JULY MEETING: “2005 Field School Experiences”
Given by various HAS members.

Anyone wishing to present should contact Muriel Walker at 281-392-7504.

LABORATORY SCHEDULE:
Mondays, July 11 and 25, only, 7:00 p.m., Rice University Archeology Lab, Sewall Hall, Room 103.

HAS LIBRARY: Open on Friday, July 8, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:20 p.m.

PRESIDENT’S COLUMN:
No column this month.

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WANTED: Please send articles of interest to me for publication; the newsletter is getting rather sparse.
Mary Barbara, mary.gold@humble.k12.tx.us
2,000 year old date seed has sprouted! A date seed nearly 2,000 years old, nicknamed Methuselah, has germinated and is growing. The seed was excavated at the ancient cliff fortress of Masada in Israel. If it lives and is female, it has a 50-50 chance to bear fruit. If it is male it well just be a curiosity, says Dr. Elaine Solowey, who works in Israel on medicinal plants. Lotus seeds 1,200 years old have sprouted in China, but nothing has germinated even close to 2,000 years old before. (New York Times, June 12, 2005).

Fred Kelly, fwkelly@aol.com
BOOK SUGGESTION: I recently purchased a copy of Jared Diamond's newest book, Collapse. I haven't finished reading it yet, but I do recommend it to HAS membership. This book follows on the heels of his Guns, Germs, and Steel; I am sure he used much prior research and perhaps was inspired to write the current book because of the information gained on the previous one. Collapse, globe-hops from North America, to the Pacific Islands, to Norse settlers in Greenland and Iceland, and to Central American Maya, and on; Diamond is definitely a world traveler! Because he deals with, among other things, the effects of human occupation on the environment, this is a worthwhile book for anthropologists and archaeologists. In fact, he credits much of his information on the work of archaeologists. This is not "summer fluff" reading, but it is interesting. Diamond writes for the lay reader, and at times throws in folksy humor which makes a heavy subject easier to digest.

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HAS dig at the Maison Rouge site on Galveston Island, Texas, October 2004. (Compliments of Fred Kelly)
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