fund as well as the Life Fund Investment accounts (see "Investment and Finance Committee Report").

SEAC had a total income of \$38,881.64 in the EMA Working Fund account including \$30,057.06 from membership renewals; \$1,862.52 in dividends/interest from EMA Mutual Funds (of which \$1,684.20 was reinvested into the Mutual Funds with the difference of \$178.32 returned to the Working Fund account); \$499.29 in royalties; \$5,517.51 in donations/gifts; and \$945.26 in SEAC 07 Annual Meeting revenues.

SEAC had EMA Working Fund account expenditures totaling \$41,495.79. This amount includes \$29,004.02 in publication costs for the SEAC journal and newsletter; \$150.00 in EMA annual banking service fees; \$1,684.20 in EMA Mutual Funds dividends/interest reinvestments; a \$20.00 annual corporate filing fee; \$1,634.40 for Web Hosting services; \$1,990.00 for the annual CPA financial review and filing; \$2,000.00 to the Public Outreach Grant award; \$181.64 in treasury office expenses; \$155.14 for SEAC 07 award plaques; \$2,000.00 for SEAC 08 Conference Center deposit; \$2,000.00 for SEAC 08 startup funding; \$45.83 for 2007 mid-year SEAC Board meeting refreshments; \$168.56 for SEAC mailings; and \$462.00 for the SEAC 08 Student Reception.

Overall, organizational expenditures exceeded income by \$2,614.15. However, several extraneous costs contributed to this fiscal year deficit. In particular, an invoice in the amount of \$1,308.00 for article reprints of *Southeastern Archaeology* Vol. 26, No. 1, 2007 was received and paid this year, along with \$4,000.00 advanced to the SEAC 08 organizers for startup funding and a deposit on the Conference facility. If these amounts were excluded from this year's expenses, the fiscal year assets would show a net income of \$2,693.85.

Table I. Treasurer's Annual Report for the Fiscal Year Ending October 31, 2008

| | FY2008 Working Fund | FY2008 Life Fund | FY2007 Working Fund | FY2007 Life Fund |
|---|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| ASSETS | | | | |
| Current Assets | | | | |
| Cash (Checking/Money Market) | | | | |
| Merrill Lynch EMA | \$52,318.07 | | \$54,932.22 | |
| Bank of Moundville | \$1,572.26 | | \$952.74 | |
| Vanguard Money Market | | \$14,154.50 | | \$3,523.65 |
| Investments (EMA funds, Mutual funds) | \$19,414.38 | \$71,157.12 | \$27,553.62 | \$122,839.16 |
| Publication Inventory (at cost) | \$30,050.89 | | \$29,678.69 | |
| Total Assets | \$103,355.60 | \$85,311.62 | \$113,117.27 | \$126,362.81 |
| LIABILITIES | | | | |
| Current Liabilities (Advance dues payments) | \$112.01 | | \$420.00 | |
| NET ASSETS | | | | |
| Life funds | | \$85,311.62 | | \$126,362.81 |
| Working funds | \$103,243.59 | | \$112,697.27 | |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS | \$103,355.60 | \$85,311.62 | \$113,117.27 | \$126,362.81 |
| REVENUES, GAINS, & OTHER SUPPORT | | | | |
| Dues | \$30,057.06 | | | |
| Family 2008 | \$1,365.82 | | | |
| Institution 2008 | \$6,751.84 | | | |
| Life Membership | \$1,000.00 | | | |
| Regular 2007 | \$35.00 | | | |
| Regular 2008 | \$17,017.40 | | | |
| Regular 2009 | \$112.01 | | | |
| SPORG 2008 | \$1,360.00 | | | |
| Student 2008 | \$2,414.99 | | | |
| EMA Dividends/Interest | \$1,862.52 | | | |
| Royalties | \$499.29 | | | |
| Donations/Gifts | \$5,517.51 | | | |
| Annual Meeting 2007 | \$945.26 | | | |
| TOTAL REVENUE GAINS | \$38,881.64 | | | |
| EXPENSES | | | | |
| Publications | \$29,004.02 | | | |
| Allen Press Printing | \$23,885.83 | | | |
| Kaufman Editorial Services | \$2,265.00 | | | |
| Publications - Other | \$2,853.19 | | | |
| EMA Annual Fee | \$150.00 | | | |
| EMA Dividend Reinvestments | \$1,684.20 | | | |
| Corporate Filing Fee | \$20.00 | | | |
| Web Hosting | \$1,634.40 | | | |
| CPA Fee | \$1,990.00 | | | |
| Public Outreach Grant | \$2,000.00 | | | |
| Office Expenses | \$181.64 | | | |
| SEAC Award Plaques | \$155.14 | | | |
| SEAC 08 Conference Center Deposit | \$2,000.00 | | | |
| SEAC 08 Startup Funds | \$2,000.00 | | | |
| 2007 Mid-Year Board Meeting Refreshments | \$45.83 | | | |
| SEAC Mailings | \$168.56 | | | |
| Student Reception Funds | \$462.00 | | | |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$41,495.79 | \$0.00 | | |
| DECREASE IN FISCAL YEAR ASSETS | \$2,614.15 | | | |
| ASSETS, beginning of fiscal year | \$113,117.27 | \$126,362.81 | | |
| ASSETS, ending of fiscal year | \$103,355.60 | \$85,311.62 | | |
| TOTAL CONFERENCE ASSETS (all funds) | | \$188,667.22 | | |

In 2008, the publication cost per member was calculated at \$27.70 (total SEAC publications cost of \$29,004.02 divided by 1,047 members). This represents a \$2.83 decrease over last year's cost of \$30.53.

Regarding membership, SEAC's numbers remain strong with a standing total of 1,062 memberships for this year (below). This represents an increase over 2007, and also the highest membership rate since 2002 with its peak 1,019 memberships. Of the current membership, 183 are student members, so let's continue soliciting our student colleagues to become members at the very reasonable rate of \$15.00 annually.

Table 2. Membership

| Type | Number |
|-------------|--------|
| Comp | 24 |
| Family | 34 |
| Institution | 90 |
| Life | 145 |
| Life Family | 32 |
| Regular | 543 |
| Student | 194 |
| Total | 1062 |

Discussion: In terms of the projected deficit, former treasurer John Scarry noted that historically, there are projected deficits almost every year which, in fact, do not materialize because the deficits include investment income. Dave Anderson noted that there was sufficient capital in the Working Fund to cover deficits of around \$3000 for many years.

Editors's Reports

Journal Editors

Submitted by Gayle Fritz

Volume 27.1 (Summer, 2008) was published July, 2008, containing eight articles, one comment, and 11 book reviews. It is 161 pages long. Volume 27.2 (Winter, 2008) will be a special issue devoted to the theme of shell-tempered pottery, containing nine articles and 10 book reviews. It has been copy-edited, and authors of all but one of the articles have made the necessary corrections. We expect to submit it to Allen Press next week and hope it will be published and mailed to members in early January.

Below is a complete report of manuscripts processed since our editors' report of November 2,

2007. Twelve of the 27 manuscripts were targeted for a thematic issue on the topic of shell-tempered pottery, constituting the Winter 2008, issue, and we are very grateful to Jim Feathers and Evan Peacock for inspiring this issue and motivating the authors to send their papers and meet the strict deadlines that we set for submissions and revisions.

| 2008 Manuscripts | |
|------------------|--------|
| Type | Number |
| Total Received | 27 |
| Accepted | 12 |
| Revise/Resubmit | 5 |
| Rejected | 4 |
| Pending* | 6 |

*At least 1 review not yet received

The 12 papers submitted for consideration in the shell-tempered thematic volume alleviated the problem of low submissions that we reported last November. Not counting these 12, however, we have received only 15 papers in 2008, this being only one more than the low of 14 submitted in 2007, and a drastic drop-off from the 36 received in 2006. Although we still want and need a higher rate of submissions, we believe the journal is in good shape. Five articles have been accepted and are ready to hand over to the incoming editor for Summer 2009, and at least one more will probably be accepted before January 1. We greatly appreciate the efforts of SEAC executive board members to encourage others to submit manuscripts, to review papers, and to send in submissions themselves.

Renee Walker, Book Review Editor, deserves our continuing gratitude for her competent service, and she in turn thanks Rob Moon for posting the listing of books available for review on the website.

In closing, we would like to offer our sincere gratitude to a number of people who have made our tenure as editors a rewarding experience. First, we want to thank Rich Smith and the Department of Anthropology at Washington University. The Department provided us with work-study support, and we are deeply indebted to these students—Laura Erhet, Jean Song, and Ashley Salter—for their dedication to the journal. Many of you will recognize their names from thank you letters, friendly reminders, and nag-agrams; and all of you have benefited

from their careful attention to detail. We also owe the SEAC Executive Committee a thank you for their support and willingness to help us along the way. Finally, the biggest thanks goes to the authors who submitted their manuscripts for consideration and especially to the approximately 200 reviewers who took the time to carefully read papers and to offer thoughtful and reasoned comments to the authors and to the editors. We are currently compiling a list of your names to be published in the upcoming issue. One of the greatest aspects of our journal is that the reviewers are uniformly supportive, respectful, and constructive in their critiques.

We are honored to have had this opportunity to serve the Southeastern Archaeological Conference as co-editors, and we close by passing the ceremonial date- or page-number stamping device (we've never been exactly sure what it is) to Charlie Cobb. We know *Southeastern Archaeology* is in good hands and close by reminding the membership that the health of our journal—the finest regional journal of its kind—is in your hands. Please, submit your manuscripts early and often!

Discussion: included the information that there is no page limit for papers or for the journal.

Associate Editor, Renee Walker, Book Reviews

More books are available for review than reviewers but the process is working well, and Renee Walker is happy to continue in this position.

Associate Editor, Eugene Futato, Inventory and Finance

Eugene Futato reported a balance carried forward from last fiscal year of \$952.74, publication sales (*Southeastern Archaeology*, the Bulletin, and Special Publications) of \$591.00, Royalties from Proquest of \$31.02, and a refund (-2.50), for a balance of \$1572.26. One thousand dollars of this was turned over to the Treasurer at the meeting.

In addition to the Publication Sales Report, Eugene submitted a complete inventory of SEAC publications. He noted that six issues of the journal and one Special Publication went out of print in 2008.

Discussion: There is print-on-demand availability through ProQuest (the old University Microfilms) which can provide electronic or microfilm copies of the journal.

Associate Editor, Rob Moon, Newsletter Editor

Rob Moon introduced the new Newsletter Editor, Phillip Hodge. The SEAC website has been updated to indicate new email addresses and submission information.

Rob Moon also noted that the PayPal system, which replaced SPORG for membership dues and meeting registration fees, appears to be working well, though for a short time, SPORG continued to take money because the SPORG system had not been formally turned off. This has been corrected. Rob Moon also noted that website updates cost \$20 each, so update information should be sent to the Newsletter Editor to keep the number of changes to a minimum.

Discussion. There was discussion on updating the format of the Newsletter to encourage more and different kinds of submissions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nominations Committee: Ken Sassaman thanked the Nominations Committee 2008, John Blitz, Margie Scarry, and Maureen Myers, who were responsible for this year's slate. A new committee will need to be selected for 2009 elections for Executive Officer I (now Brett Riggs), two-year term, and Secretary-Elect.

Investment and Finance Committee Paul Welch, Chair

It will come as no surprise that this has not been a good year for our investments. The table below shows where the Life Fund accounts stood at the close of business on Oct 31, 2008. The total was \$85,311.62, precipitously down from \$126,362.81 at the end of October 2007. This is a 32.5% drop, leaving our Life Fund roughly where it was in the spring of 2005. Depressing as that decline is, it is worth noting that despite the October meltdown, the Life Fund value at end of FY08 was 2.5 times the amount in the Life Fund when we began investing in 1996.

Because the earnings are negative for FY08, the Bylaws prohibit transfer of any money from the Life Fund to the Operating Fund in FY09. The mutual funds are all close to their target allocations, except Health Care which has not fallen as far as the other funds. I do not recommend taking any action*. The stock market has had rapid changes from day to day during recent weeks, making any attempt to re-

balance the portfolio doomed to almost immediate irrelevance. I advise holding onto the existing portfolio and waiting for the market to stabilize. It may take months or even some years for the economy to get past the current mess, but SEAC is invested for the long term, and our investment strategy is as sound today as it was in the previous three years when our returns were gains of 13.9%, 19.0%, and 14.5%.

Life Fund, end of Fiscal Year 2008

| 23-Oct-08 | Funds Total | % of Inv | Target |
|-----------|-------------|----------|--------|
| Ind500 | \$44,201.05 | 62.10% | 62 |
| IntlGro | 7,908.26 | 11.1 | 12 |
| SmCap | 8,581.48 | 12.1 | 12 |
| HlthCar | 6,841.37 | 9.6 | 8 |
| REIT Ind | 3,624.96 | 5.1 | 6 |
| Total | \$71,157.12 | 100 | |
| MonMkt | \$14,154.50 | | |
| Total | \$85,311.62 | | |

*I failed to send the other Inv & Fin Committee members a draft of this report for discussion and approval, so this recommendation is solely that of Paul Welch rather than the Committee as a whole.

Discussion. After discussion, which emphasized that the stock market loss was only a paper loss since SEAC has no intention of cashing in any stocks or bonds, the Board agreed that the investment strategy should stay the same. Different ways of raising revenue were discussed, including encouraging more Life Memberships.

Native Affairs Committee, Brett Riggs, Chair

Brett Riggs reported that the Committee’s main achievement this year was the Plenary Session *Native Perspective on Archaeology in the Carolinas: How Can Archaeology Serve Indian Country*. The program includes 22 tribal representatives from throughout the Carolinas. The session will be recorded as part of an ongoing white paper and the Committee hopes that this will become a yearly event.

Discussion. Though retiring as Executive Officer 2, Brett Riggs has agreed to remain as head of Native Affairs Committee.

Student Affairs Committee

David Cranford, Chair

For this year’s meeting, the Student Affairs Committee has organized three events that we hope will be of some interest to both graduate and undergraduate students. Our "Getting Funded" workshop on Thursday afternoon targets those who are in the midst of, or just starting to think about, grant writing. Directly following this is the ever-popular Student Reception. Friday, we will hold our second annual Lunch-time Forum, this year focusing on how to survive grad school. Thank you to all our discussants and panelists. Please encourage any and all students to come and check out these programs. This past year, we were fortunate enough to have a webmaster (Daniel Martinez) who had the time and talent to completely overhaul the student website. On August 27, we launched the new and improved Student Affairs webpage at: www.seacstudentweb.org. We are soliciting applications for Committee members for next year, so pass the word to anyone who may be interested. Finally, I would like to thank the Executive Board, as well as the Meeting organizers for their continuing and gracious support of student events at SEAC.

Discussion. A formal announcement was made that Meg Kassabaum is taking over from David Cranford as Chair of the Student Affairs Committee. To apply for positions, which are open to graduate and undergraduate students, submit a letter of interest and a CV to the Chair. Discussion included the information that the Committee is still working on its by-laws.

AWARDS COMMITTEES

Outreach Award Committee, Mary Kwas, Chair (entered into the record by Saunders):

Changes to the Guidelines. At the spring meeting of the Executive Committee, discussion was held as to how to define the southeast for the purposes of the grant and from which states applications could be received. Although no final decision was made, David Anderson expressed the consensus thus:

“The Outreach competition is open to anyone in or near the traditional boundaries of the southeastern culture area, as it has been variously and admittedly quite loosely defined. That would include states like Texas and Illinois, Indiana, Ohio,

and West Virginia. The strength of the proposal and not where it originates should be the basis for the award, as long as there is some tie to the southeast. A proposal on Mimbres or Plains Village would not work, but one on Fort Ancient or Cahokia certainly might. That was the consensus of the board.”

Following that decision, I revised the guidelines as posted on the SEAC web site to read as follows:

“The competition is open to anyone in or near the traditional boundaries of the southeastern culture area, and all proposals must have some tie to the southeast. For purposes of the grant, southeastern states are defined as: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee; border states are defined as: Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia.”

Should the Executive Committee make a decision in variance with the above at this meeting, please advise the chair (Mary Kwas) prior to December 1.

Discussion. There were no objections to the states enumerated as eligible for the Outreach Awards.

Status of the 2008 Winner:

The 2008 Public Outreach Grant was awarded to the Kentucky Organization of Professional Archaeologists for Living Archaeology Weekend, Red River Gorge Geological Area, Kentucky. Living Archaeology Weekend was held September 19-20.

In addition to the hands-on activities, demonstrations, and classroom visits that are a regular part of the event, SEAC funding was used for developing education/assessment materials. Each teacher was provided with a three-ring binder of preparatory materials that included a What You Should Expect handout, a culture history of the Red River Gorge, a glossary of terms related to the demonstrations this year, and an ethics-related lesson plan based on Red River Gorge content. These were all new materials in development, which will be combined with some existing Kentucky Archaeological Survey and SHPO materials. A new educational booth was also added this year. A color information sheet was developed for the teacher packet and a slick tri-fold was made for the general public. The educational booth featured a mock garden where visitors could try using a

shell hoe, digging sticks, and grinding stones. The developers are going to feature a different plant each year, beginning with sunflowers. The sunflowers were planted on site for people to see, and informational sunflower seed packets (which match the tri-fold) were prepared as take-aways, using sunflowers only grown today in California but closest to the species grown in the Red River Gorge in the past. Next year they will be featuring sumpweed/marshelder or goosefoot/chenopodium. Information on SEAC as a sponsor was included on print materials, such as the announcement flyer. The final report on this project has not yet been received, but is not due until January.

Status of the 2009 Grant Cycle:

The 2009 Grant Cycle is now beginning, and submissions are requested. Announcements have been sent to the SAA Public Archaeology Interest Group listserv, SAA State Network Coordinators in the southeast, Southeastern Museums Conference, National Association for Interpretation Southeast Region, and state archaeological societies in the Southeast. An announcement also appears on the back cover of each issue of the SEAC journal, and information and guidelines have a permanent home on the SEAC web site. Deadline for receipt of submissions is December 1.

Student Paper Competition Committee, Renee Walker, Chair: Renee Walker thanked other Committee members Rich Weinstein and Marvin Smith. She reported that there were 13 submissions and all were of high quality. Winners will be announced at the Business Meeting.

Student Paper Competition Prize, David Anderson: Total worth of prize not yet calculated, but well over \$1000 in books. Winner to be announced at the Business Meeting.

Lifetime Achievement Award: David Hally thanked additional committee members Ian Brown and Bill Marquardt. He reported that there were three nominees, with the winner to be announced at the Business Meeting. David Hally also entered into the record the following observation from Ian Brown:

“In the past the selection for the lifetime achievement award has been a surprise, the recipient simply being announced. Unfortunately, once the

plaque is given, it's basically over and done with. We do more for the C.B. Moore recipient—for a person who is just beginning—than for a person who has given his life to the profession. SAA deals with this issue by actually alerting the recipient well in advance. This ensures that 1) the recipient will actually be there, 2) that the nominator can arrange appropriate festivities for colleagues and students, and 3) that the conference itself might do something extra.”

Discussion: Ken Sassaman proposed a formal awards reception after the Business Meeting on Friday to recognize the Student Paper Award winner, the C.B. Moore Award winner and the Lifetime Achievement Award. How to fund such an event was discussed but not resolved. David Hally suggested that the number of committee members be increased; it was agreed that this proposal would be put on the agenda at the Spring Executive Board meeting.

Distinguished Service Award: Ken Sassaman: to be announced at the Business Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Grants-in-Aid program. Ken Sassaman noted that there is \$5000 available for the grant program, but there has been no progress on determining what kinds of grants should be funded. David Anderson promised to continue to develop the program during his presidency.

NEW BUSINESS

2008 Meeting Report: Margie Scarry summarized information on meeting statistics as reported in the Minutes of the SEAC Business Meeting (see below). She also had some observations for future organizers. David Anderson noted that Janet Levy has incorporated the observations, and other information, into a three-page document of recommendations for future organizers. An ad hoc committee of past and current (Janet Levy has agreed to serve) program chairs will be established to guide subsequent meeting organizers.

Future Meetings: Ken Sassaman reported that hotel contracts exist for 2009 and 2010 and there are verbal commitments from SEAC members to host meetings through 2013, though some of the later years are still under discussion, and need to be formalized as soon as possible.

2009 Mobile (Phil Carr)

2010 Lexington (George Crothers)

Tentative Meeting Locations

2011 Pensacola (Mary Furlong)

2012 Baton Rouge (Rebecca Saunders and Rich Weinstein) or Greenville (Charlie Cobb)

2013 Tampa (Nancy White)

2009 Meeting: Phil Carr

The 2009 meeting is scheduled for November 4-8 at the Renaissance Riverfront Hotel in downtown Mobile. The hotel has had a 70 million dollar renovation and there are restaurants and bars close by. Conference room rates are \$124. Phil Carr is responsible for Local Arrangements; Ashley Dumas is the Program Chair.

Editor's Budget Request: Charlie Cobb requested funds for a computer, software, and printer to set up an office for his new editorship. Cost for all items totaled \$1306 for a cross-platform Mac/PC machine. Approved unanimously by the Board.

SHA Liaison: Ken Sassaman announced Martha Zierden of the Charleston Museum as the new SEAC liaison to SHA. Martha is tasked with increasing cross-membership in the two organizations.

Proposal for an "Awards Coordinator": Mary Lou Larsen of SAA contacted Ken Sassaman for nominations for the Crabtree Award. Ken Sassaman has extended the concept to propose that SEAC become more pro-active in nominating Southeastern people for national awards. No formal action was taken.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Discussion. Electronic access to Southeastern Archaeology. It was noted that back issues of *Southeastern Archaeology* are on-line to 1998; a discussion concerning the best way to get all issues on line ensued. At present, some of what is on-line is badly formatted and file sizes are quite large; some files are only htmls, so there are no figures. SEAC needs to make new arrangements to get all issues as pdfs. In the future, bulletins and newsletter could also go on line. Electronic indexing was also discussed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:55.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Saunders, SEAC secretary

SEAC BUSINESS MEETING FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2008

Attending Officers: David Anderson, Rebecca Saunders, Keith Stephenson (for Victor Thompson), Paul Welch, Gayle Fritz

The meeting was called to order at 5:20 by President-Elect David Anderson, standing in for President Kenneth Sassaman, who was called back to the University of Florida. Reports by the Secretary (Saunders), Treasurer (Thompson, presented at the Business Meeting by Keith Stephenson), Finance Committee (Paul Welch), Editors (Gayle Fritz, Renee Walker, Rob Moon), Student Affairs Committee (David Cranford), Meeting Organizers (Margie Scarry) and next years' meeting organizer (Phil Carr) were presented as recorded in the Minutes of the Executive Board meeting (see above). The Welcome, Official Outreach Committee Report, additional remarks by the Student Affairs Committee, Resolutions, and Awards were presented as reported below.

WELCOME TO SEAC 2008, ALAN MAY

It is my pleasure to welcome all of you to the 2008 edition of the annual meeting of the Southeastern Archaeological conference. On behalf of the organizers: Margie Scarry, John Scarry, Janet Levy, and Ann Tippitt we are delighted you have come to Charlotte and University Place. We have been ably assisted with arrangements here at the Hilton by Deborah Slivenski, Convention Services Manager, and Lana Houk, Associate Sales Manager. We are sorry about the weather but hope that all of the exciting and interesting papers have drawn and kept your attention. It is gratifying to see all of the enthusiasm and excitement in the halls outside of the meeting rooms and that goes for the poster session as well. We would encourage more posters at future meetings as a means of both exchanging information and getting immediate feedback. Posters have come into their own; we had a record 45.

As of early this afternoon: we had 530 pre-registrations of which 35% were students. We had 128 on-site registrations about equally divided between students and regular members. We have 39 sessions containing 343 presentations: papers, discussants, and posters. We also have a dozen tribal representatives as participants in the program.

We had about 36 student volunteers representing the following institutions:

University of North Carolina-Charlotte
University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
North Carolina State University
Appalachian State University
Middle Tennessee State University
University of Kentucky
Binghamton University
University of Southern Mississippi
East Tennessee State University
University of Arkansas
University of Oklahoma
Murray State University
University of South Carolina
Schiele Museum

COMMITTEE REPORTS

(See the Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting, above, for all reports. Additional reports prepared by the Outreach Grants Committee Chair and the Student Affairs Committee Chair are below.)

Outreach Awards Committee, Mary Kwasi (presented by Saunders)

The 2008 Grant Winner

The 2008 Public Outreach Grant was awarded to the Kentucky Organization of Professional Archaeologists for Living Archaeology Weekend, Red River Gorge Geological Area, Kentucky. This annual event, now in its 19th year, was held September 19-20, behind the Gladie Cultural and Environmental Learning Center in the Daniel Boone National Forest. The event includes demonstrations and hands-on activities on technologies once used by Native Americans and pioneers in Kentucky. The first day of the event is targeted toward school groups, with about 1,000 people attending. The second day is open to the general public. The SEAC Public Outreach Grant was used to develop additional educational and assessment materials. Links to the project web site, reports and photographs of grant-sponsored projects from previous years can be found on the SEAC web site.

2009 Grant Cycle

The Southeastern Archaeological Conference, in order to promote public awareness of archaeology in the Southeast, supports a program of

small grants to finance public outreach projects. SEAC provides an annual grant of \$2,000 per year to an applicant through a competitive application process. Projects proposed for grant funding should promote public awareness of archaeology in the Southeast through any of a variety of educational and outreach activities. Examples of suitable projects might include: teacher workshops, printed material for the public, exhibits, workshops for adults or children, Archaeology Week/Month activities, Project Archaeology workshops, Elderhostel programs, archaeology fairs, public field trips, or other public-oriented projects.

The competition is open to anyone in or near the traditional boundaries of the southeastern culture area, and all proposals must have some tie to the southeast. For purposes of the grant, southeastern states are defined as: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee; border states are defined as: Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia.

The 2009 Grant Cycle is now beginning, and submissions are requested. Information about the SEAC Public Outreach Grant—including a history of the grant, description, requirements, and a grant application—can be found on the SEAC web site. All submissions must be received by the committee chair no later than December 1.

Student Affairs Committee, Chair David Cranford: This year marks another successful year for the Student Affairs Committee. Attendance of our three student events this week exceeded our expectations and we want to thank the Executive Board, the organizing committee, and all those who made these events possible, including our distinguished panelists: Jim Knight, Dale Hutchinson, Paul Welch, Rob Beck, and Annie Blankenship.

RESOLUTIONS

Thanking the Meeting Organizers, presented by Vin Steponaitis, Whereas the 2008 Southeastern Archaeological Conference has brought together participants from throughout the US, and Whereas the attendance of this meeting has been very strong, and Whereas the papers and posters have been of high quality, and Whereas the plenary, student and social events have been both informative and fun, So be it resolved that SEAC thanks Program Chairs Margaret and John Scarry and Meeting Organizers

Janet Levy, Anne Tippet, and Alan May, As well as all the others who helped, For a job well done.

Thanking supporters of the Plenary Session, presented by Brett Riggs, Whereas Russell Townsend, of the Tribal Historic Preservation Office of the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians, and Jeffrey Irwin, leader of the Cultural Resources Management Group at Fort Bragg, and Rodney Snedeker of the US National Forest in North Carolina, have all greatly facilitated the contributions of their respective organizations to the financial and logistical support of this year's plenary session, so be it resolved that SEAC extends its deep and sincere gratitude to these individuals and their respective organizations for promoting improved communications between the American Indian community and the archaeological community.

Thanking Brett Riggs, presented by Maureen Myers, Whereas Brett Riggs has served SEAC for the past two years as Executive Officer with distinction and good humor amidst his many other scholarly duties, and Whereas Brett has used his position on the SEAC board to foster a lasting and productive relationship between Native Americans and Southeastern archaeologists, Therefore, be it resolved that the Southeastern Archaeological Conference acknowledges Brett's contributions as Executive Officer and thanks him for his service.

Thanking Rob Moon, presented by Adam King, Whereas Rob Moon has served the Southeastern Archaeological Conference for five years, and Whereas Rob has filled two of the more thankless positions in our organization—webmaster and Newsletter editor—and Whereas he has performed his duties with quiet proficiency and good humor, Therefore, be it resolved that we, the membership of SEAC, owe Rob a great debt for his willingness to serve wherever and whenever needed.

Thanking Gayle Fritz and T.R. Kidder, presented by Lynne Sullivan, Whereas Gayle Fritz and T.R. Kidder have served SEAC well as co-editors of Southeastern Archaeology, and Whereas Gayle and T.R. have labored long hours and suffered through the computer hassles, reviewer excuses, and author queries inherent to the SEAC editor's job, and Whereas T.R. and Gayle purified the red cover I initiated with a snowy white one, and Whereas Washington University provided a home and support for SEAC's editorial office, Be it resolved that the Southeastern Archaeological Conference thanks Gayle and T.R. for a job well done.

Thanking Ken Sassaman, presented by David Anderson, Whereas Ken Sassaman has served for two years as President-elect, and two years as President of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference, and Whereas during that period he brought his great energy and enthusiasm to the running of the organization, in his low key and laid back way, moving us all forward on a number of fronts, and Whereas he has pulled off the unprecedented task of lining up meeting venues for the next five years, Now therefore let it be resolved that the membership of SEAC conveys its heartfelt thanks to Ken for a job well done.

In memory of Howard MacCord, Sr., prepared by Cliff Boyd, Whereas Howard A. MacCord, Sr. worked as a professional archaeologist for the Virginia State Library from 1962 until 1976 and continued to consult and offer advice on issues relating to Virginia archaeology from his "retirement" until his recent passing; and Whereas before his archaeological career, Howard served over 30 years in the U. S. Army, rising from private to the rank of Colonel and serving in the European Theater in World War II and in the Korean Conflict; and Whereas Howard was a charter member of the Council of Virginia Archaeologists (COVA) and a life member of the Archeological Society of Virginia (ASV) and published many of his over 120 site reports and papers in the *ASV Quarterly Bulletin*; and Whereas less than one month before his death on November 3 at the age of 93, Howard was instructing slightly younger archaeologists at a COVA meeting on ways to improve Virginia archaeology; Be It Resolved that the Southeastern Archaeological Conference recognizes Howard MacCord's archaeological contributions and mourns the passing of this towering figure in Virginia prehistoric archaeology.

In memory of Joe Bauxar, presented by David Cranford, Whereas J. Joe (Finkelstein) Bauxar's lifelong contributions to Southeastern archaeology continue to provide valuable insights for researchers concerned with Oklahoma, Wisconsin, Illinois, and Tennessee prehistory and ethnohistory, and Whereas Joe pioneered some of the earliest mound excavations in eastern Oklahoma and elsewhere including that of Spiro and Kincaid, and Whereas Joe competently served as the organizing chair for the 4th Southeastern Archaeological Conference at Macon, Georgia in 1939 and supervised the inauguration of the Ocmulgee Museum building, and Whereas Joe worked as a WPA supervisor in

Tennessee under Madeline Kneberg and made significant contributions to Yuchi Ethnohistory, Therefore let it be resolved that the Southeastern Archaeological Conference mourns the passing of this scholar and friend and extends its sincere condolences to his family.

AWARDS

Student Book Prize 2008, David Anderson

The first-place prize for the 2008 SEAC Student Book Prize included 198 volumes, four vessel replicas, a four foot finger woven scarf, a reproduction knife, and nine ceramic coasters. The estimated value of the first-place prize was \$4753.95. This year the second-place prize was offered, consisting of a lifetime membership in SEAC, as well as back issues of the journal *Southeastern Archaeology*, for an estimated value of \$800. SEAC extends its gratitude to the following donors for their continuing support of the Student Paper Competition. Special thanks are due, as always, to Judith Knight for coordinating much of the donation effort.

Those donating items to the book prize included: The University of Alabama Office of Archaeological Research; the University of Alabama Press; Center for Archaeological Studies, University of South Alabama; Ancient Hands/Marty Hawthorn; Ancient Society of Books/Larry Conrad; Arkansas Archaeological Survey; Tamara and Larry Beane; Bureau of Indian Affairs; Coastal Environments, Inc.; Florida Museum of Natural History; University Press of Florida; Fort Bragg Heritage Resource Management Program; University of Georgia Department of Anthropology; Gustav's Library; Houghton Mifflin; Louisiana Archaeological Society; Louisiana Division of Archaeology; MACTEC, Inc; Jerry McDonald; Research Laboratories of Archaeology, University of North Carolina; Phyllis and Dan Morse/Morse Books; North Carolina Archaeological Council; University of Oklahoma Press; Powell Archaeological Research Center; Savannah River Archaeological Research Program; Society for Historical Archaeology; South Carolina Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology; Southeastern Archaeological Conference; Southeast Archeological Center National Park Service; Stanley A. South; Archaeological Society of South Carolina; Southern Illinois University Center for Archaeological Investigations; University of Tennessee Press; Terry Powell/Tools from the Earth; Westmore Pottery; Nancy White; Susan Wilson/

Finger weaving by Susan; and Woodridge Studio. Thanks to all of these people and organizations, and my sincere apologies to anyone I may have missed!

Student Paper Prize, Renee Walker

First I would like to thank Rich Weinstein and Marvin Smith for serving on the committee; it has been a pleasure to serve with you. And I would like to thank the board and the membership for allowing me to chair this committee. This is my last year as Chair and I am definitely going to miss reading the student papers. It has been a pleasure to read such exciting new scholarship, and I would encourage all mentors and advisors to have their students submit their papers. It is a great program and you can't win if you don't play.

Chris Moore 2nd place, University of Kentucky "A Macroscopic Investigation of Technological Style and the Production of Middle to Late Archaic Fishhooks at the Chiggerville, Read, and Baker Sites, Western Kentucky.

Jeremy Davis 1st place, University of Alabama "Crafting in the Countryside: A Comparison of Three Late Prehistoric Nonmound Sites in the Black Warrior River Valley."

Thank-you to all who contributed, they were all wonderful papers.

C.B. Moore Award, presented by Charles McNutt

The C.B. Moore award for "Excellence in archaeology by a young scholar in Southeastern archaeology or associated studies" was initiated by Stephen Williams and has been presented annually at the Southeastern Archaeological conference since 1994. This award, which recognizes some of the best and most accomplished archaeologists among our ranks, is nominated and voted on by past recipients of the award and members of the Lower Mississippi Survey. The award is funded entirely by the LMS.

Past young recipients of this award, now aging gracefully, are:

David Anderson-1990
Gayle Fritz-1991
Marvin Smith-1992
John House-1993
Ken Sassaman-1994
Tim Pauketat-1995
Joe Saunders-1996

Penelope Drooker-1997
John Worth-1998
Randy Daniel-1999
Cricket Kelly-2000
Rebecca Saunders-2001
Jane Eastman- 2002
Adam King-2003
Tom Pluckhan-2004
Chris Rodning-2005
Robin Beck-2006
Greg Wilson-2007

The recipient is acknowledged by the presentation of a replica of the Moundville Cat Pipe and joins a growing list of the Southeast's most talented scholars. The recipient is recognized for contributions in fieldwork, publication, and service to the archaeological community

It is a great pleasure to announce that the recipient of the 2008 C.B. Moore award is EDMOND A. (TONY) BOUDREAUX, III.

Tony received his Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (2007), M.A. in Anthropology from the University of Alabama (1997), and a B.A. in Anthropology from Mississippi State University (1994). Tony's book, *The Archaeology of Town Creek*, was published by the University of Alabama Press in 2008. This book presents analyses of architectural, mortuary, and ceramic data from the Town Creek site, the important (and somewhat enigmatic) Mississippian mound center in the North Carolina Piedmont, at the edge of the Mississippian world. Tony's research at Town Creek, which has also been published in the journal *North Carolina Archaeology*, and in a forthcoming edited volume on Mississippian mortuary practices, is based on analyses of artifacts and records from fieldwork conducted primarily during the 1930's and 1940's. His work demonstrates the value of revisiting extant collections and "old" sites with "new" questions and theoretical perspectives in mind.

In addition to his background and his interests in Town Creek and Mississippian archaeology, Tony has also published single-authored and co-authored articles on such topics as Contact-period native villages in the North Carolina Piedmont, Middle Woodland mounds in Alabama, and Archaic-period stone tools from Mississippi.

As Senior Project Manager for Coastal Environments, Inc., from the late summer of 2005 until the summer of 2008, Tony participated in and wrote

numerous reports about contract archaeology projects in the Gulf Coast region. Notably, he and his colleagues at CEI were instrumental in data recovery and site mitigation efforts along the Gulf Coast in the aftermath of hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Tony is the president of the Mississippi Association of Professional Archaeologists and a past vice-president of the Mississippi Archaeological Association, and he is a long-time member of SEAC.

Please join me in congratulating Tony Boudreaux for his accomplishments which are acknowledged by the C.B. Moore Award.

Distinguished Service Award, presented by Jay Johnson

Tonight we honor a colleague whose contributions to southeastern archaeology are many. Among the specific topics in which his work is well known are lithic analysis, archaeological systematics, archaeological data systems, pioneering curation efforts, and the archaeology of the Tennessee and Tombigbee River drainages. But that is not why the Executive Committee of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference has voted unanimously to give its Distinguished Service Award to Eugene Madison Futato. Eugene has served as an Associate Editor since about 1984, a tenure at this point of 24 years and counting. In this capacity he has faithfully attended something on the order of 40 Board meetings. Presidents, Editors and other officers have come and gone, but Eugene has provided a continuity that has been invaluable. Anyone who has ever served on the Executive Board will be able to recall an instance in which a new idea was proposed and the response, from Eugene, would be, "We tried something like that five years ago and here's what happened." His voice of reason has been an essential part of the governing of our society for as long as most of us can remember. It is about time that we recognized this in a formal way.

Lifetime Achievement Award, David Hally

We have an award for a scholar who is just beginning his career, and we now have an award for a scholar who has had a long career, who has contributed through his research, his public service, and his mentoring of younger archaeologists. The lifetime achievement award is awarded by a committee of three members of SEAC, Ian Brown, Bill Marquardt, and myself. We had three nominations this year, each excellent, it was a tough decision.

We have a nice plaque, last year we had a nice plaque, we don't have it here to day, but we do have a recipient. Will Bennie Keel please come forward.

Bennie Carlton Keel has had a long and distinguished career in American archaeology. He has published extensively on the archaeology of North America with particular emphasis on North Carolina, and in the field of public archaeology. His impact has been greatest, however, as a government archaeologist.

Bennie has been associated with the National Park Service and the Department of the Interior in one way or another for 32 years. He has been the Department's Consulting Archaeologist, the Park Service's Assistant Director of Archaeology, Chief of the Interagency Archaeological Service Division, Regional Archaeologist at the Southeast Archaeological Center in Tallahassee, and, most recently, Director of the Southeast Center in Tallahassee.

In these positions he has helped write guidelines and regulations for the Archaeological Resource Protection Act and the Abandoned Shipwreck Act; has testified before Congress in support of public archaeology; and has supervised development of the National Archaeological Database. He has also played a major role in advocating, planning, and managing a number of major archaeological projects, including: the FAI-270 project in IL; the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway project in AL/MS; the Richard B. Russell Reservoir project in GA/SC; and most recently, the Ravensford tract project on the Cherokee Reservation in NC.

Bennie has been instrumental in the development and implementation of archaeological legislation at the Federal level. He has expedited countless, large-scale and innovative archaeological projects. And he has been an effective spokesman for archeology in the halls of government and before the public. In each of these areas, his efforts have affected and will continue to affect all of us as archaeologists in profound ways.

Remarks by Bennie Keel

Unlike the recipients of the previous awards, I am done. They have a future. I was sitting here thinking that I have attended about two-thirds of the conference meetings over the last 49 years, and the first one I attended was in the basement of the Visitor's Center at Ocmulgee. We had two days and a single session—just a single session in two days—there were about 60 people there. At that first

meeting, the only two people I recognize at this meeting are Stanley South and Lewis Larson. So there has been a big change. I look across this audience and I swear there are more ladies than gentleman, which is quite a difference. In 1959 there were three women who were professional archaeologists practicing in the Southeast, and two of them were actually paid, Betty Broyles and Adelaide Bullen. So, it's a big change. Another change, is the number of Native Americans here at this business meeting, who were completely absent a half century ago. So we are making progress I think, and I hope that the conference will continue to make such progress. I remember, in 1980...Let me preface this. I was real pleased with hearing the Treasurer's report, with the really solid financial basis this conference now rests on. In 1980 I got a call from Steve Williams saying we are bankrupt, is there any way you could possibly see your way to make a little donation. And I was able to make a little donation, and I'm sure others were, but about four months later I got a short note from Steve saying Thank-you, thank-you, thank-you, we're in the black, slightly, and I think from that time on, at least on the financial side, the situation has continued to improve. So, as I end my career, I say the Southeast Conference is on sound financial footing and has some wonderful leadership. Thank-you, thank-you, thank-you.

OLD BUSINESS

David Anderson noted that the SEAC Executive Board has been talking about a research grant program, however the funding for that is contingent on gains in the investments. SEAC investments lost money last year, so, by our own by-laws, we are not able to award anything this year. However, consideration and implementation of the grant program is continuing. David Anderson urged the membership to invest in Life Memberships.

NEW BUSINESS

David Anderson asked for New Business from the floor. here was none. David Anderson formally accepted the presidency.

President Anderson called for a motion to adjourn at 6:25 pm.

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