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## SEAC NEWS & NOTICES

### SEAC 2002

The 2002 Southeastern Archaeological Conference will be held November 6-9 at the Beau Rivage Resort and Casino in Biloxi, Mississippi. The conference organizers are John W. O'Hear (Cobb Institute of Archaeology), Jay K. Johnson (University of Mississippi), and Robbie Ethridge (University of Mississippi). Please see the enclosed forms for hotel information, registration, and proposal submissions.

The SEAC Student Affairs Committee will be sponsoring a special afternoon student panel discussion entitled *Ethnicity and Identity in the Archaeological Record*. In another special session, Beta Analytic Inc. will present a workshop and question and answer session on radiocarbon dating. Beta has donated a radiocarbon date, either conventional or AMS, which will be raffled off with the proceeds going to support the activities of the Student Affairs Committee.

Among the special social events being planned are a Thursday evening reception at the newly-expanded Biloxi Maritime and Seafood Museum, sponsored in part by the University Press of Florida in celebration of the twenty-fifth year of the Ripley Bullen series and by the University of Tennessee Press. Great Spirits of SEAC will also be held during the Thursday Reception. The Friday night dance will feature the band *30 Fingers* (the same band we had in Jackson in 1991) and a cash bar.

On Saturday afternoon we will be chartering two 68-foot, two-masted, gaff-rigged Biloxi oyster schooners, the *Glenn L. Sweatman* and the *Mike Sekul*, for a waterborne tour of Mississippi Sound and Biloxi Bay. Details are still being worked out, but cost should be about \$20 per person including refreshments. Look for more details in the Fall newsletter and on the SEAC web site (<http://www.uark.edu/campus-resources/seac/index.html>).

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### Call for Nominations

(submitted by John Scarry, SEAC Nominations Committee Chair)

SEAC is seeking candidates for several positions on the executive board:

**President-elect** (a four-year term, two years as president-elect and two years as president);

**Secretary-elect** (a four-year term, one year as secretary-elect and three years as secretary);

**Executive Officer II** (a two-year term).

If you wish to nominate someone for one of these positions or if you would like to run yourself, please contact John Scarry, Chair, Nominations Committee, at the following:

John Scarry  
Research Laboratories of Archaeology  
CB 3120  
University of North Carolina  
Chapel Hill, NC 27599-3120

or by email at: [John\\_Scarry@unc.edu](mailto:John_Scarry@unc.edu)

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### Newsletter Editor Note

(submitted by Jane M. Eastman, SEAC Associate Editor, Newsletter)

It has been six years since SEAC has printed a membership directory and in order to promote communication between members I plan to publish a membership directory in the October issue of the newsletter. To ensure that the directory is accurate, please take the time to update your address, email, and telephone number. This can be done when you pay your membership dues for 2002. A dues notice and address correction form has been mailed to all SEAC members. Further updates may be made by contacting Adam King ([aking@sc.edu](mailto:aking@sc.edu)).

If you do not wish to be listed in the membership directory there is a box on the 2002 dues notice that you may check to indicate this preference. I appreciate your cooperation and you should have your new directory before we meet in Biloxi.

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**59th Annual Meeting Southeastern Archaeological Conference**  
**November 6-9, 2002**  
**Beau Rivage Resort and Casino, Biloxi, Mississippi**

**Conference Organizers:**

John W. O'Hear, Cobb Institute of Archaeology, P.O. Box AR, Mississippi State, MS 39762 Email: jwo1@ra.msstate.edu

Jay K. Johnson, Dept. of Sociology and Anthropology, Univ. of Mississippi, University, MS, 38677. Email: sajay@olemiss.edu

Robbie Ethridge, Dept. of Sociology and Anthropology, Univ. of Mississippi, University, MS, 38677. Email: rethridge@olemiss.edu

**Meeting Registration:** Regular \$45.00 before October 4, 2002; \$50.00 thereafter. Student \$30.00 before October 4, 2002 with copy of valid student ID; \$35.00 thereafter.

**Accommodations:** The Beau Rivage Resort and Casino, 875 Beach Boulevard, Biloxi, MS 39530. Room Rates are \$99.00 plus 10% tax. Parking is free. Reservations must be made by phone, toll free (888) 383-7037, or regular phone (228) 386-7444. The cut off date for reservations is October 14, 2002. Make sure you mention the reservation is for SEAC. The web-site for the hotel is [www.beaurivage.com](http://www.beaurivage.com). Do not use the web-based reservation system because it is not able to interface with the SEAC reserved-room block.

**Transportation:** Biloxi is on Interstate 10; 91 miles from New Orleans, 63 miles from Mobile, and 318 miles from Birmingham.

*Driving Directions to the Hotel:* From Interstate 10 take the Interstate 110 exit south. At the end of I-110 you can't miss the Beau Rivage Resort and Casino on your left on the beach. Exit east on Beach Boulevard and take a right into either the free-parking deck or the check-in drive.

*By Air:* The Gulfport/Biloxi Regional Airport is served by five airlines with regular flights from Atlanta, Nashville, Memphis, Dallas/Fort Worth, Toronto, and several cities in Florida. Airlines flying into Gulfport/Biloxi include ASA/Delta, AirTran, Continental, Northwest Airlin, and Southeast.

The hotel does not have a shuttle service, but several shuttles in addition to taxis are available at the airport. The web-site [www.gulfcoast.org](http://www.gulfcoast.org) has a listing of available ground transportation options along with other information.

*By Rail:* Biloxi is served by Amtrak's Sunset Limited. Information is available at (800) 872-7245.

*By Sea:* For those who will be sailing to SEAC, the Beau Rivage has a full service marina. Please contact the hotel directly for slip fees and other costs.

**Proposals:** The deadline for proposals for symposia, papers, and posters is August 1, 2002. Proposals must include proposal forms, registration forms and fees, and membership dues for persons not currently members of SEAC. Symposium proposals must include registration forms, fees and, membership dues for all participants in the symposium. Sessions will run all day on Thursday and Friday and Saturday morning. Continuing into early Saturday afternoon if necessary.

Each meeting room will be provided with a lap-top computer and computer projector for Powerpoint presentations in addition to a slide projector. All Powerpoint users must load their presentations onto the computers from a standard CD-ROM before the beginning of their session. Floppy Disks and Zip Disks will not be supported. Computers will be available for the loading of presentations from 7:00 to 8:00 AM for morning sessions and between 12:00 and 1:00 PM for afternoon sessions. No presentations can be loaded during the sessions. Only presentations in Powerpoint will be supported. We will use the latest version of Powerpoint, but the organizers cannot be responsible for software conflicts.

**Web Submission:** For your convenience, you can fill out and submit your registration information online and print hard copies from your browser by going to the SEAC web page at <http://www.uark.edu/campus-resources/seac/index.html>. Submitting your information electronically eliminates the need for us to type it manually into our database. **IMPORTANT:** Although you may submit your information online, you must mail a copy of all forms with your payments. **Please do not forget to include hard-copy forms with your payments!**

**Special Events:** Anyone wishing to have a group meeting or special event should contact John O'Hear as soon as possible, but no later than June 1, 2002. Several special events are already planned.

2002 Southeastern Archaeological Conference

November 6-9

Beau Rivage Resort and Casino

Biloxi, Mississippi

Advance Registration Form

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Affiliation as you wish it to appear on badge

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Student? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

**Registration fee:** Regular \$45 before **October 4**; \$50 thereafter. Student \$30 before **October 4** with copy of valid student ID; \$35 thereafter.  
**MAKE REGISTRATION CHECKS PAYABLE TO SEAC 2002.**

**Please mail two (2) copies of this form along with the registration fee to:**

John W. O'Hear and Jay K. Johnson, SEAC Program Co-Chairs  
Cobb Institute of Archaeology  
P.O. Box AR  
Mississippi State, MS 39762

\*\*\***Note:** You can fill out and submit your registration information online and print hard copies from your browser by going to the SEAC web page at: <http://www.uark.edu/campus-resources/seac/index.html>

**IMPORTANT:** Although you may submit your information via the internet, you must snail mail a copy of the registration forms with your payments. **Please do not forget to include these forms with the payments!**



Proposal for Symposium, SEAC 2002  
Submission Deadline: August 1, 2002

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Type in the box below an abstract of no more than 100 words:

List any **audiovisual needs** other than the carousel slide projector, lap-top computer, screen, and pointer provided in each room:

**Registration and membership fees:** Advance registration form and fee (\$45 regular, \$30 student with a copy of a valid ID) must accompany all paper proposals or they will not be accepted. You must be a member of SEAC to present a symposium. New members and old members in arrears must include 2002 membership fees (\$25 regular, \$15 student with a copy of a valid ID) with symposium proposal. **Make registration checks payable to SEAC 2002. Make dues checks payable to SEAC DUES.** Advance registration refunds cannot be made after October 4, 2002.

**Please mail two (2) copies of this form (even if you sent the information via internet) along with the advance registration form, registration fee, and dues payment if necessary by August 1, 2002 to:** John W. O'Hear and Jay K. Johnson, SEAC Program Co-Chairs, Cobb Institute of Archaeology, P.O. Box AR, Mississippi State, MS 39762.

REGISTRATION AND DUES MUST BE SEPARATE PAYMENTS.

## Books Available for Review

(submitted by Kris Gremillion, SEAC Associate Editor, Book Reviews)

Here is a list of books that I have received for review that have not already been assigned. Most of those assigned have been mailed, the remainder to go out in the next week or two. I apologize for the lag time between receiving your requests and shipping the books; I was flooded with responses after the initial emailing. I regret that due to multiple requests for some books, I had to put some of you "on hold;" however, I try to be fair in distributing reviewing opportunities, so please be patient. Do not hesitate to replicate your emails to me, as a recent computer self-immolation destroyed my mailbox files at work (I thought I had backed them up...). As for those of you who owe me reviews, you know who you are, and so do I. Many thanks to those others who have sent reviews on time, or have returned the books when the obligation could not be met.

If you would like to review one of the following, or have questions about any of the books, please email me at gremillion.1@osu.edu or write to Department of Anthropology, 244 Lord Hall, 124 W. 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH 43210.

Ballenger	Dalton Settlement/Arkoma Basin, OK
Neumann/Sanford	Cultural Resources Archaeology
Wheeler	Treasure of the Calusa
MacCauley	Seminole Indians of Florida
Hann	Early Florida Adventure Story
Smith	40WY87, TN
Pauketat	Archaeology of Traditions
Farnsworth	Island Lives
Arnold/Wicker	Gender and Archaeology of Death
Purdy	Enduring Records: The Env. and Cultural Heritage of Wetlands
Moore	S and C Alabama
Moore	NW Florida Expeditions
O'Brien/Lyman	Setting the Agenda for American Archaeology
Blake/Cutler	Plants from the Past
Wesler	Wickliffe Mounds
Geier/Potter	Arch. Persp. Civil War
Kapizke	Religion, Power, and Politics in Colonial S. Augustine
Swanton	Source Material for the Social and Ceremonial Life of the Choctaw Indians
Albarella	Environmental Archaeology: Meaning and Purpose
Larsen	Bioarchaeology of Spanish Florida
Bonney/Paredes	Anthropologists and Indians in the New South
Laudonniere	Three Voyages
Bennett	Laudonniere and Fort Carolina

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## Winners of the SEAC Student Paper Competition

(submitted by Gayle Fritz and Margaret Scarry)

We continue to be impressed with the quality of the work submitted to the student paper competition. The winner of the **2001 SEAC Student Paper Competition** was Ashley A. Dumas, a graduate student in the Department of Anthropology, University of Alabama. Her paper was "Plotting the Past: A Study of Archaeological Method at the Original Tabasco<sup>®</sup> Factory, Avery Island,

Louisiana." In recognition of her accomplishment, Ms. Dumas received a book prize consisting of 225 volumes and a reproduction of a Southeastern pot made by TaMara Beane. The estimated value of the prize is \$3700.

SEAC congratulates Ms. Dumas, the tenth winner of this annual competition. An announcement of the 2002 competition is included in this newsletter.

The members of the 2001 Student Paper Competition committee would like to recognize the generous contributions of the organizations and individuals listed below. Their continuing support makes this the largest single student award in American Archaeology. (We note with pride that the SAA is in the process of instituting a student paper competition modeled after SEAC's.)

TRC Garrow Associates, Inc.  
University of North Carolina Research Laboratories of Archaeology  
Virginia Department of Historic Resources  
Michael O'Brien, University of Missouri  
University of South Alabama  
Southeastern Archaeological Conference  
University of Alabama Press  
University of Nebraska Press  
Coastal Environments, Inc.  
Louisiana Archaeological Survey  
Oklahoma Archaeological Survey  
University of Kentucky, Museum of Anthropology  
University of Kentucky, Program for Archaeological Research  
Arkansas Archaeological Survey  
South Carolina Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology  
Savannah River Archaeological Research Program  
University of Georgia Department of Anthropology  
University of Alabama Office of Archaeological Services  
Tennessee Valley Authority  
Tennessee Department of Transportation  
Mississippi State University Cobb Institute of Archaeology  
National Park Service Southeast Archeological Center  
Florida Bureau of Archaeological Research  
University of Florida Press  
University of Florida, Institute for Paleoenvironmental Studies  
Mississippi Division of Archives and History  
University of Tennessee Press  
McClung Museum  
University of Memphis  
Ohio Historical Society  
Peabody Museum  
Routledge Press  
TaMara Beane

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## 2002 Public Outreach Grant Competition

(submitted by Ann M. Early, SEAC Public Outreach Committee)

The Southeastern Archaeological Conference will offer a grant of up to \$1000 again this year for a Public Outreach activity or event that will take place in association with the Annual Meeting in Biloxi, MS, 6-9 November 2002. Application procedures and eligibility guidelines will be posted on the SEAC Website, and can be obtained from Ann M. Early, 2475 North Hatch Ave, Fayetteville, AR 72703 (amearly@uark.edu). Application Deadline will be July 1, 2002.

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## **SOUTHEASTERN ARCHAEOLOGICAL CONFERENCE ANNOUNCES STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION - and - BOOK PRIZE**

consisting of new and recent books on Southeastern Archaeology valued at over  
\$4,000.00\*

to be awarded at the 59th annual meeting of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference in Biloxi, Mississippi.

### **- Circumstances of the Award -**

The 2002 Southeastern Archaeological Conference Book Prize will be awarded to the author of the outstanding paper submitted by a student concerning the prehistory, ethnohistory, or historical archaeology of the southeastern U.S.

### **- Who May Apply? -**

Any person currently enrolled in an academic degree-granting program may submit a paper to the competition. Only papers having one author are eligible. The paper must be contributed by the student to the program of the 2002 annual meeting of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference in Biloxi

### **- About the Competition -**

The purpose of the award is to foster student participation in the program of the annual meetings of the SEAC. The Book Prize shall consist of display copies of new and recent titles in Southeastern Archaeology and related topics contributed by the vendors in the book salesroom of the annual meeting. The papers to be judged must be submitted in advance of the meeting to a committee appointed by the Executive Board of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference (see How to Apply, below). It is also the responsibility of the submitter to send to the Program Chairperson of the annual meeting an abstract and the necessary registration forms at the proper time. To be eligible for the Competition your paper must be part of the program at the conference.

### **- How to Apply -**

In addition to submitting your abstract and registration forms to the Program Chairperson, you must submit four double-spaced copies of the paper to the Chair of the Student Paper Competition Committee by **September 9, 2002**.

The paper reviewed for the competition must have the same content as that actually presented at the annual meeting (see <http://www.flmnh.ufl.edu/seac/papers.html> for tips and guidelines on presenting papers at meetings, including suggested length of the text). A covering letter should accompany the entry, containing a representation of the submitter's current status in a degree program. Only one paper submitted per applicant may be considered for the award.

Mail the entry to

Dr. Paul Welch, SEAC Student Paper Competition, Department of Anthropology MC 4502,  
Southern Illinois Univ., Carbondale IL 62901.

### **- The Award -**

The winner of the Competition and Book Prize will be announced at the Annual Business Meeting of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference in Biloxi on November 8. The winner may receive the Book Prize at the annual meeting.

The Committee reserves the prerogative to defer the award in the event of a shortage of competitive entries.

\* projection based on 2001 data.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Advance Announcement to Members of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference

SEAC's sponsorship of volumes within the Classics in Southeastern Archaeology includes a special one-year discount for members for our latest volume—*The Tennessee, Green, and Lower Ohio Rivers Expeditions of Clarence Bloomfield Moore*, edited and with an Introduction by Richard R. Polhemus

This richly illustrated 400-page volume, the eighth of nine volumes based on Moore's investigations along the waterways of eastern North America, is due to be published in April.

To be eligible for this discount you must use this form. Your book will be shipped as soon as it arrives in the warehouse.

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## Call for Papers: Mid South Archaeological Conference

The Mid South Archaeological Conference will be held Saturday and Sunday, June 15 & 16 at the Pink Palace Museum in Memphis. The theme is "Current Research in the Mid South." Drew Buchner and Sam Brookes are chairing this meeting. Send abstracts to datum994@aol.com or sbrookes@fs.fed.us.

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## Arkansas Archeology Month

Arkansas Archeology Month is scheduled for October 2002. Arkansas Archeology Month is an annual event designed to broaden the public's interest and appreciation for Arkansas' archaeological resources and to encourage the public's participation in conservation and preservation efforts. Archaeology Month is cosponsored by the Arkansas Archeological Survey and Arkansas Archeological Society and is made possible through the efforts of supporters throughout the state at parks, libraries, museums, and other agencies and organizations. In 2002, for the first time, this event will be celebrated for the full month of October.

The theme of this year's Arkansas Archeology Month is *Made from Clay: Cooking & Craftsmanship*. The Arkansas Archeological Survey has posted Archaeology Month pages ([www.uark.edu/campus-resources/archinfo/archweek.html](http://www.uark.edu/campus-resources/archinfo/archweek.html)) or for more information contact: Mary Kwas, Archeology Month Coordinator, Arkansas Archeological Survey, 2475 N. Hatch Ave., Fayetteville, AR 72704; 479-575-6549; mkwas@uark.edu

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## University of Mississippi Geophysical Techniques

The University of Mississippi continues to expand its offerings in the application of geophysical techniques in archaeology. Toward that end, we will be using a number of instruments to explore a large Mississippian ceremonial center in northwest Mississippi as part of our fieldschool this summer. Also, we will be awarding six graduate fellowships in remote sensing and anthropology which provide \$12,000/year in support. We offer a two-year Masters degree program. Additional information is available online (<http://www.olemiss.edu/research/anthropology/>).

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## Position Open

*Director of the Office of the State Archaeologist*

At the University of Iowa, the mission of the Office of the State Archaeologist (OSA), as designated by Iowa statute, is to discover, preserve, and disseminate knowledge of Iowa prehistory and history. The OSA maintains close coordination with university academic units and programs, particularly the Anthropology and Geoscience departments, the American Indian and Native Studies Program, and the Museum of Natural History. The OSA conducts



research statewide; coordinates public involvement in archaeology; and maintains Iowa's archaeological site files and related photo files, collections, and other research material. OSA staff have published thousands of articles, monographs, and technical and popular books on Iowa archaeology.

Iowa law requires the State Archaeologist to be a faculty member of the University of Iowa Department of Anthropology. The Director reports directly to the Vice President for Research, receives guidance from an OSA Advisory Committee, coordinates activities with the OSA Indian Advisory Committee, and has administrative oversight of all aspects of the OSA. The University of Iowa is eager to engage a Director able to articulate and implement a vision for Iowa archaeology and the role of OSA in that vision.

Minimum qualifications include an advanced degree in a related field; qualifications for faculty appointment in the Department of Anthropology; experience/knowledge as a North American archaeologist and with Native American tribes, cultures, histories, and customs; and diplomatic/political skills for dealing with various constituents. The Director must also be able to take strong positions and to defend proper courses of action in possibly controversial situations. Compensation will be competitive with professional standards and commensurate with experience. The University hopes to appoint a new Director to begin employment by July 2002, or as soon thereafter as possible. For more information see <http://www.uiowa.edu/~osa/>.

Please send nominations or a letter of application and a CV to [bill-decker@uiowa.edu](mailto:bill-decker@uiowa.edu), or paper versions may be sent to:

William F. Decker, Associate Vice President  
OSA Director Search Committee  
Office of the Vice President for Research  
The University of Iowa  
201 Gilmore Hall  
Iowa City, IA 52242-1320

The University of Iowa is an Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action Employer. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

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## ***SEAC OFFICERS' REPORTS***

### ***Secretary's Annual Report***

(by David G. Anderson, SEAC Secretary)

#### MINUTES OF THE 2001 SEAC EXECUTIVE BOARD YEAR-END MEETING

The 2001 year-end meeting of the Executive Board of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference was called to order by President Richard W. Jefferies at 6:15 pm, Wednesday 14 November 2001, in the Presidential Suite of the Marriott

Convention Center Hotel, Chattanooga, Tennessee. In attendance were David G. Anderson, Jane Ann Blakeney-Bailey, Sam O. Brookes, Ann M. Early, Jane M. Eastman, Eugene M. Futato, Richard W. Jefferies, Jay K. Johnson, John E. Kelly, Adam King, Janet Levy, Allen May, John O'Hear, Dawn Ramsey, John F. Scarry, C. Margaret Scarry, Lynne P. Sullivan, Greg Waselkov, and Paul D. Welch. President Jefferies thanked Lynne P. Sullivan and Nick Honerkamp for the fine job in setting up the annual meeting, and thanked the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga for providing the refreshments for the board meeting.

#### Reports of Officers

David Anderson presented the Secretary's report, beginning with a review of the minutes from the 2001 Spring Executive Board meeting, held at the SAAs in New Orleans, and which were published in the October 2001 newsletter. No corrections were noted. Draft copies of the minutes are emailed to all board members and other interested and requesting parties prior to submittal for publication.

The elections turned around the trend of decreasing ballot submissions that had characterized the past several years. In all, 226 votes were received, up from 172 votes in 2000, and 212 in 1999. Since Anderson was in the field at Shiloh, the ballots were prepared by Dick Jefferies and Jay Johnson, who have his heartfelt thanks. While no signature was required on the envelope, each ballot had a watermark on it, the seal of the University of Kentucky. The ballots were counted in Tallahassee, Florida. No improper ballots were received. The results of the election were as follows. In the race for Executive Officer I, Paul D. Welch prevailed over Philip J. Carr and Thomas R. Whyte. Lynne P. Sullivan, running unopposed for Editor, won by a landslide. Congratulations and thanks were extended to all of the candidates.

John Scarry presented the Treasurer's report (see full account and budget elsewhere in this newsletter). SEAC continues to maintain robust fiscal health. Membership is strong, at 1019, of which 22 are complimentary memberships for Indian groups, the Smithsonian Anthropological Archives, and abstracting services. John noted that membership dues are SEAC's biggest source of income (ca. 63% of expenditures). Life membership has increased from ca. 10 percent to 15 percent of the total membership in recent years. As the life fund is not used for servicing regular membership costs, and since the cost of life membership is well below the average multiplier (i.e., times the number of years of regular dues) of many other archaeological groups, John recommended the board explore raising the cost of life membership. President Jefferies said the Executive Board will look into this. The 2002 budget was presented as an estimate. With all conceivable costs taken into account, SEAC will run a deficit of ca. \$3000 to \$4000. This is not a major problem, given our checking account balance is currently over \$40,000 and the organization's total assets are over \$150,000. President Jefferies asked that we keep track of things fairly carefully in these difficult economic times. John noted that this is the last year for which net income from annual meetings goes to the C. B. Moore volume publication subsidy; after this year

the meeting funds go into the general fund. Finally, John noted that Adam King would take over his position in 48 hours.

Greg Waselkov presented the editor's report, which is provided in detail elsewhere in this newsletter. Greg noted that *Southeastern Archaeology* is in good shape, with 30 submissions over the past year, up from the drought of earlier years. The special publication program is moving along, with production of the first one to occur next year. Next year SEAC may have extra publications as a result. Greg noted that the journal will be printed on high quality white paper starting in the winter issue of the journal, to improve the legibility of illustrations. This printing was to start with the spring issue, but the Allen Press people went ahead with the old paper. Kris Gremillion, Book Review Editor, has said that she has only received 15 reviews in the two years she has been editor. Following discussion the board recommended that delinquent reviewers be billed for the cost of the books. Jane Eastman, SEAC Newsletter Editor, noted the newsletter was printed in early October, and has been mailed and received by most people. The newsletter should be going out earlier in April this coming year. Following discussion, it was decided to put out a membership roster in the fall 2002 issue. Current contact information will be solicited in the spring 2002 newsletter, and will be published unless a "do not publish" request is received. Some discussion followed about placing the membership list on the web, with no decision reached. John Scary moved, and David Anderson seconded, a motion to publish the membership list in the fall 2002 issue. The motion passed unanimously. Discussion then followed about ways to increase the amount of current research information that is received, which has been dropping. Associate Editor for Sales Eugene Futato noted that a total of \$408.09 in sales were made over the year and 225 mailings were sent out to members late in paying their dues. President Jefferies commended Deborah Weddell and Ann Early of the Arkansas Archeological Survey for doing a great job with the SEAC Web site.

#### Reports of Standing Committees

*Nominations.* Jay K. Johnson reported that the 2001 election candidates were selected by Jay, Betsy Reitz, and Joe Saunders.

*Publications Committee.* A discussion about the journal editing and composition process was initiated by Jay K. Johnson. In the past it has been the editor's choice about whether to do copyediting and layout in house or by contracting the work out. President Jefferies asked that the board explore the costs of producing *Southeastern Archaeology* in the future, and report back at the next board meeting. Editor-elect Sullivan noted she would need assistance to produce the journal. Following a motion by John Scary and seconded by Ann Early, journal layout costs by Allen Press were approved by a unanimous vote.

*Investment and Finance Committee.* Paul Welch noted that while SEAC's long-term investments have declined in recent months, over the long term these investments are doing very well, up 90 percent over the past eight years. The committee recommends holding the course.

*Native American Liaison Committee.* Committee Chair Pat Galloway, who was unable to attend, emailed President Jefferies on 13 November 2001. The Eastern Cherokee are beginning an oral history/interview project with Anne Rogers. Pat is now at U Texas-Austin, and stated she was unable to continue as committee chair. Other members of the committee at present are John O'Hear, Anne Rogers, and Michelle Schoen. Potential candidates for the chair's role were discussed and President Jefferies said he would coordinate action on this. Possible groups to conduct future interview projects with were proposed. At present SEAC provides complimentary subscriptions to a number of federally recognized tribes. Conference registration is at the discretion of the conference organizer.

*Student Paper Competition.* Paul Welch reported for Gayle Fritz, the committee chair. Gayle Fritz, Mary Beth Trubitt, and Paul Welch served as the committee. Eight students entered the competition and a clear consensus was reached on the winning paper, which was announced at the business meeting. Some discussion of the submissions followed. Some papers were not in an acceptable format, which is "as presented." This should be made clear to the students in future competitions. There was some discussion about whether the deadline for submission should be pushed back to a date closer to the annual meeting. This was considered unacceptable, and the consensus of the board was to keep things as they are. Students need to learn deadlines are serious, and the September deadline gives the judges enough time to review the papers thoroughly, and mail them back and forth.

*Public Outreach Grant Competition.* Ann Early reported that the announcement for the grant program was posted in a number of places. Inquiries and correspondence about the grants fell into three categories, those that were: (1) clearly out of touch and not related to the goals of the program, (2) finished proposals, and (3) general questions about the program. Of the three proposals received, the one from Major McCollough and the Preservation Archaeology Program of the University of the South was considered the best and most appropriate. Appreciable discussion followed about the intent of the grant. Some discussion focused on using funds to bring in Native American students or people to the meeting. President Jefferies asked that the Native American liaison committee consider this as a possibility, and report back at the 2002 mid-year meeting.

*Student Affairs.* Chair Dawn Ramsey reported that a workshop on obtaining funds/grants would take place at the meeting. Thanks to Ken Sassaman, Vin Steponaitis, Dawn Ramsey, Patrick Livingood, Mark Rees, Greg Wilson, and Amber VanDerwarker for their contributions to the workshop, and to Lynne Sullivan, Nick Honerkamp, and Gifford Waters for their help with organizing and advertising. The student web page [<http://www.flmnh.ufl.edu/seac/index.html>] has been posted, with many contributions. Dawn Ramsey announced that Jane Ann Blakeney-Bailey will be taking over after the meeting. Adam King is the board advisor for this committee (whose role includes assisting with web page development), with Paul Welch taking over after this meeting, and members include Jane Ann Blakeney-

Bailey, Brad Lieb, Victor Thompson, and Greg Wilson. Jane Ann Blakeney-Bailey stated that more interaction between students is needed. Information about students and their research interests should be posted on the SEAC web page, which should also include opportunities for fieldwork. Chris Rodning has been developing the page, and President Jefferies thanked all the members of the committee, for doing a great job!

#### Old Business

Dick Jefferies circulated a copy of a letter he wrote on behalf of SEAC supporting the continuation of the Smithsonian Center for Materials Research and Education.

*Annual Meetings.* Treasurer John Scarry noted that no final letter on the financial status of the 1999 annual meeting in Pensacola has been received. This is needed for tax purposes. President Jefferies said he would send a letter about this matter to the meeting organizers.

Lynne Sullivan reported that 485 people had registered for the Chattanooga meeting as of 6:00 pm that evening, and the meeting had filled the room block. In a discussion of the logistics and planning, she suggested that SEAC consider subventions to conference organizers in the future. She noted that the preliminary program cost about \$1000 to produce and mail. There was some discussion among board members about posting the preliminary program on the SEAC web site. While this was recognized as a good idea, the consensus was that the use of hard copies should continue, since they serve as more permanent reminders. A general discussion about the planning of annual meetings followed. The use of electronic projection systems in sessions was raised. While there were requests that these be provided, the cost of renting them from meeting hotels is extremely expensive, and SEAC does not provide them at present, nor will it until costs are lowered appreciably. Projector use can also be disruptive to sessions if the computer or the program start-up does not occur in a timely fashion. For the next meeting symposia organizers who wish to use them should provide their own projectors, and keep the sessions on time. In a separate item, John Scarry noted that members should use separate checks when paying registration and annual dues. Letters about missing publications that are a direct result of the confusion this causes come in from time to time. A manual to assist future SEAC conference organizers is needed. The conference is getting bigger and bigger, and more help is needed. Lynne Sullivan noted that three people are really needed, one to handle the program, one for local arrangements, and one for registration.

John O'Hear and Jay K. Johnson reported on the 2002 Biloxi meeting (See preregistration and paper proposal forms elsewhere in this issue of the Newsletter). The meeting is coming together nicely. Ideas for the distinguished speaker should be sent to John or Jay.

Janet Levy and Alan May discussed planning for the 12-15 November 2003 Charlotte meeting. Proposals from hotels have been received, and they prefer the Hilton at UNC-C rather than the one downtown, since it has the space needed at a much lower cost.

The meeting will have a WPA theme, with an archaeology session Saturday afternoon open to the public. With regard to meetings, the hotel proposals will be reviewed by the Executive Board, and the final contract will be signed by the SEAC President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

#### New Business

A discussion about Life Membership dues was led by Eugene Futato, who had researched the matter. At present the average tenure of our life members is ca. 19 years. The usual multiplier is 20-25 years. SEAC's multiplier for life membership is currently only 12 (12 times one year's annual dues), while for most archaeological organizations it is 20 to 25. Paul Welch noted that since the life membership fund was an endowment to promote future growth, an increase in the cost would be in order. Eugene Futato, Paul Welch, and John Scarry will discuss this and make a formal recommendation at the mid-year meeting.

*Proposals for Annual Meeting in 2004 and Beyond.* John Kelly discussed a possible joint meeting with the Midwest Archaeological Conference in St. Louis in 2004, the bicentennial for the Lewis and Clark expedition. John Scarry noted that this would impact SEAC revenues to some extent, since meeting costs are defrayed by registration fees. A group is working on this possibility including Bill Green and Tom Emerson. John discussed this at the Midwest meeting last week, and there is appreciable interest and the strong possibility of support from local institutions. The year 2004 is one year after the bicentennial of the 1803 Louisiana Purchase, and is also when Pat Watson retires. This would be a large meeting. Since there were 900 in attendance in Lexington, Kentucky at the last joint meeting, and there will probably be a lot more in St. Louis. President Jefferies asked John Kelly to report back, ideally with a commitment to go ahead, by the 2002 spring meeting.

President Jefferies reviewed the agenda for the business meeting, including the preparation of resolutions for outgoing officers. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

#### MINUTES OF THE 2001 SOUTHEASTERN ARCHAEOLOGICAL CONFERENCE BUSINESS MEETING

The 2001 meeting of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference was called to order by President Richard W. Jefferies at 5:40 pm, 16 November 2001, in the Plaza Ballroom of the Marriott Convention Center Hotel. Noting the lack of the traditional elevated table, Dick noted that "here I was elected to lead this organization, and they took away the platform mound... I guess they must have known I do the Archaic!" Ms. Sally Robinson of the Chattanooga City Council welcomed the group to Chattanooga. Ms. Robinson announced she was substituting for the mayor, who was in Boston attending a course in mayor training, or "how to be a mayor." Steve William's distinctive voice rang out questioningly "In Boston???" This comment brought

down the house, including Ms. Robinson, who laughed for some time before resuming.

#### Reports of Officers

David G. Anderson gave the Secretary's report. He noted that the minutes of the Executive Board's spring 2001 meeting were published in the Fall 2001 issue of the Newsletter, and asked for any corrections. Minutes are routinely emailed to the board and any other interested and requesting parties well in advance of publication. While this was a SEAC election year, it was not as tumultuous as last year... even though the SEAC ballots were counted at my office in Tallahassee. In all, 226 votes were received, a significant reversal of the declining voting record among the membership in recent years, and up from 172 the previous year. Since I was digging at Mound A at Shiloh, the ballots were ably prepared Dick Jefferies and Jay Johnson, who have my heartfelt thanks. While no signature was required on the envelope, each ballot had a special, top secret watermark on it, curiously enough, the seal of the University of Kentucky (i.e., where President Jefferies resides). No improper ballots were received, but they were available at the meeting for inspection. The results of the election were as follows. In the race for Executive Officer I, Paul D. Welch prevailed over Philip J. Carr and Thomas R. Whyte, while in the race for Editor, running unopposed, Lynne Sullivan won by a landslide. On behalf of SEAC, a round of applause was given to all the candidates.

John Scarry gave the Treasurer's report, which is published in full elsewhere in this issue of the Newsletter. John noted that SEAC's position remains strong despite recent downturns in the stock market. The cost of publications per member was about \$17.60. Dues have not been increased in a long time, nor does he anticipate the conference having to raise them in the near future, at least as long he is treasurer, which (as he looked at his watch) would be "another five minutes." John reported that our membership is stable, at 1019, four below our all time high of 1023. John urged that, in these times of economic downturn, that everybody work to ensure that *Southeastern Archaeology* remains in their university and institutional libraries. As part of relinquishing his office, John passed on "the material symbols of financial power of SEAC, this being the SEAC money tie (taking his tie off), and this disk (holding up a CD) bearing the hand and eye symbol and containing all of the secret knowledge of the SEAC treasurer, and a lovely presentation case (holding up a plastic CD holder)." John thanked the membership for allowing him to serve, and for being such great colleagues. President Jefferies thanked him, and said he was grateful there were no "money pants" to be publicly transferred, drawing extended laughter. John had the last laugh, however, since he had taken Dick's meeting agenda when he left the podium!

President Jefferies called Paul Welch to present the report of the Investment and Finance Committee. Paul noted that the Life Fund declined about 16% in the past year, from about \$71,600 to \$59,600. Paul noted that the committee was not greatly concerned

about this, since the funds are maintained for the long term, and since the fund has grown 90 percent over the past eight years.

Greg Waselkov presented the Editor's report, which is published in full elsewhere in this Newsletter. Greg noted that manuscript submissions to *Southeastern Archaeology* have increased dramatically this year, from 15 last year to 30 this year. Acceptance rate is about 70 percent, and he urged all SEAC members to submit articles, since the circulation of the journal, at over 1000 copies, is far greater than that for many books. Greg thanked Sarah Mattics, graphics specialist at the Center for Archaeological Studies, University of South Alabama, for her help with the journal production. He then thanked Kris Gremillion for serving as Review Editor, while noting that getting reviewers to complete reviews in a timely fashion remains a serious problem for the journal. Eugene Futato was thanked for his handling of back issue sales, and for sending out journals to those late in paying dues. Jane Eastman was thanked for her fine job in her first year as Newsletter editor, in getting out two fine newsletters, the second while moving from one job to another. Finally, Greg thanked the nearly 80 colleagues who provided peer reviews over the past year, demonstrating through their service why SEAC is such a class act!

#### Committee Reports

President Jefferies then called for committee reports. John O'Hear presented the report of the Native American Liaison Committee, noting that the Eastern Cherokee oral history/interview project was beginning under the direction of Anne Rogers, and planning for a second project is underway.

Chair of the Student Affairs Committee Dawn Ramsey noted that the committee web site was up and thanked Chris Rodning for his work on that [<http://www.flmnh.ufl.edu/seac/index.html>]. Dawn then thanked Chris Rodning and Greg Wilson for organizing this year's workshop on obtaining funds/grants that took place at meeting, and thanked all the participants and attendees. The current committee includes Jane Ann Blakeney-Bailey (Florida/chair), Brad Lieb (Alabama), Victor Thompson (Kentucky) and Greg Wilson (North Carolina). Jane Ann Blakeney-Bailey then spoke and said the committee was going to work to organize a forum with an open panel discussion format at the meeting, and to promote more interaction among students and other members. She urged everyone to check the student affairs web site. One committee goal was to put an index on the web site with information about students and their research interests, a second was a listing of fieldwork opportunities, particularly projects run by graduate students. Finally, the workshops that have proven so successful in recent years will continue. President Jefferies noted that Adam King is the Board Liaison with the committee.

Ann Early presented the report of the Public Outreach Committee, which included herself, John Scarry, Adam King, and President Jefferies. Notices about the Public Outreach Grant Competition were widely circulated in hardcopy and to numerous list services this past summer. The Preservation Archaeology Program at the University of the South was chosen for a project

that was a public presentation and fieldtrip for the public to Moccasin Bend National Historic Landmark. The purpose of this project was to raise public awareness of the importance and effectiveness of private initiative and activism in archaeology, which was felt to be in line with the purpose of the committee and the grant. She extended congratulations to the winners.

President Jefferies called Nick Honerkamp and Lynne Sullivan to present their report on the annual meeting, which was presented by Lynne Sullivan, since Nick was with his band (which will be playing). As of 4:00 pm this afternoon there were 653 registered at the meeting. Lynne thanked everyone for their great help. She did note that this work would turn someone's hair white, and perhaps a ceremonial wig should be passed on to future meeting organizers! President Jefferies thanked them on behalf of SEAC, for a meeting that had gone off without a hitch.

John O'Hear invited everyone to Biloxi, Mississippi for the 59th annual meeting of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference. They are lining up a series of great events, and John urged everyone to start putting their quarters in a jar, since the meeting would be in a classy casino that did not have nickel slots!

President Jefferies noted, for those interested in planning their schedules well in advance, that SEAC was on the verge of signing a contract with a hotel in Charlotte, North Carolina for the 2003 meeting. He then noted that at the Wednesday Executive Board Meeting, John Kelly raised the possibility of a joint meeting with the Midwestern Archaeological Conference in St. Louis in 2004, something under discussion by members of that organization. He noted that the joint meeting with them in Lexington several years ago was a great success. This would be the 200th anniversary of the Louis and Clark expedition. Dick noted that there are always opportunities to propose meeting venues, and there is always 2005!

#### Awards

T. R. Kidder was invited to the podium to present the 2001 C. B. Moore award. He first thanked President Richard Jefferies and SEAC for the opportunity to present the award on behalf of the Lower Mississippi Survey. T. R. read the following proclamation: The C.B. Moore Award is presented annually by the members of the Lower Mississippi Survey to a "Distinguished Younger Scholar in Southern Studies." This year's recipient is Dr. Rebecca Saunders of Louisiana State University. Dr. Saunders is honored for her many contributions to Southeastern Archaeology. Becky is especially acknowledged for her work in three areas: historic Indian studies; style and style transmission; and also for her work on Archaic mounds and shell rings. Her recently published (2000) book on the Gule Indians exemplifies her work on contact and historic Indian studies. In addition to this work, Becky has published several important articles concerning style dissemination, especially through the study of paddle-stamped ceramics. Becky is also a significant contributor to the study of Archaic mounds and shell rings in the Lower Mississippi Valley and in Florida. In addition, the members of the Lower Mississippi Survey felt that Dr. Saunders should be acknowledged for her humanitarian work in Bosnia. Every summer Becky volunteers her time and

skills to help recover bodies from mass graves. This work requires both physical and academic courage and she deserves our thanks for her efforts. Dr. Saunders' archaeological research amply demonstrates her scholarship, skills, and excellence as a younger scholar in Southeastern Studies. Please join me in congratulating her for this award.

President Jefferies invited Gayle Fritz and Margie Scarry to the podium to announce the winner of the 2001 student paper contest. Margie noted that this is the ninth year of the award, and the following people and organizations are to be thanked for making it such an impressive award: the University of Alabama Office of Archaeological Services, the University of Alabama Press, Arkansas Archeological Survey, Tamara Beane, Coastal Environments, Inc., Cobb Institute of Archaeology, the Florida Bureau of Archaeological Research, the Florida Museum of Natural History, the University of Florida Institute of Paleoenvironmental Studies, the University of Georgia Department of Anthropology, the University of Kentucky Program of Archaeological Research, the University of Kentucky W. S. Webb Museum of Anthropology, the Louisiana Archaeological Society, the McClung Museum, the University of Memphis, the Mississippi Division of Archives and History, the University of Nebraska Press, the Peabody Museum, the Research Laboratories of Archaeology at the University of North Carolina, Michael J. O'Brien, the Ohio Historical Council, Oklahoma Archaeological Survey, Routledge Press, the Savannah River Archaeological Research Program, the South Carolina Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology, the Southeastern Archaeological Conference, the Southeast Archeological Center of the National Park Service, the Tennessee Department of Transportation, the University of Tennessee Press, the Tennessee Valley Authority, and TRC Garrow and Associates, Inc. Margie thanked Judy Knight for contacting the various presses and coordinating the collection of books. This year, the prize is 242 volumes and has an estimated value of \$3700. Gayle Fritz then announced that Paul Welch served on the committee with Margie and herself. There were eight papers submitted, and the winner was Ashley Dumas of the University of Alabama for "Caught in the Past: A Study of Archaeological Method at the Original Tabasco Factory, Avery Island, Louisiana." Gayle presented Ashley an original pot by Tamara Beane when she was invited to the podium, Ashley thanked her advisor, Ian Brown, for supporting and encouraging her, and pushing her subtly but strongly in the right direction, and she also thanked her fellow students at the University of Alabama for their help and support.

President Jefferies called Adam King to the podium to present a new award this year, for best student and professional posters. Adam King said he was joined in the judging by Jane Eastman and Greg Waselkov. The prize, besides plaques, includes a flight over the Tennessee River (weather permitting) or a tour of Moccasin Bend. The student winner was Michelle Berg-Vogel (Arkansas) for "Reconsideration of the Petit Jean Painted Style through Recent Rock Art Investigations in Arkansas." Two winners were chosen for the professional competition. The first was Robert Moon (Savannah River Archaeological Research



Program) for "The Bingham Site: An Archaeological Experience for Middle School Children." and the second was Daniel G. Gall and Vin Steponaitis (North Carolina) for "Composition and Provenance of Greenstone Artifacts from Moundville."

President Jefferies announced that Jason Brooks was the winner of silent auction on behalf of the Chattanooga Indigenous Resources Center and Library. The item auctioned was a choker produced by professor John Anderson. President Jefferies then turned to ceremonial resolutions:

#### Resolutions

Tim Pauketat presented the following resolution. "Whereas Lynne Sullivan's creativity, diligence, and hard work as program chair has given us another superbly organized and executed annual meeting, and whereas Nick Honerkamp labored as local program chair, aided by student workers and volunteers to give us the best of sunny Chattanooga, and whereas the 58th annual meeting has proven to be a great success, so be it resolved that we heartily congratulate Lynne, Nick, and associates and extend our sincere appreciation and thanks to them on a job well done."

Adam King presented the following resolution. "Whereas the money tie and office of treasurer were passed to John Scarry three years ago; and whereas in those three years John has worked tirelessly to collect membership dues, pay the bills, and cook the books to the satisfaction of the IRS; and whereas John insured his tenure as treasurer would be finite by cleverly recruiting a successor from the ranks of the young, ambitious, and naïve, let it be resolved that John Scarry's tenure as treasurer is over, and he performed his duties with skill and distinction and that the Southeastern Archaeological Conference owes him a great debt of thanks for his years of distinguished service."

Paul Welch presented the following resolution. "Whereas Sam Brooks has ably served the Southeastern Archaeological Conference as an Executive Officer with his customary good Mississippi sense, be it resolved that the membership of SEAC thanks him for his service."

Robbie Benson presented the following resolution. "Whereas Charles Hudson has dedicated 35 years to the study of the Native Southeast; and whereas his scholarship has shaped our understanding of Mississippian and Historic Period Indian Societies; and whereas he has inspired two generations of scholars through his teaching; therefore let it be resolved that SEAC congratulates him on his retirement, and thanks him for his years of service."

President Jefferies asked if there was any new business. Hearing none, he moved to announcements. He reminded the audience that the keynote address, entitled "The Land of Prehistory" would be given by Alice Kehoe at 7:30. Secondly, the dance begins at 9:00 pm, with the band "Gravity's Rimm." Third, whether the air tour in the morning would take off (and even more importantly come down in the right place) is currently uncertain due to smoke from forest fires. Participants should meet in the lobby at 9:30 am, and if the flight is not safe, they can substitute the Moccasin Bend tour. Finally LSU grad students are organizing a

conference in honor of Bill Haag that will be held in March, and people should contact Steve Fuller if they have any questions. Finally, Ruth Trocoli noted that the Southeast volume of the Handbook of the North American Indians is now in production and will be available in 2003. She expressed thanks for all the help provided in the production of the volume.

Hearing no further announcements, President Jefferies declared the meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.

#### SEAC Editor's Report,

November 15, 2001

Manuscript submissions to the journal *Southeastern Archaeology* increased dramatically, from fifteen last year to thirty this year. I thank all the authors who submitted their creations for peer review in '01 and hope we can maintain this level of interest in the society's journal. Acceptance rate remains at about 70% and accepted manuscripts are being published within a year (most within 6 months) of submission. I encourage all SEAC members to consider *Southeastern Archaeology* as a publishing outlet and to recommend our journal to your colleagues and students. Through the journal your article will reach the hands of over 1,000 archaeologists, a distribution broader than that reached by most books.

Due to the increased rate of manuscript receipt, I was able to bring journal production back on schedule. Volume 20, Number 2 will appear in about a month. I had hoped to switch this summer to a white paper for the inside of the journal, but the press operators at Allen Press decided to use the remaining stock of manila paper, so that change is now scheduled for the winter issue. The new paper, which meets permanence requirements and is produced without chlorine bleaching, should considerably enhance illustration quality. Manuscript reviews have been completed for SEAC Special Publication 7, but both reviews and revisions have taken longer than planned so publication is now scheduled for 2002.

I'm grateful to Sarah Mattics, graphics specialist at the Center for Archaeological Studies, University of South Alabama, for her expert assistance with journal production. Kristen Gremillion, Associate Editor for Book Reviews, is maintaining a list of prospective reviewers and their interests. Please email her if you would like to be considered for reviews. She reports that during her two years in the position she has received 15 completed book reviews (four of which were late), nine more are overdue, and six (incredibly) are delinquent since the term of the previous book review editor! Kris and I would like to increase the number of book reviews appearing in each journal issue, but we need more on-time book reviewers. Eugene Futato continues performing efficiently as Associate Editor for Sales, sending out journal issues to late renewing members and selling back issues at conferences. Jane Eastman took over this spring as Associate Editor for the SEAC Newsletter and she has been able to complete both newsletter issues this year, the second in the midst of a move to a new home and job. SEAC owes her special thanks. Finally, I very much appreciate the work of approximately 80 individual members I have called upon this year to peer review article

manuscripts. By your uniformly thoughtful and nearly always timely responses, you have greatly impressed me with your professionalism and your collegiality, and you are continually demonstrating that the Southeastern Archaeological Conference is a class act.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gregory A. Waselkov  
SEAC Editor

#### SEAC Newsletter Editor's Report.

November 14, 2001

The fall SEAC Newsletter, Vol. 43 No. 2, was distributed in October 2001. Just under 1000 copies were mailed from Asheville, North Carolina and an additional 150 copies have been sent to Eugene Futato, Associate Editor (sales) for distribution to members who were late in renewing their dues this year. This issue of the newsletter was brief, only 12 pages long, and only six states submitted current research summaries for publication. I encourage SEAC members to send information about your research to your state's coordinator. We are all interested in what Southeastern archaeologists are up to.

I solicited input from the SEAC Executive Board about compiling and publishing a membership directory in next year's fall newsletter (Volume 44, No. 2). The last directory was compiled by Cliff Boyd in 1996 and there was agreement that an updated version would be useful. The board supported the idea of publishing a directory next fall and a call for updated information will appear in the spring newsletter.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jane M. Eastman  
SEAC Newsletter editor

#### SEAC Treasurer's Report for Fiscal Year 2001

I am glad to report that SEAC continues to have a firm financial status.

Our total assets—financial assets and inventory—total approximately \$172,204.68. We have \$48,431.62 in liquid assets (\$40,996.53 in the Working Fund WCMA account; \$408.09 in the Associate Editor's account; and \$7,027.00 in the Life Fund money market account). We have \$104,788.56 in long-term investments (\$52,000 in CDs in the Working Fund and \$52,788.56 in the Life Fund accounts). Finally, we have \$18,880.52 in the publications inventory.

Our total assets decreased approximately \$1,885 from last year's figure. Assets in the working fund increased by approximately \$11,1052 from last year's figure, while assets in the Life Fund decreased by approximately \$12,990 from last year's figure (reflecting the dramatic decline in the Stock Market).

We had a total income of \$38,258.38 in the Working Fund. The income consisted of \$26,825 in dues, \$2,514.04 in interest on

CDs, \$2,045.78 in dividends on the Working Fund money market account, \$782.46 in publication sales, \$89.90 in rentals of the SEAC mailing list, and \$47.90 in royalties. Of the total income, however, \$1,280 was FY 2000 dues income that was not credited to the Working Fund account until after the beginning of FY 2001 (this was due to delays in checks clearing) and \$560 was future years' (FY 2002 and FY 2003) dues paid in advance.

Our expenditures from the working fund totaled \$25,949.68. This included \$17,937.29 for *Southeastern Archaeology* and the SEAC Newsletter, \$5,400 for subvention of the University of Alabama's C B Moore volumes, \$836.11 for routine expenses connected to the offices of the Treasurer and the Associate Editor for Sales (e.g., postage, duplication, and supplies), \$1,000 for auditing of the SEAC books, \$500 for preparation of our federal tax return, \$256.28 in bank charges, and \$20 for our corporate registration in Tennessee.

This year, the cost of our publications was \$17.60 per member. I believe that we should be able to continue to cover the cost of our basic publications from our dues revenue for the foreseeable future.

Dues continue to be the major source of income for the Working Fund. Current dues, excluding Life Memberships and other year's dues, totaled \$21,635. These dues payments covered 83% of our expenses out of the Working Fund. However, several expenses that were in the budget for this past year, out-reach grants connected to the annual meeting and the Interview Project were not incurred. For out-reach grants connected to the annual meeting, subventions and publications above the journal and newsletter, we must have additional revenues. It is clear that the income from sales, rental of the mailing list, advertisements, the annual meeting revenue, and returns on our investments are essential to our continued success.

#### Inventory

The value of the SEAC publication inventory was valued at \$16,108.79 at the end of FY 2000. The current value of the SEAC publication inventory is \$17,773.62. The change in the value of the inventory is the result of three factors: additions to the inventory during FY 2001, sales of publications from the inventory, and a recounting of publications in the inventory.

#### Membership

SEAC's membership remains strong. The total membership for FY 2001 was 1019. Institutional, student, and the various regular membership categories (regular, family, life, and family life) appear to have stabilized over the past six years at approximately 100, 165, and 715 respectively. The student membership numbers are (not surprisingly) a little more volatile than the regular membership. I'm glad to note a small increase in this category. I want to note that life and family life members constitute an increasing percentage of our membership (currently 14.7%). Clearly, people are attracted to the life membership categories. This is not a matter of concern at the moment, although it could be in the future if annual dues income (which covers our yearly expenditures) drops

**SEAC Membership Totals for Past Six Years**

	FY 2001	FY 2000	FY 99	FY98	FY97	FY96
Student	172	163	174	186	162	145
Regular	533	548	542	548	549	551
Family	39	39	37	41	44	40
Life	121	111	103	96	94	93
Family Life	29	28	28	29	26	22
Institutional	103	102	97	106	100	77
Complimentary	22	22	22	7	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>1019</b>	<b>1013</b>	<b>1011</b>	<b>1023</b>	<b>985</b>	<b>939</b>

**SEAC Membership Categories by Percent for Past Six Years**

	FY 2001		FY 2000		FY 99		FY98		FY97		FY96	
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
Student	16.9	172	16.1	163	17.2	174	18.2	186	16.4	162	15.4	145
Regular	70.9	722	71.7	726	71.0	702	69.8	714	72.4	713	75.2	706
Annual	56.1	572	57.9	587	57.2	579	57.6	589	60.2	593	62.9	591
Life	14.7	150	13.7	139	13.0	131	12.2	125	12.2	120	12.2	115
Institutional	10.0	103	10.1	102	9.6	97	10.4	106	10.2	100	8.2	77
Complimentary	2.2	22	2.2	22	2.2	22	0.7	7	0.1	1	0.1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>1019</b>	<b>1019</b>	<b>1013</b>	<b>1013</b>	<b>1011</b>	<b>1011</b>	<b>1023</b>	<b>1023</b>	<b>985</b>	<b>985</b>	<b>939</b>	<b>939</b>

**SEAC Budget FY 2001**

	Working Fund	Actual	Life Fund	Actual
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Dues			2,400	3,350
Student Memberships		2,200	2,490	
Regular Memberships		14,000	12,930	
Family Memberships		1,200	1,165	
Institutional Memberships		6,500	5,050	
Life Memberships		1,200		
Macon Meeting Net		2,500	5,950	
Interest, Dividends, and Capital Gains			6,000	-16,340
CD Interest		2,800	2,510	
WCMA Dividends		1,500	2,050	
Other Income (Mail labels, ads, sales)				
Rental of mailing list		400	90	
Advertising revenue		500	0	
Publication sales		500	780	
<b>Total Revenue Gains</b>	<b>33,300</b>	<b>33,015</b>	<b>8,400</b>	<b>-12,990</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Program Expenses				
Publications	18,000	17,950		
CB Moore subvention	2,500	5,400		
SEAC Special Publication	7,500	0		
Native American Interview Project		2,000	0	
Out-reach grant		1,000	0	

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	Working Fund	Actual	Life Fund	Actual
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Management Expenses				
Bank Charges	175	250		
Corporate Filing Fee	20	20		
Audit	1,000	1,000		
Tax form preparation	500	500		
Duplication	75	55		
Postage	500	650		
Supplies	200	130		
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>35,870</b>	<b>27,455</b>		

**CHANGE IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS**

	-2,570	5,560	8,400	-12,990
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**Proposed SEAC Budget FY 2001**

	Working Fund	Life Fund
<b>REVENUES, GAINS, AND OTHER SUPPORT</b>		
Dues		
Student Memberships		2,300
Regular Memberships		13,000
Family Memberships		1,200
Institutional Memberships		5,000
Life Memberships		
Chattanooga Meeting Net		2,500
Interest, Dividends, and Capital Gains		5,000
CD Interest		2,000
WCMA Dividends		2,000
Other Income (Mail labels, ads, sales)		
Rental of mailing list		200
Advertising revenue		500
Publication sales		700
<b>Total Revenue Gains</b>	<b>30,900</b>	<b>8,000</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Program Expenses		
Publications		18,000
CB Moore subvention		2,500
SEAC Special Publication		7,500
Native American Interview Project		1,000
Out-reach grant		2,000
Transfers to Life Fund		3,000
Management Expenses		
Bank Charges		250
Corporate Filing Fee		20
Audit		1,000
Tax form preparation		500
Duplication		50
Postage		500
Supplies		200
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>36,520</b>	
<b>CHANGE IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS</b>	<b>-5,620</b>	<b>8,000</b>



too much. One thing I think we need to watch (and have those members housed in universities also watch) is the institutional membership. Many states (and consequently state universities) are experiencing financial difficulties. Journal subscriptions are often targets of budget cuts and we need our members to make sure that *Southeastern Archaeology* is not one of those cuts.

#### Proposed Budget for FY 2002

Our proposed budget for FY 2002 anticipates no increase in revenues. Anticipated expenditures include the routine publication of *Southeastern Archaeology* and the SEAC Newsletter, continued functioning—at current levels of expenditures—of the offices of the Treasurer and the Associate Editor for Sales, subvention of the next CB Moore volume (based on revenues from the Chattanooga meeting), the Native American interview project, public out-reach grants, and a SEAC Special Publication. I project that our revenues will fall a little short of our expenditures next year. This is not a matter of great concern—provided it does not become an annual affair. Our reserves are sizable and we can afford to occasionally spend a little more in a year than we take in.

Respectfully Submitted,  
John Scarry  
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## ***CURRENT RESEARCH***

### ***Florida***

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The Tampa office of Panamerican Consultants, Inc., is working on several projects. Currently they are completing an archaeological reconnaissance of Atsena Otie Key on the Gulf Coast, for the Suwannee River Water Management District, Live Oak, Florida. The scope of work was developed in consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Although Atsena Otie Key is included in the Cedar Keys Historic and Archaeological District (listed on the NRHP), little archaeological research has been conducted there, and the recorded sites are eroding. The project goals are to locate and map the sites accurately to determine their risk of loss due to geomorphic processes, and to provide information to management agencies for protecting the significant cultural resources. Several prehistoric shell middens and burials on the island are among the sites threatened by coastal erosion. While all of the historic structures on the island have been destroyed by hurricanes, remaining features include cisterns, fenced areas, isolated well pipes, ceramic and glass scatters, concrete or tabby supports, and groups of pilings in the water. A previously unrecorded cemetery, whose existence had been suspected, was located. Two markers were found dating to the mid-1800s,

predating those found in the larger Atsena Otie Cemetery. Atsena Otie was known as Depot Key during the Second Seminole War when it served as a supply station for nearby Seahorse Key, where Seminoles were held before being taken to Oklahoma. After Col. Worth declared the war over from his headquarters on Depot Key in 1842, Augustus Steele claimed the island under the terms of the Armed Occupation Act. Steele founded the town of "Atsena Otie" on this island. During the Civil War, Atsena Otie was controlled by the Union Navy and was home to many war refugees. In the 1870s several pencil companies came to the Cedar Keys to harvest the local red cedar. The Eberhard Faber Company built a mill on Atsena Otie to manufacture pencil blanks. The local economy was already slumping due to over-exploitation of natural resources and competition with other ports in Tampa when a major hurricane destroyed the factory and most of the houses on the island in 1896. Although a few people continued to live on Atsena Otie throughout the early twentieth century, today the island is uninhabited. It was privately owned until 1997 when it was purchased by the State of Florida and became part of the Cedar Keys National Wildlife Refuge.

Another Panamerican Consultants-Tampa project is survey and testing of ten naval stores sites on Eglin Air Force Base in the Florida panhandle. This project includes mapping the sites (which include the remains of the New Home Community), inventorying surface artifacts, and excavating shovel tests and test units to reveal historic features. Ground-penetrating radar has been used to identify an unmarked early twentieth-century African-American cemetery at site 8WI357. The scope of work calls for the creation of a historical context, or regional synthesis, of naval stores sites. Historian Carroll Butler is consulting on the project. The goals are to assess the NRHP eligibility of the sites, and to produce a set of archaeological indicators to assess other naval stores sites on Eglin Air Force Base. The types of sites investigated include stills, side camps, homesteads, and turpentine camps.

Scott Mitchell, Florida Museum of Natural History (FLMNH) Collections Manager for the Florida Archaeology Collections, has recently accessioned artifacts transferred from Florida State University that were collected by Clarence Simpson of the Florida Geological Survey during the 1930s and then loaned to FSU in the 1950s. The Museum already curates the bulk of the Simpson collection, with which these materials will be housed. Artifacts include prehistoric lithic bifaces, ground stone, quartz, and limestone plummet, beads made from shell and fossilized bone, cut sheet mica, and prehistoric and historic pipes. Sites represented in this small collection include the Thomas Mound (8Hi1), the Picnic Mound (8Hi3), the Jones Mound (8Hi4), the Buck Island Mound (8Hi6), the Shell Point Mound (8Hi27), the Calico Hill South Mound (8Je708), and the Whitfield Plantation site (8Le850).

Ken Sassaman of the University of Florida's Department of Anthropology has several students working with collections of prehistoric ceramics at the FLMNH. They are enrolled in his class Archaeological Ceramics (ANT 6930) and work directly with the museum collections to get hands-on experience with collections research and also submit detailed reports on their study collections.

Student reports are then housed in the museum's student paper file pertaining to the collections.

Donna Ruhl of the Florida Museum of Natural History continues her upgrade of curation standards for archaeobotanical remains in the Florida archaeology collections. She has supervised several student interns over the last 1 1/2 years and has reorganized, stabilized and inventoried archaeobotanicals from sites across Florida. These remains include charred wood and seeds such as peach pits collected from a Spanish mission site on the Ichetucknee River by John Goggin! Data for these remains are currently being computerized and will be integrated with the archaeobotanical collections housed in the Environmental Archaeology Laboratory. Also at the FLMNH, Jerry Milanich has published several articles over the last few months, some popular, related to Florida. In the second half of 2001 they were "A Case of Cultural Indigestion?" in *Anthropology News* 42(7):60 (American Anthropological Association); and "A Peek at the Past, the Rise and Demise of Archaeology's: Victorian Predecessor" in *Archaeology* magazine 54(5):38-39. In 2002, "Frolicking Bears, Wet Vultures, and Other Mysteries: An 1873 Description of Mounds in East-Central Florida by Amos Jay Cumming," *Florida Historical Quarterly* 80:360-374; "The Historian's Craft," *Florida Historical Quarterly* 80:375-378; and, "Motel of the Mysteries-Urban Archaeology in the Nation's Oldest City," in *Archaeology* magazine 55(1):50- 53. The last cited recounts Carl Halbrit's excavations at the Monson Motel in St. Augustine, scene of at least one former Florida Anthropological Society meeting.

At Florida State University Glen Doran continues to expand the use of the department's Geoprobe system. The soil sampling device has now been used in Tennessee (Shiloh National Park) and Texas (an Archaic site in south Texas and a Paleoindian site in central Texas). Recent probes at a constructed mound (Florida) demonstrated the ease with which the system can take soil samples to a depth of nine meters. Additional work in Florida is planned, including sampling some wetland areas by the end of the summer of 2002. Doran and his students continue to expand the prehistoric osteological databases, focusing particularly on Paleoindian and Archaic samples. FSU Program in Underwater Archaeology graduate students under the direction of Cheryl Ward begin the first phase of the Bahamas Maritime Archaeological Project in June. The project is designed to support efforts by the Antiquities, Museums & Monuments Corporation of the Bahamas to document archaeological resources in territorial and coastal waters.

Environmental Services, Inc. (ESI) of Jacksonville has been involved in several interesting projects over the last year. Two Swift Creek sites have received impact mitigation in recent months. Block excavation and soil stripping at 8Na910 in Nassau County revealed a shell midden and numerous features associated with a short-term seasonal encampment. Radiocarbon dates have refined the date range for Swift Creek in the area, Boonea analysis has permitted seasonality interpretation, and the ceramic assemblage allowed for morphological and stylistic observations. A Swift Creek midden was also recently excavated in Duval County at 8Du5544/5545. Numerous features were encountered and

intercept radiocarbon dates indicated an occupation late in the seventh century. Both of these sites yielded dense faunal remains, providing an opportunity to interpret Swift Creek subsistence patterns. Excavations in the southern portion of the village associated with the Mabry Mound (8SJ14) in St. Johns County focused on an isolated shell midden and several pit features. The artifact assemblage was dominated by St. Johns plain pottery, with lesser amounts of Deptford, as well as St. Johns pottery with Swift Creek complicated stamped designs. Testing also produced evidence of former Governor James Grant's Mount Pleasant Plantation. In October 2001, survey and testing took place in a portion of the St. Johns Bluff 3 site (8Du5599) in Duval County. This extensive St. Johns II site lies on a high bluff of the St. Johns River between the Grant and Shields Mounds, and was likely inhabited by the mound builders. The artifact assemblage indicates intensive occupation, with shell midden and faunal remains restricted to the bluff slope. Charred corn was recovered from three separate proveniences on the property. Investigations at the Durbin Ridge site (8Sj3246) in St. Johns County have revealed numerous artifacts diagnostic of the Middle to Late Archaic periodxs. Although the site has been exposed to extensive disturbances, the sizeable diagnostic lithic assemblage is unusual for the area.

ESI has been involved in archaeological site predictive modeling for St. Johns and Duval counties. In addition to field testing, these projects have included the development of GIS models that define high, medium, and low site probability areas throughout each county. Additionally, they are completing a study of Mala Compra Plantation (ca. 1816-1836) near Marineland that includes excavation, documentary research, National Register nomination, interpretive design and placement, and the development of a stabilization plan for tabby and coquina structural remains of the main residence and kitchen/washhouse. Finally, ESI recently completed an intensive survey of 1,225 acres of floodplain along the Ocmulgee River in Bibb County, Georgia. Deep testing identified eight sites, including an unrecorded Lamar mound complex and several Archaic sites that were subjected to Phase II testing.

In January of 2001, Janus Research conducted archaeological monitoring in the reported location of the Fort Davenport, a military installation from the Second Seminole War. A backhoe was used to remove the plow zone in linear trenches to allow for identification of subsurface features. Several post molds were identified below the disturbed plow zone, along with a few nineteenth-century artifacts thought to be associated with Fort Davenport, so more intensive testing was proposed. Block excavation revealed several lines of post molds and a few more diagnostic artifacts, including a brass U.S. military button dating to the Second Seminole War. Based on their position and spacing, as well as their association with nineteenth-century artifacts, these post mold alignments likely represent a palisade and the parallel outer walls of structures within the fort. Despite the success of locating the site of the fort, the structural evidence and occupation deposits had been heavily disturbed by earth-moving activities

related to the installation and subsequent removal of the citrus groves on the property. The only remaining intact portion of the site was the bottom 13-25 inches of three post mold alignments and a few nineteenth-century artifacts recovered from undisturbed soil. Each of the post mold alignments was documented and completely excavated.

## **Georgia**

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In 2001 Geo-Enviro Engineering, Inc. from Norcross, Georgia, hired rock art archaeologists from New South Associates, Inc. to map, digitally photograph, and trace two prehistoric petroglyph sites in Cherokee County, Georgia. A reduced color copy of a recording of the so-called Reinhardt College Rock petroglyph is earmarked for display in the "Hall of Ancients" at the Funk Heritage Center, Waleska, Georgia.

In addition to multitudes of small-scale, mostly non-site surveys, Southeastern Archeological Services has been involved with some interesting projects. We continue to work on upland Late Mississippian Lamar households in the Oconee River Valley; both rectangular and circular structure patterns have been recorded on a number of sites. Jerald Ledbetter is the principal investigator. We have recently completed surveys of timber stands and firebreaks for the U.S. Forest Service in the Sumter National Forest in central South Carolina. Robert Benson and Thomas Pluckhahn directed these studies. Currently, Chad Braley is directing the study of Battery Hamilton, a Civil War (Union) gun emplacement on a marsh island near Fort Pulaski National Monument, Savannah, Georgia. Well-preserved wooden timbers associated with the gun platforms and powder magazine have been found beneath a thick layer of marsh mud. This work is being sponsored by the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT). Also for GDOT, Thomas Gresham has recently directed the excavations at an aceramic Early Woodland period site on the Conasauga River in northwest Georgia. The site is unusual due to the abundance of fire-cracked rock and the lack of features or pottery.

Panamerican Consultants (PCI) is currently engaged in work on several archaeological projects in Georgia. At Fort Stewart, near Hinesville, field crews are now completing work on our sixth large-scale survey. Artifacts from our most recent previous work at the base have been analyzed and the report is now being prepared. PCI has also been working on several projects at Fort Benning, outside of Columbus. Currently, field crews are completing a large-scale survey on the installation. In the laboratory, artifacts recovered last summer from two projects at the Quartermaster site (9Ce42) have been analyzed and a report will be complete very soon. From June to December 2001, PCI excavated a portion of Kasita (9Ce1) at Lawson Army Airfield, Fort Benning. Work in the lab at PCI has been ongoing since November and we will be presenting our findings in the very near future.

In the fall of 2001, TRC's Atlanta office carried out data recovery excavations at sites 9CI269 and 9CI270 in Carroll County, Georgia. The sites are located within the pool of the H.C. (Hill) Seaton Reservoir along Snake Creek in the Chattahoochee River Valley. The mitigation included hand-excavated units as well as mechanical stripping of large areas and feature excavation. Analysis is on-going.

Mechanical stripping at 9CI269 revealed an extremely large number of potential features and posts. Overwhelmingly, the primary component dates to the late Early Woodland. A less intensive protohistoric Creek occupation was also present, as was an ephemeral Lamar occupation. Radiocarbon dates from Woodland features indicate the site was occupied at various times between 2600–2100 BP. A suggestive distribution of features and posts appears in the northeast portion of the stripped area at 9CI269, indicating a circular structure was present. The Early Woodland ceramic assemblage contains primarily Dunlap fabric-impressed, simple-stamped, and plain wares. Cord-marked ceramics were found in lesser quantities and check-stamped ceramics were rare at the site.

Stripping operations at 9CI270 located a low density of cultural features and posts. No structure was located. The primary components appear to date to the late Early and Middle Woodland periods, given the presence of Dunlap fabric-impressed, simple-stamped, and check-stamped wares. Early Swift Creek ceramics were found in lesser quantities. The single radiocarbon date from a feature at 9CI270 appears erroneous, as it falls in the Middle Mississippian time period. The feature contained artifact styles that indicate a Middle Woodland temporal affiliation.

## **Illinois**

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Paul Welch, now at Southern Illinois University Carbondale and a research associate in the Center for Archaeological Investigations, has received an internal research grant to inventory and repackage the collections and records of the University of Chicago's Kincaid Project, housed at CAI. This work will lay the groundwork for subsequent research using the large collections from this important early work at a major Mississippian mound center.

Mark Wagner has received a grant from the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency to record the remnants of an early nineteenth-century flatboat found on a bar in the Ohio River near Mounds, Illinois. The wreck was first discovered by a local avocational archaeologist when the river dropped to very low levels. The bottom-most parts for the vessel are embedded in a sand bar, and enough diagnostic artifacts were recovered from it to date the craft to the 1820s. The work will commence when the river returns to a sufficiently low level.

Brad Koldehoff and Mark Wagner's monograph *The Archaeology and History of Horseshoe Lake, Alexander County,*

Illinois is now available as CAI Research Paper 60, published with the support of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. This is the southern-most of Illinois' two Horseshoe Lakes, situated in the floodplain north of the confluence of the Mississippi and Ohio rivers. This study compiles the results of a number of archaeological and geological surveys along with historical documents to describe the prehistoric- and historic-period settlement patterns and land-use history of this intriguing area.

Mark Wagner's study of one of the premier rock art sites of Illinois is now available as Transportation Research Reports 12 from the University of Illinois' Transportation Archaeology Research Program. The Archaeology and Rock Art of the Piney Creek Ravine, Jackson and Randolph counties, Illinois details a rich inventory of late Late Woodland and Mississippian rock art found in a narrow sandstone gorge in southern Illinois. The petroglyphs and pictographs include motifs of local styles as well as recognizable Southeastern Ceremonial Complex motifs. The monograph contains color photographs prepared by photographer Charles Swedlund. This publication was also funded by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

## *Louisiana*

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Coastal Environments, Inc., of Baton Rouge completed data recovery (Phase III) at the John Dortch site (16Wf89) in West Feliciana Parish, Louisiana, in 2000. The work was directed by Joanne Ryan and funded by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development. The site was discovered in 1994 during cultural resources investigations conducted prior to the widening of U.S. Highway 61. This small, colonial settlement, occupied only from 1793 to 1799, was one of only about 60 ca.-1793 residences in all of the "Felicianas," an area covering some 840 mi<sup>2</sup>.

The over 120,000 artifacts recovered connote an English family living under Spanish rule in a home displaying French construction techniques and filled with a surprisingly large quantity of high quality English, French, and Spanish goods. Well represented in the ceramic collection are over-glaze, transfer-printed creamwares, reticulated creamware latticework bread or fruit baskets, transfer-printed pearlwares, Prattwares, Basalts, Rosso Antico, and hand-painted Chinese import porcelains. Other ceramics recovered include coarse redwares, Faience, Delft and Jackfield. The latter two wares have rarely been found on colonial sites in Louisiana. The quantity of glass recovered from the site is relatively small, but includes a significant amount of window and lamp glass. Also present are fragments of bottles, flasks, goblets, drinking glasses, a faux gemstone, and numerous glass beads. Iron nails and lead shot make up much of the metal assemblage, but numerous beads (most copper, and one gold), straight pins (copper), and buttons (copper, pewter and silver) were also found. Stone items in the Dortch collection include gunflints, beads, and

soapstone pencil fragments. Construction materials are diverse and numerous and include "bousillage" (clay mixed with hair or moss), baked clay, brick, mortar, plaster, slate, and wood.

The rapid rate of consumption and disposal illustrated in the archaeological record at the site suggests that the colonial frontier could be notably cosmopolitan and perhaps even commercial. Although only 1.8 percent of this 51- by 50-m site has been excavated, a total of 123,649 historic artifacts have been recovered. This represents roughly 7,680 artifacts per cubic meter of soil examined, or approximately 1,280 artifacts per cubic meter of soil examined per year of site occupation. This seems an inordinate amount of garbage for a family consisting of two adults and four or five children (all under ten years old), living on the site for only six years. The site apparently also endured heavy traffic during its short occupation, as much of the artifact assemblage has been heavily trampled.

The size, style, and location of the Dortch site, as well as the quantity, quality, diversity, and physical condition of the artifacts recovered, indicate that the home may also have served as an inn, meeting hall and/or trading house. However, no historic records have been found to suggest that the site functioned in any other way than a family residence. The investigations at the John Dortch site clearly illustrate how archaeological data can provide key information missing from extant historic sources. The final report on the work at the Dortch Site is in preparation.

## *North Carolina*

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During October and November of 2001, a remnant brick foundation of the first public building in the state was discovered in Edenton – under the extant 1767 courthouse presently undergoing interior restoration! The project was headed by Dr. Linda Comes-McNaughton and John Clauser, with assistance from Tom Beaman, Susan Myers (all of the Office of State Archaeology), Edenton native Madison Phillips (who took 2 weeks personal vacation time to assist), and numerous other local volunteers. Due to the nearly overwhelming scope of the fieldwork and quantity of artifacts recovered, without local volunteer support this project could not have been completed in the time allotted prior to construction.

Several areas in and around the courthouse were explored and excavated. In the rear yard, the archaeologists monitored 260 ft of utility trenching and several features were recorded (e.g. old privy pits, fill deposits, multiple street layers, and some brick piers for former structures on the lot). Under the courthouse, an area under the Magistrate's Platform was excavated for modern utility installation, which resulted in 360 ft<sup>3</sup> of dirt removed by hand, using buckets and a dolly. Work took place in a crawl space with less than 20 in of head clearance. The archaeologists worked on their hands and knees and belly-crawled in and out of the single entrance. Screening was conducted outside by volunteers.

Under the platform area, three distinct soil levels were identified. Level 1 dated from 1767 to the modern era, and contained planing curls and wood chips from installation of the existing floor (in 1767), along with cat skeletons, broken bottles, brick bats, and other small personal items like buttons, pipes, and some food scraps. Level 1 was very dry and loose, similar to soils in dry caves. Level 2 was recognized by the compacted surface (from trampling during construction of the 1767 courthouse) and numerous brick bat clusters. These bricks and adjoining burned wood floor surface were first thought to be the evidence of the earlier structure on the lot known as the Council Chamber. Several ceramic sherds and other artifacts indicated a date of ca. 1730 to 1767 for this level. Dates on this level will be confirmed with further artifact analyses (pipe-stem dating etc.), but clearly Level 2 predated the existing courthouse. In this level, two large postholes were identified, set 10 ft apart and about 5 ft from the interior wall of the platform. Level 3 was recognized as a dark, organic layer of sandy clay which contained mostly prehistoric artifacts such as pottery and lithic flakes, debitage, and oyster shells and deer bones, etc., and dates to roughly 3000-2000 BP.

In the West Wing a large colonial-period trash pit was discovered by workmen and then cleaned out and mapped by the archaeologists. The trash pit contained a wealth of broken dishes, wine bottles, wig curlers, tobacco pipe fragments, window glass, food bones (wild and domestic), personal items (buttons, ornaments, and buckles), and architectural items (nails, trim work, etc.). Multiple layers were noted and mapped in the feature as excavations continued. The trash pit measured roughly 10 ft by 8 feet, 2 to 2.5 ft deep, and appears to date to the 1730s to 1750s period, prior to the construction of the courthouse! Additional analyses will provide a clearer picture of this rich deposit.

In the East Wing, due to limited time, a single test pit was dug in the center of the floor. The 4- by 4-ft test pit revealed similar levels of soils as those under the platform, and also included another large posthole. Subsequent excavations by the contractors later revealed a portion of an intact brick foundation which extended north-south and which had been truncated by a wall of the 1767 building. It was immediately suspected that this was a remnant of the elusive Council Chamber building that was built on the lot ca. 1722. A second posthole was also revealed exactly 10 ft south of the one found in the test pit.

Upon subsequent visits and inspection by various professionals and learned locals, it was noted that the base of the wall under the Magistrate's Platform was also a part of this building remnant. At least two good walls, and one possible corner of this building have now been exposed to reveal a structure 20 ft by 30 ft in size. Noted architectural historian, Dr. Carl Lounsbury, visited the site along with archaeologists for another round of inspection. He determined the four large postholes were corresponding support holes for scaffolding used to construct the 1722 brick Council Chamber. For more information on this project, contact Dr. Linda Comes-McNaughton at [linda.comes-mcnaughton@ncmail.net](mailto:linda.comes-mcnaughton@ncmail.net) or telephone (919)733-7342.

The Fort Bragg Cultural Resources Program (CRP) has recently begun a raw material source-area study. The goal of this study is to characterize the compositional variation in the metavolcanic rocks and ceramic clays that would have been used by the prehistoric inhabitants of the Fort Bragg area. The study will examine the chemical and mineralogical composition of 50 rock samples from three different quarry groups (the Uwharrie, U.S. 501, and Chatham County groups), each of which can be subdivided into quarry clusters, as well as 50 sherd samples from Fort Bragg, and the Cape Fear, Lumber, and Yadkin drainages. As a pilot study, this project will give a preliminary indication of the range of variation in these materials and a preliminary sense of which analytical techniques work best in discriminating the potential sources. This project involves personnel from six different organizations: the U.S. Army (Fort Bragg CRP and CERL); TRC Garrow, Inc.; the University of North Carolina (at Chapel Hill and Wilmington); the Missouri University Research Reactor, University of Missouri at Columbia; and North Carolina State University.

The Fort Bragg CRP has also recently completed a paleo-environmental study in an attempt to characterize geomorphic conditions and changes in vegetation over at least the last 10,000 years as recorded in the sediments from Fort Bragg. This will be done through an examination of the geomorphology, stratigraphy, soils, and sedimentation history together with the analysis of pollen in sediment cores taken from two locations, a relatively small upland depression pond or bog situated on a primary inter-stream drainage divide and along a cutoff meandering paleochannel of the Lower Little River. This project involves personnel from four different organizations: the U.S. Army (Fort Bragg CRP and CERL); TRC Garrow; the University of Georgia; and Cornell University.

In December 2001, the Fort Bragg CRP completed the fieldwork for a data recovery of a historic farmstead and hunting lodge site. The history of the site extends back to the antebellum period when Daniel McFayden, a second-generation Scot, established the farm. The McFaydens were a relatively prominent family within the rural Pine Barren Sandhills. The rich history of the site reflects prominent themes in Sandhills history, including the Scottish colonization of the upper Cape Fear region, the postbellum reconstruction period, and the late nineteenth-early twentieth century economic transition from a naval stores industry to one based on recreation for northerners. Archaeological investigations of the site focused on systematic sampling of the sheet midden in the vicinity of a five-structure complex mapped in 1919 by the Army. Additionally, test excavations and plow zone removal uncovered several features, including structure remains, a bottle dump, and root cellar. The main house, which appears to have been burned shortly after the Army acquired the property, was well documented. Remains of the main house included in situ pier stones, the remnants of a brick chimney base, and a dense subsurface concentration of cut nails, plaster, and other architectural debris. Over 21,000 artifacts were recovered from the site.

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Thomas Foster, of Panamerican Consultants, Inc., has kindly volunteered to edit current research submissions for the state of Georgia. SEAC members interested in contributing to the Current Research section of the fall newsletter should submit brief reports to your state's coordinator. Below is a list of state coordinators for those states not featured in the Current Research section of this newsletter. Other SEAC members are interested in your work, let us know what you are learning.

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