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MEETING NOTICE

Monday, March 5, 7:30 p.m.

Regular March Board meeting at Dr. Jackson's office, 190 S.E. 12 Terr. Please bring a covered dish and join in great discussion.

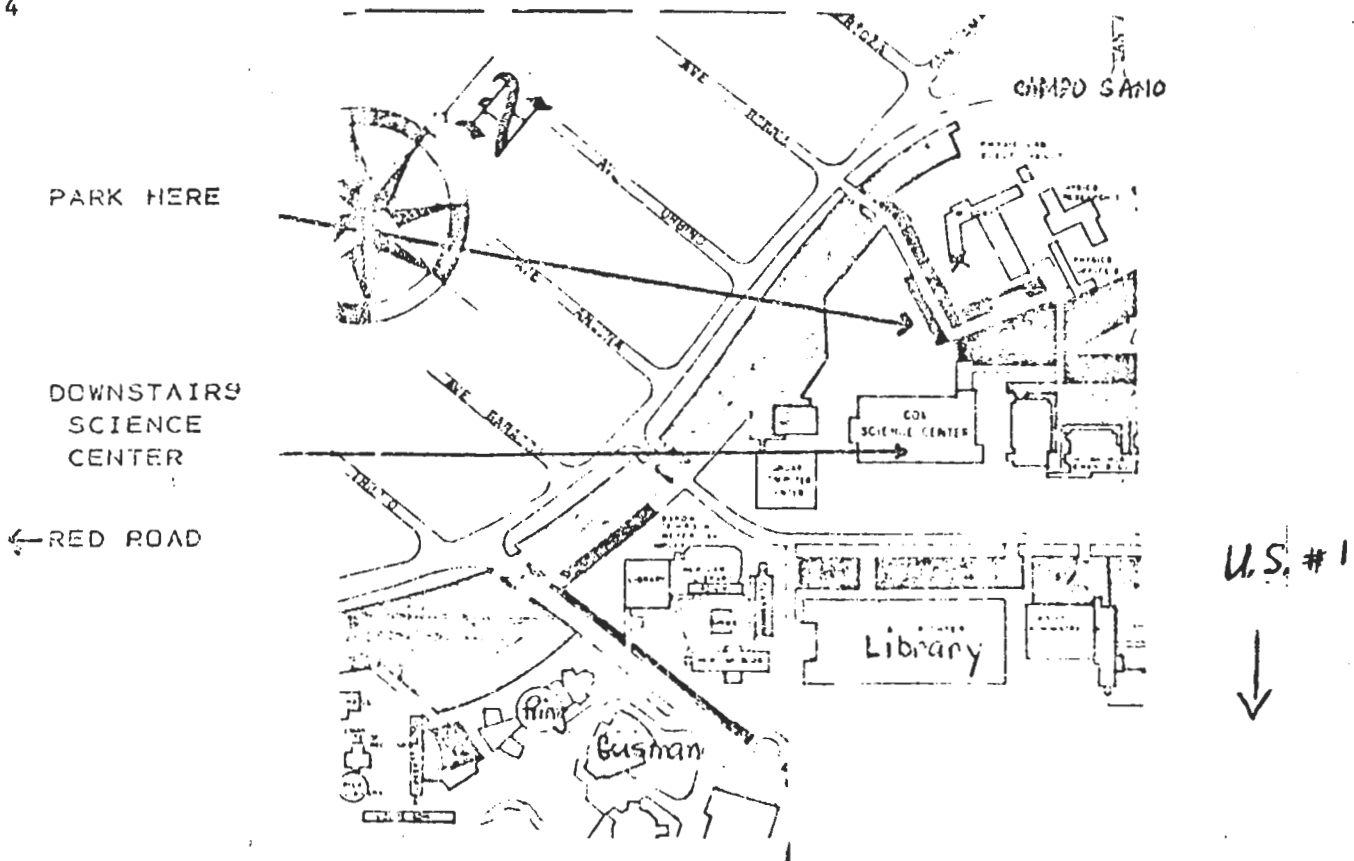
MEETING NOTICE

Friday, March 16, 8:00 p.m.

The Regular March Membership meeting will be held at the University of Miami in the Cox Science Center, room 42, located in the basement. See the map below for the campus location and parking.

Dr. John Gifford, assistant professor of anthropology, at the University of Miami will be our guest speaker. Dr. Gifford's research specialty is Geoarchaeology and Underwater archaeology. He will talk to us about the University of Miami "Little Salt Springs Underwater Project". There will be a slide presentation. Dr. Gifford will review the Little Salt Springs site and discuss how it relates to the Paleo Indians, as well as discuss his new research project.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Well the carbon dating has been completed on the two shell celts from the burial below the concretion on Da 141. One date is 3190±B.P. and the other date is 3850±120B.P. (B.P. means Before Present, meaning before 1950). The average age is 3554 years, or around 1566 B.C. This result indicates that during the late archaic period people were living on the tree islands in the Everglades.

Our excavation and dating of Da 141 represents a substantial contribution to the documentation of the pre-historic period in Dade County. Thank you to all who are putting time, energy and money into our current research excavations.

We are a fast growing organization and it is exciting to see so many active new members. We need all of us to keep our work up to date. Please ask questions and keep in touch.

Jeanie

FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING REPORT

Wilma Sakal has this report on the February Board meeting:

Maggie Wood, a member of the Dade Heritage Trust, attended her first Board meeting as the official representative of that organization.

The treasurer's report reflected a low return of paying members for the new year, but a significant gain in new members.

Bob Carr reported that the research goals for the Coleman site have been completed, carbon dating has begun and a new schedule for the Cheatam site is being planned.

Dennis Wiedman reported for the Nominating Committee. Tom Lux resigned as Treasurer, Wilma Sakal as Secretary and Diane Thilmont as Trustee. In April we will elect four officers and 1 Trustee. The April meeting is the Annual Meeting for election of new officers; ballots will be mailed prior to this meeting.

Trips to Estero Bay, Lignumvita, Indian Key and Blowing Rocks were discussed as activities for this Spring. The consensus was that we will need to find other means of raising money for the carbon dating process since we will not be reimbursed directly.

A suggestion was made that we offer honorary memberships to those who speak at our monthly meetings. It was decided that steps must be taken to protect our equipment at digging sites.

Site Watch of Tallahassee is eager to have us register our sites and they are willing to speak to our group. Fortunately, our sites are registered through member Bob Carr, who is the Dade County Archaeologist. Most societies do not have this advantage.

FIELD NOTES

Excavation is complete on Da 141 for the present. If we can raise more money, we will do more carbon dating. The human burial remains are in Tampa for examination by a physical anthropologist. All the artifacts have been sorted and cataloged and photographed. Wes Coleman, Bob Carr and Jeanie McGuire have begun writing the field report for publication.

Bob Carr and Wes Coleman are working with the bulldozer crews to clear Da 1058 (also known as the Cheatam site) west of Da 141. Work has begun, (but the site is large) and Will take several days to clear the area. Following the bulldozers, Ted Riggs, our survey expert, will lay out the grid lines. Then we can begin excavation.

Keep in touch with Jeanie (662-1950) for current up-dates on "dig" days. She will have a message on her answering machine by Thursday of each week.

EXCAVATION DATES

Saturday, March 3, 9:00 a.m., Sunday, March 11, 12:30 p.m., Saturday, March 17, 9:00 a.m., Sunday, March 25, 12:30 p.m., Saturday, April 7, 9:00 a.m., Sunday, April 15, 12:30 p.m. and Saturday, April 21, 9:00 a.m.

CALL FOR PAPERS

The board has decided to establish a depository and duplicating service for papers on South Florida Archaeology which are unpublished or unavailable elsewhere. These papers can be Field Notes, treatises, etc. No standards are required other than paper size (8½ X 11). If the field notes are old and handwritten with no verification source they will be accepted in any form that can be photocopied. The purpose of this project is to preserve and disseminate any work which has been done in South Florida. Our hope is to provide assistance and clues for other researchers now and in the future.

A FINE PROGRAM IN FEBRUARY

A thank you to Bob Taylor, our guest speaker for the February meeting. We appreciated his taking time to come in out of the field to update us on the U.S. Park Service. Also, thanks to Ron Phenix for hosting our meeting at Arch Creek Memorial Park; it was a lovely moonlight evening in the hammock.

SPECIAL THANKS FOR A DAY AT THE RACES

Thanks to Dade Heritage Trust for the invitation to join them in the sale of tickets for Preservation Day at Hialeah Race Track on Saturday, February 18. Our society made a profit of \$115.00 in donations and ticket sales. We are grateful for contributions from: Ann Ingerling, Seth Lefkow, Jeanie McGuire, Daryl Nagel, Wes Ries and Diane Thilmont. It was a great day at the races—lovely weather, a fine lunch with preservation oriented people and all the highs and lows of horse racing.

A.S.S.F. EXPLORES FLORIDA!

"SEE IT THEN" with members and friends

Sunday, March 18-Canoe Trip-Estero Bay-Mount Key with John Beriault leading.

Moderate canoe trip, seven miles round trip. We will meet at a point four to six miles north of Naples at 8:30 a.m., with a planned return at 3:00 p.m. You may arrange accomodations in Naples if you wish to stay over the 17th or 18th, or reserve camping space at the Koreshan State Park. Rental canoes are available. Call Darly Nagel, Hialeah, evenings, 821-3761 for specific requirements, directions or for sign up. She has more detailed information if you want it. If you have any questions or you need to make changes give her a call.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL FORM

Mail check or money order to: The Archaeological Society of
Southern Florida
3280 South Miami Avenue
Miami, Florida 33129

Please check:

Renewal _____ New Member _____
\$12.00: Individual _____ \$15.00: Family _____

Due: January 1, 1984

Name:

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Telephone:

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

We extend a warm welcome to new members with the hope they will join us in our numerous activities. Ronald S. Phenix, Benny Meyers, Colleen and Michael Hettich.

ELECTION ALERT

Former member, JOAN HAAS, is running for an office on the FAS Board. Those of you who are also members of FAS are urged to take special note of this election.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- March 5: Regular board meeting, 7:30 p.m., Dr. Jackson's office, 190 S.E. 12 Terr., Miami.
March 16: Friday, 8:00 p.m. Regular February meeting, University of Miami, Cox Science Center, room 42, South Dixie Hwy, Coral Gables, Florida.
March 18: Estero Bay Canoe trip
May 25-June 3: Southwest Archaeological Society trip to the Yucatan.

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