JANUARY MEETING
January 13, 1995
7:30 PM
M D Anderson Hall,
University of St. Thomas
Speaker: Mary Hodge
U of H Clear Lake
Topic: Aztec Trade

LABORATORY SCHEDULE
Mondays, January 16 and
January 30
7:00 - 9:00 PM
Location: Rice University
Archaeology Lab, Sewell Hall
Room 103

HAS LIBRARY
Open between 6:30 and 7:25 PM
before the monthly meeting.
Location: Little Gallery
1121 Alabama at Mt. Vernon

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN
I have read and heard recent proclamations that
archeology is doomed and evidence of the past is
disappearing at an ever increasing rate. I've
also heard that avocational archeology is on the
rise and avocational archeologists are making
significant contributions to the archeological
record. Our resolution for 1995, as members of
the Houston Archeological Society, should be to
promote responsible archeological actions by
sharing our interest in archeology with the
public and by teaching people to document and
preserve archeological resources.

---Karen Acker

CALLING ALL TIGERS (AND TIGRESSES)
HAS is forming a "tiger" team to address
publicity for the 1995 TAS Field School. We need
to get information placed in key places during
February, March and April. We are looking for a
few good tigers (or tigresses). Anyone
interested please call Sheldon Kindall at
326-2160 (evenings) or 282-5336 (day).

Membership/Renewal Application
Houston Archeological Society, P.O. Box 6751, Houston, TX 77265-6751

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AIA MEETING
Archaeological Institute of America
Sewall Hall, Rm 301, Rice University

Monday, January 23 - 8:00 pm
Dr. Anne Schaffer
MFA, Houston
To Palenque and Beyond

MEETING
FORT BEND ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY
George Memorial Library
FM 762 in Richmond

Wednesday, January 11 - 7:00 pm
Dr. Richard Gregg
ARCHIVAL ARCHAEOLOGY - FAMILY OF
NOTED AUTHOR J. FRANK DOBIE

ARCHAEOLOGY TOUR - England & Scotland
June 5 to July 1, 1995
Sponsored by the Anthropology Dept.
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Travel (by small bus) will extend
from London to the Orkney Islands and
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Skara Brae (neolithic village),
Callanish (stone circle), Viking
Museum at York and other sites.
For more info contact:
Dr. Susan M. Riches
Department of Anthropology
Fort Lewis College
Durango, Colorado 81301
Phone: (303)247-7500

1995 EAST TEXAS ARCHEOLOGICAL CONFERENCE
Meeting Announcement and Call for Papers
February 11, 1995
9:00 - 5:00
Robert R. Muntz Library, Rm 401
The University of Texas at Tyler Campus
University Blvd., Tyler, Texas
Sponsored by:
Region 4 - Texas Archaelogical Society
School of Liberal Arts - UT at Tyler
Friends of Northeast Texas Archeology
Northeast Texas Archeological Society
East Texas Archeological Society
Dallas Archeological Society
Registration Fee: $3.00
For more info call: Bo Nelson (903)856-5291, or
Mike Turner (903)656-8754

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - ARCHEOLOGICAL INVESTIGATIONS
USDA Forest Service Passport in Time Program
Aldridge Sawmill and Township
Angelina National Forest in East Texas
March 11-19, 1995
Volunteers willing to commit at least five days
will participate in mapping, excavations,
artifact processing, surveying or the initial
stages of preservation techniques. There are
camping facilities nearby and hotels or motels
within 40-50 minutes of the site.
For more info:
John Ippolito, Forest Archeologist (409)639-8528
Velicia Hubbard, Associate Forest Archeologist
(409)639-8531
Elaine Sherman, Zone Archeologist (409)639-8620

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March 10, 1995
7:30 PM
M D Anderson Hall,
University of St. Thomas

Speaker: Steve Black
Texas Archeological Research Laboratory


LABORATORY SCHEDULE
Mondays, March 13 and March 27
7:00 - 9:00 PM
Location: Rice University
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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Just a reminder. Our 1995 membership renewal period ends in March. To continue uninterrupted receipt of the Profile and the Journal please renew your membership by March 31.

The need to document and preserve our archeological resources is readily apparent to members of HAS. One of the more frustrating situations we encounter is a landowner who refuses to allow sites on his property to be investigated and recorded. Mike Marshall and Butch Rowell showed us slides of one of these sites at our February meeting. On these infrequent occasions, we are fortunate to have members in our ranks who can document what is found on this private property and make the general location and content of the site known to the archeological community.

Friends and acquaintances of Pam Wheat, lifetime member of HAS, will be pleased to know she is planning to attend our March 10 meeting and will present a short program on the activities at Crow Canyon where she is employed.

---Karen Acker

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AIA MEETING
Archaeological Institute of America
Sewall Hall, Rm 301, Rice University

Monday, March 6 - 8:00 pm
Rosemary Joyce
The Changing Position of Maya Women

MEETING
FORT BEND ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY
George Memorial Library
FM 762 in Richmond

Wednesday, March 8 - 7:00 pm
Tom Palmer II
History of Railroads in Fort Bend County

ARCHEOLOGICAL EXHIBIT
The Little Archaeology Gallery
1121 W. Alabama

February 26 to March 24, 1995
11-6 Weekdays

Jaina Figurines: Artifacts as High Art

FIELD WORK
The HAS is finally ready to take to the outdoors again. Members will be excavating a site in Wharton County. Anyone interested in getting out in the field will be welcome at these Saturday digs. The group meets at the Hilltop Restaurant in Kendleton and is ready to head 'em up and move 'em out by 9:00 a.m. For more information and/or directions call Sheldon Kindall at 326-2160.

PUBLICATION NOTICE
Bibliography of the Prehistory of the Upper Texas Coast, No. 9.
L.W. Patterson

The ninth edition of the bibliography for the prehistory of 21 counties in Southeast Texas is now available. It may be ordered from the Houston Archeological Society, P.O. Box 6751, Houston, Texas 77265-6751. The price is $5.00 plus $1.50 mailing charge. This bibliography now contains 677 entries. A cross-index for references by site number is included.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS
Sue Hamblin, Victor Hansen, Bob McMahon, Patricia Rosendahl, Pandora Snethkamp and Annette Zinn.

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

The weather has co-operated this past month, and the field crew has been able to do more work on 41WH21. Their success is evidenced by the abundance of material from this site that must be cleaned and cataloged. For those members who cannot make the Saturday trips to the site, lab work is a great way to examine the artifacts at close range. We will be working in the lab on April 17th (only one lab session this month).

Work will continue on 41WH21 when the route to the site is passable. Also, work is scheduled at Lake Jackson for the last two weekends in April: April 22, 23 and April 29, 30.

April is the month when we promote Archeology Awareness. Look for an opportunity to tell someone about archeology and the importance of preserving our cultural resources.

---Karen Acker

SEVENTH ANNUAL DISTINGUISHED LECTURE IN ARCHAEOLOGY

Sunday, April 23, 1995 - 8:00 P.M.
Jones Auditorium
3900 Yoakum Blvd.
University of St. Thomas Campus

Dr. Fikret K. Yegul
University of California

"Ephesus and Sardis: A Tale of Two Cities in Classical Antiquity"

These famous cities of Asia Minor interwove a blend of public and private spaces with the unique natural features of their sites - vitalized by colonnades and arcades, expanded by plazas, squares and fountains.
AIA MEETINGS
Archaeological Institute of America
Sewall Hall, Rm 301, Rice University

Tuesday, April 11 - 8:00 pm
Dr. Harrison Eiteljorg, II
Bryn Mawr
Entrance to the Acropolis in Athens from the Bronze Age to 437 BC

Monday, May 1 - 8:00 pm
Elisa Phelps
Houston Museum of Natural Science
Anasazi Pottery Techniques

MEETING
FORT BEND ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY
George Memorial Library
FM 762 in Richmond

Wednesday, April 12 - 7:00 pm
Stuart Hemming
Mystery of Stonehenge

FIELD SCHOOL
TEXAS ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY
June 10 - 17, 1995
Lake Jackson

HAS members who would like to help prepare the Lake Jackson site for the Field School may volunteer on the following scheduled work days:
April 22, 23, 29, 30
May 6; June 3, 4

PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE
The Oklahoma Anthropological Society, Inc.
Rural Route 1, Box 62-B
Cheyenne, OK 73628-9729

Volumes 40 & 42 of the Bulletin series:
The Calf Creek Horizon in Oklahoma
Reporting the known components of this Middle Holocene (Altithermal) hunter/gatherer culture in Oklahoma, and synthesizing the presently available data on Calf Creek for the entire Oklahoma/Arkansas/Texas region. The two bulletins total 590 pages, report 54 sites and illustrate hundreds of artifacts. Price is $33.00 post-paid from above address.

Guide to the Identification of American Indian Projectile Points
Robert E. Bell and Gregory Perino
A set of four volumes, first published by the OAS between 1958 and 1971, totalling 428 pages and illustrating 1,789 projectile points. Reported are the descriptions, dating and geographic distribution of 200 dart and arrow point types, ranging in age from the earliest Paleoindian Clovis points to Historic period metal arrow points. These guides are classics of North American archeology and have been reprinted 19 times over the past three decades. Available as a set for $36.50 postpaid. Order from above address.

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MAY MEETING
May 12, 1995
7:30 PM
M D Anderson Hall,
University of St. Thomas
Speaker: Sharon Derrick
Texas A & M
Topic: Cranial Modeling as an
Ethnic Marker among the
Prehistoric Caddo.

---Karen Acker

HELP WANTED
The HAS, as one of the sponsors of this year's
TAS field School, is obligated to furnish 3
people each evening to help with the execution of
dinner. Duties consist of such things as picking
up the charcoal cooker after it has fallen over,
deciding what size slices to cut the dessert, and
helping the cooks worry about where the supply
truck is. Actually, it is kind of fun and
doesn't interfere with any Field School activity,
including eating dinner. Please let Sheldon
Kindall (326-2160) know if you would be able to
help, and on which day.

NOTES FROM ALL OVER
Guatemala Import Ban - The United States will
extend an emergency ban on the importation of
artifacts from Maya sites in the Peten region of
Guatemala for an additional three years.
Guatemala had requested the extension to deter
looting in the area.

Pequot Donation - The Mashantucket Pequot Tribal
Nation of Connecticut will donate $10 million of
its casino revenues to the Smithsonian
Institution to establish an American Indian
museum at the National Mall in Washington, D.C.
The gift will be the largest donation ever
received by the Smithsonian, which plans to open
the new museum in 2001.

---Archaeology
TRENDS IN ARCHAEOLOGY - The Preservation of Past
Conservators are racing to save monuments and, in
the process, are transforming the field of
archaeology into a new science. The principal
threats to archaeological sites are the same ones
cited by environmentalists as endangering bio-
diversity: development, population growth,
tourism, illegal traffic, air pollution, war,
eglect and, in some cases, botched efforts at
conservation.
"The whole attitude of archaeologists has been to
plunder, then leave," notes Pamela Jerome a pro-
fessor at Columbia University, who is teaching
one of the first courses exclusively on site con-
servation given at a graduate school. Their
training has not included work in conservation.
That effort has instead been the province of
museum-trained conservators who restore only
portable artifacts and collected objects. The
artifact crisis and site crisis together have led
to a new ethic and science. Scientists at sever-
al institutions are formalizing the discipline of
site conservation. Symposiums and courses are
beginning to appear. The International Institute
for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works
will hold its 1996 meeting on archaeological
preservation. A journal, Conservation and
Management of Archaeological Sites, to be
published in London is slated to start this year.
---Scientific American
JULY MEETING
July 14, 1995
7:30 PM
M D Anderson Hall,
University of St. Thomas
Speaker: Members of HAS
Topic: Highlights of TAS
Field School 1995

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PRESIDENT’S COLUMN
For those members who attended the Texas
Archeological Society Field School at Lake
Jackson, I hope you had a good time, acquired
additional knowledge about archeology, and made
new friends. As is the custom at July HAS
meetings, the annual TAS Field School experience
will be shared with the HAS membership. Learning
about the progress of excavations at Lake Jackson
and reviewing field School with some of the
participants should be interesting. Be sure to
join us for this program.

Field: Will be announced at July meeting.
---Karen Acker

WE KNEW THAT
America's best BBQ: It's HINZE’S
The New York-based Food and Wine Magazine has
named Hinze's the top barbecue restaurant in the
nation. Noted in particular in the article is
Hinze's beef brisket and ribs.
No.2, the magazine says, is Boyd & Son in Kansas
City, MO, followed by Cozy Corner Restaurant in
Memphis, TN, Hawkins Grill also in Memphis, and
Lexington Barbecue in Lexington, NC.
---Wharton Journal-Spectator

IRON AGE SKELETONS FOUND
A rare, exceptionally well preserved example of
Iron Age burial practices has been found in a
cave in southwestern France - 22 skeletons, some
still decked out in their funeral finery.
The cave, composed of two galleries and a well,
dates to about 600 BC. It was discovered by
amateur speleologists in February 1994 but the
Culture Ministry held off announcing the find
until the cave could be sealed from the public.
Experts said the discovery was significant be-
cause cremations, not burial, was the usual form
of disposing of the dead during the Iron Age.
---Houston Chronicle
WELCOME
New HAS Members
March and April 1995:
Pat and Howard Kramer
John Loflin, Bill Molinare
Pat Padelford, Alice Shepard

DISCOVERY OF WORLD IMPORTANCE
An investigator whose team found what may be the tomb of an early Mayan ruler said that genetic testing may be used to help confirm the skeleton's relation to other royal burials. The red-stained bones appear to be those of Kinich Ah Pop, the second ruler of the Copan dynasty. Mercuric sulfide (cinnabar) was used to stain bones a brilliant red, probably to signify blood, and veneration of dignitaries.

The bones were found surrounded by jade offerings, in the Margarita Tomb in the center of the Copan Archaeological Park, Honduras. Robert J. Sharer, professor of anthropology at the University of Pennsylvania, said the skeleton was in excellent condition and added that a second tomb was found in a nearby building in April. Inscriptions date the Margarita tomb to the first part of the Copan Dynasty, which lasted from about 400 to 800 A.D. The temple was dedicated in 437 by Ruler II and read, in part, "May you be venerated Kinich, lord of the sun, lord of the lake, lord of Copan". Other members of the team were David W. Sedat, a research specialist at the University of Pennsylvania and Archaeologists Ricardo Agurcia of Honduras and Carlos Rudy Larios of Guatemala.

CHECK IT OUT
There is a special issue of Federal Archaeology on file in the HAS Library. It is a special report on many aspects of the new Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), and other issues related to protecting the nation's archeological heritage.

Under Iowa law, if human remains more than 150 years old are found to have state or national significance, the state archeologist can deny permission to disinter. Since this may limit construction on someone's property, is the landowner entitled to compensation? Answer on p. 7.

Other articles and items of interest include:
Silent Witness: Protecting American Indian Archaeological Heritage, a learning guide and video for teachers; successful prosecution of unauthorized digging at a site in Muscle Shoals; how museums and tribes are dealing with the implementation of NAGPRA mandates; the cooperation of Arizona's Gila River Indian Community with archeologists after discovery of a cemetery during construction of a four-lane highway across its land.

THERE'S HOPE - COOPERATION IN IRELAND
The recent successful prosecution of a man for receiving objects stolen from Limerick Museum resulted from close cooperation between the state archaeological services and police forces in Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic.

The objects were part of a larger group which went missing in a robbery in 1969. For a number of years authorities were aware that a network of black market dealers and collectors were servicing the metal detecting community throughout the island and that trade involved both looted and stolen antiquities.

The man described himself in court as the PRO for the Northern Ireland Council for Metal Detectorists and claimed that he was the victim of a conspiracy by the 'heritage industry'.

---ArchaeologyIreland
AUGUST MEETING
August 11, 1995
7:30 PM
M D Anderson Hall,
University of St. Thomas

Speaker: Wally Kingsborough
USDA Forest Service

Topic: Ethnography and
Archeology in the Sam
Houston National Forest

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THE PROFILE
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Jeanette Siciliano (795-4691)
12462 Barryknoll, Houston 77024

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN
Our meeting in July was well attended. It is always nice to see everyone again after the June break.

I want to thank Charles Boyle, Melissa Brown, Sheldon Kindall, and Don McReynolds for talking about Field School at the July meeting. The TAS Field School is always one of the highlights of the year, and by sharing our experiences, we hope to entice more of our members to participate. Field School can be hard work, but it is also rewarding and fun.

Nominating Committee: Elisa Phelps, Bill Just and Becky Jacobs have been appointed to the Nominating Committee and will be recruiting candidates willing to serve on the board for 1995-1996. Should you have recommendations for any of the offices, give me a call at 358-0893 and I will pass your suggestions on to the committee.

Field: Further investigation of 41CH161 was begun in July. Work will continue on this site until our Field Director determines that we have sufficient data to complete a report on the site.

---Karen Acker

HAS FIELD WORK
The HAS has resumed work on 41CH161, the Cotton Lake Site in Chambers County. Anyone interested in participating should meet at the McDonald's restaurant in Baytown in time to leave as a group by 9:00 AM. McDonald's is located on Hwy 146 at the intersection of Texas Ave. with that highway. Bring food and water - the trip to the site is easy but we cannot run back and forth from the site because we have to cross HL&P land as a group. The site location is very pleasant - there are lots of trees and plenty of water.

---Sheldon Kindall
(326-2160)
NOTES FROM ALL OVER

Clonmacnois, Ireland. An ancient monastic site on a gravel ridge overlooking a large marshy area through which the River Shannon flows. Today the site seems remote and tranquil but it is situated in the center of the country at what was once a vital intersection of north-south (the River Shannon) and east-west travel routes.

Clonmacnois was founded in 545 by St. Ciaran. It became one of the most important artistic and literary centers from the 6th to 12th centuries. About thirty plunderings and burnings (most by the Irish themselves and Viking raids) are recorded up to the middle of the 12th century. Yet the vitality, power and importance of the settlement does not seem to have been diminished by all this destruction. In the later medieval period Clonmacnois survived as the seat of an impoverished bishopric until in 1552 the English garrison from Athlone reduced it to ruin.

What remains at Clonmacnois is a group of fairly late ruined stone churches in a large graveyard, together with a round tower. There are at least twelve structures to view, including beautifully carved high crosses, small churches, 'cathedral' and 13th century castle, many examples of doorway and window structures and carvings.

Of special note is the Ogham Stone, found during the digging of a grave in the new cemetery in 1990, which may date to the 5th or 6th century. The ogham alphabet is based on the Latin alphabet and first appears in Ireland around the 4th century AD.

The Graveslabs at Clonmacnois represent the largest and most remarkable collection of pre-Norman graveslabs in Britain or Ireland. Over 600 slabs or fragments range in date from about 700 up until the 12th century and include fine examples of all the major types of early graveslabs known from Ireland.

The whole site forms a dramatic profile against the bucolic setting and meandering river.

--- Editor

BLOOD FROM STONES

Is it possible to get ancient blood from a stone?

"People are getting very capricious and puzzling and different results," says Christopher Chippindale, editor of ANTIQUITY, a journal on whose pages the debate is unfolding. Just as discoveries of ancient DNA have met with skepticism, scientists question not only one another's findings, but whether it's even possible for traces of buried blood to survive thousands of years.

There have been many intriguing reports: buffalo blood on stone knives at a 5,600-year-old butchering spot in Canada; human blood in paint dating to 20,000 years ago on a cave wall in Australia; and 180,000-year-old blood spilled by a man whittling wood.

Critics note the lack of standardized testing, problems of cross-reactions between species, and results of experiments with modern blood samples on tools - the blood could not be detected after ten months.

One response to critics is that their tests are not sensitive enough to detect miniscule amounts of blood - they are either archaeologists using techniques that they really don't understand in terms of chemistry or immunology, or they are immunologists who have never actually looked at a tool.

As complicated as ancient blood analysis is proving, it's a goal worth pursuing. --- Science News
PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

My second year as president is coming to a close, and I would like to say thanks to the board and to the members for their support.

I'm going to take this opportunity to get on my soapbox one more time. Being president of HAS was both challenging and rewarding. Our meetings are educational and enjoyable, and our goals of identifying and recording sites and informing the public about archeology are admirable. For the Society to continue to meet these goals and attract the needed new members, we, the current members, must be willing to do more than just 'be there'. Let me encourage everyone to pitch in when asked; serve on the board, chair a committee, work in the lab, or whatever. HAS cannot function without people in charge. Try it! You'll like it!

Field: The field crew has been working at 41CH161 on Cotton Lake in Chambers County. Artifacts continue to indicate that this site may be a contact site with occupation extending into the Historic period.

---Karen Acker

SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 1995-96
The Nominating Committee (Elisa Phelps, Bill Just, and Becky Jacobs) proposes the following:

President: Tom Nuckols
Vice-president: Leland Patterson
Secretary: Muriel Walker
Treasurer: Michael Johnston
Director at Large: Bernard Naman
Continuing Directors at Large are:

Don McReynolds
Joe Hudgins

Voting will take place at the September meeting.
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Archaeological Institute of America
Sewall Hall, Rm 301, Rice University
Wednesday. October 4 - 8:00 pm
Patricia Anawalt
UCLA
Understanding Aztec Human Sacrifice

MEETING
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George Memorial Library
FM 762 in Richmond
Thursday. September 14 - 7:00 pm
Topic to be announced

DOCUMENT DNA
DNA from animal skins used as parchment for the Dead Sea Scrolls is being studied to determine where the scrolls were made. Many religious scholars believe the documents were written by the Essenes and hidden in caves near their Qumran settlement. Others contend the scrolls were important Jewish works collected from a number of locations in ancient Israel. Scott Woodward, a microbiologist at Brigham Young University, plans to compare DNA from the scrolls with that from the bones of ancient herds as well as DNA of living goat and sheep herds in the region. Genetic links would suggest the scrolls were made locally.
--- Archaeology

EXHIBIT AT LITTLE GALLERY
ARTIFACTS OF THE TEXAS CONFEDERACY
Sponsored by
Bobby McKinney of Rosenberg
September 18 to October 20, 1995
Weekdays. 11am to 6pm
The Little Archaeology Gallery
1121 W. Alabama

LIBRARY NOTES
The HAS Library is missing the following issues of the HAS Newsletter & HAS Journal: 1, 3, 5-15, 17-27, 30, 31, 33-48, 50, 55, 57-61, 64, 68, 69 and 78.
Those members who might have copies of these issues and would care to donate them to the Library it would be much appreciated.
(Note: The Journal changed its name from Newsletter to Journal with issue #78.)

NOTES FROM ALL OVER
Excerpts from an item in ARCHAEOLOGY IRELAND - Illustrating the link between politics and archaeological legislation is news of a potential threat to the system of federal historic preservation laws and regulations under which archaeological resources in the USA are protected and managed. A significant segment of the new Republican-dominated Congress appears to wish to dilute the system and to break the traditional bipartisan support for federal protection of archaeological sites. Given the long history of government concern in the States with the protection of archaeological sites, it is to be hoped that the country that gave us the term 'cultural resource management' does not end up changing the legislative system so that its archaeological resource will be less well protected than at present.
DECEMBER MEETING

December 8, 1995
7:30 PM
M. D. Anderson Hall
University of St. Thomas

Speaker: Elisa Phelps
Houston Museum of Natural Science

Topic: Pottery Making at Zuni
Pueblo: Continuity of Tradition

LABORATORY SCHEDULE

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

I found this little Scallorn arrowhead in October while visiting my father's ranch in south Texas near the town of Big Wells in Dimmit County. It was lying on the ground near a cattle pen, not too far from a heavily used cattle trail. The soil there is rocky and there have been farming and ranching activities on this property since the early 1900's. Recent high winds and rain probably exposed the arrowhead on the surface. It is amazing that this tiny and very delicate arrowhead could remain intact for as long as it has.

While visiting the Concepcion and San Jose missions recently, I noticed there were names and dates carved into the stone of the churches' facades. At first I was quite appalled, but upon closer examination, I noticed that some of the dates were quite old. The earliest date I found was 1844; also 1850 and many 1876 and 1877. There are probably older dates than these, but my 5 year old son was with me so I could not spend a lot of time in any one area. It is funny how graffiti can become historically significant.

Mission San Jose has a wonderful bookstore in one of the old Indian apartments. It is full of books on Texas history and anthropology. It is located a few miles from downtown San Antonio off I-10 on the "Mission Trail" Road.

---Tommy Nuckols

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NOTES FROM ALL OVER - America’s Stonehenge
In North Salem, New Hampshire, along a tributary of the Merrimac River, stands an intriguing but controversial ancient complex. Known locally as Mystery Hill it has more recently been dubbed "America’s Stonehenge". Spread over some twenty acres are cobbled chambers, dolmens, standing stones and other megaliths. Early settlers assumed the site to be of Native American origin but some researchers and archaeologists have determined that people of a very different culture (European/Celtic) built the complex. Radio-carbon testing of charcoal pits on the site provided dates from 173 BC and 2000 BC. In the 1920’s tons of stones had been hauled away by horse and wagon to build sewers and curbstones in Lawrence, Massachusetts. Yet some chambers and dolmens remained intact. The area is now privately owned and available for archaeological research and visitation.

Of particular interest are the Oracle Chamber and Sacrificial Table. A "speaking tube" connects the underground chamber to the 4 1/2 ton slab so that a voice from the chamber imparts sound to the table (or victim - human or otherwise). Most striking of all, however, are the aspects of astronomy related to the standing stones. The entire site has been described as a Bronze Age Calendar. The stones align with sunsets and sunrises on specific days of the year, notably Spring Equinox, Summer Solstice, Fall Equinox and Winter Solstice. Alignments have also been noted for Cross-quarter Days: May 1, August 1, and October 31 which correspond to ceremonial days in ancient Celtic/European pagan worship. The area was probably not lived in but used as a ceremonial compound.

Coincidental side note: the person who bought this property in order to preserve it is named Robert E. Stone.

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