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President: **Jeanie McGuire**

Editor: **Beth Read**

BOARD MEETING

Monday, July 9, 7:30 p.m.

The Board of Directors will meet at Dr. Jackson's office, 190 S.E. 12 Terr., Miami. This is an open meeting. Beth Read will be the hostess.

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, July 19, 7:00 p.m.

We will meet at the new Historical Museum at 101 West Flagler Street, Miami in the classroom on the lower level.

Mr. Paul Thompson, Executive Director of Dade Heritage Trust will be our guest speaker. Paul will talk with us about the current projects of the DHT and how we can help each other in our efforts to preserve historic and prehistoric sites in Dade County.

Come and bring a friend.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

We welcome Diane Thilmont as our new Hospitality Chairperson and Seth Lefkow as Chairperson of the fund raising committee. Openings are still available for publicity and FAS chapter representative.

A special thanks to Judi Trimble, Seth Lefkow, Dennis Weidman and Wes Ries for their help in making our June meeting at the Hilton so successful. We all enjoyed our guest speaker Bill Wescott. The term "Coral Rock" is now forever banished from the vocabulary of this society. The Airport Hilton is a beautiful hotel and we are very grateful to Bill and Peter Kretschman, the Resident General Manager, for making the facilities available to us at no charge.

Please keep active and join in meeting people, learning new information and participating in scientific research. You shall reap great rewards.

Jeanie

FIELD NOTES: JEANIE MCGUIRE

An enormous front-end loader did some clearing on the Northwest side of Dal058. Bob Carr and Wes Coleman have been working with the operator of this large piece of machinery. In an attempt to clear away the non-native vegetation and find the true edge of the tree island the front-end loader has removed a large amount of fill.

In some areas under the fill we have found some areas of clay. We will focus the next portion of our excavation in this clay area. New strategies will need to be developed to work in this moist earth.

Come join us. For more details call Wes Coleman, 226-6788.

EXCAVATION DATES

Saturday, July 7, 9:00 a.m., Sunday, July 15, 12:30 p.m., Saturday, July 21, 9:00 a.m., Sunday, July 29, 12:30 p.m., Saturday, August 4, 9:00 a.m., Sunday, August 12, 12:30 p.m. and Saturday, August 18, 9:00 a.m.

FIELD NOTES: Bob Carr

Eleven test pits have now been excavated on the Cheetum site (Dal058). It's anticipated that an additional ten pits will be dug by the end of September. These excavations have uncovered a variety of pottery, bone and tools. Evidence of a tradition of crafting projectile points from local limestone & scattered human bones have also been found. Three contiguous pits reveal a pattern of post holes which may represent the remains of a Tequesta house. Further excavations hopefully will indicate the exact floor plan of this structure.

SALVAGE EXCAVATIONS CONDUCTED AT
NORTH DADE SITE

Society members working with the Dade County Historic Preservation Division participated in a one day salvage excavation at a site near N.W. 200 Street on May 23rd. Recent construction work there had uncovered part of a human burial. The salvage work was oriented toward determining whether any of the burial still remained in-situ. Although no further burial component was found, a significant black dirt midden was discovered that yielded evidence of occupation from early Glades I through the late Glades II periods.

AT THE SITE

We might be starting a new tradition at the site beginning with Wes Coleman's off-the-cuff remark that we should picnic at the dig "someday". That "someday" was Sunday, June 3. Most everyone brought "fixins" and there was enough for those who forgot or were not clued-in. We B-B-Q'd Tequesta-burgers and Mesozoic hot dogs. We had Kosher pickles, corn bread, and watermelon for the ethnics among us and after the digging was done we sat under the trees as the day waned and discussed archaeology, talked about our progress at the site, shared experiences, and pigged-out while we unwound in the nicest way possible.

We will no doubt be doing this again at intervals. Those members and friends who aren't able to dig with us, please join us for the next B-B-Q. See the site, learn about archaeology, and enjoy the good company.

Seth

NEW CLASS: American Indians

Member Dennis Wiedman will be teaching "American Indian Ethnology" this coming fall at the Bay Vista North Miami Campus of F.I.U. The class will meet Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7:40 to 8:55 p.m. The semester begins in late August and the class may be taken for academic credit (3 hours) or it may be audited. For more information call: F.I.U. School of Arts and Sciences 940-5863. The North Miami Campus is located on Biscayne Bay, east of N.E. 151 Street and Biscayne Boulevard, on the old Interama Tract and near the Oleta River sites.

THANK YOU, FLORIDA ROCK INDUSTRIES

Florida Rock Industries have been very cooperative in helping us clear land and put trenches in concretion on Dal41 and Dal058. Without the aid of large pieces of machinery we would not have been able to keep on our excavation schedule or make some of the discoveries that have been revealed to date. We thank the owners for providing us with good operators and proper equipment at no cost to our society.

VIKINGS IN AMERICA 1000 AD/LIFE IN SOUTH FLORIDA 1000 AD

Visit this excellent exhibit June 9 to July 15 at the new Historical Museum at the Cultural Center. You will learn about the Vikings as they landed in North America and the Tequesta Indians of Dade County and their trade items.

You are encouraged to help with the "hands on" part of the exhibit. There is a simulated pit and a screen from our site and real Dade County artifacts to find in the screen.

Be brave and volunteer to be a guide and spend a few hours by the pit helping people look for artifacts. Those of us who have volunteered some time have had fun and found it to be very easy! No training is necessary. Call Jo Southard, 375-1600 or Jeanie, 662-1950 for more information.

ARCH CREEK RESTORATION

Help us do some restoration work on the mill race at Arch Creek Park on Saturday, July 14, from 3-6 p.m. For more information please call Bob Carr, 446-8862 or 545-4230.

TRAVEL PLANS

Travel Director, Daryl Nagel has been working with Charlie Strater, President of the Southwest Archaeological Society to coordinate some joint field trips with the Southwest group. The first excursion is a planned trip to Gainesville in September to visit the State Museum and laboratory. More details will be forthcoming in the next newsletter. Other suggested destinations are Lignum Vitae Key, Blowing Rocks in Jupiter, the Copeland site and the Broward County Museum. Other suggestions are invited. If you have a special spot you are anxious to see, let Daryl know and we will try to schedule it.

HELP! SALVAGE EXCAVATION SCHEDULED

The Southwest Archaeological Society needs help with the salvage excavation of a sand mound. The mound is believed to be the site of a charnel house (a place for bodies or bones of the dead) or a Late Glades burial. The salvage excavation is tentatively scheduled for the weekend of July 21-22 and July 28-29. For more information contact Jeanie at 662-1950 or John Beriault at (813) 261-0295.

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:

Address:

Telephone:

ATTENTION:
ALL YE ARTISTS AND DESIGNERS:
LAST MONTH FOR THE LOGO CONTEST!

We need a logo or special design for our letterhead, newsletter and membership cards. The design winner will be presented with a one year free membership in ASSF for 1985 and proper adulation.

All entries must be submitted by August 1, 1984. Entries may be mailed to the Historical Museum of Southern Florida, 101 W. Flagler Street, Miami, FL 33130, Attention ASSF or may be submitted to a member of the board. After an initial screening by the Board, the general membership will vote on a final design at the September meeting.

CALL FOR PAPERS

At the May Board meeting the board of directors voted to invite the membership to participate in writing papers to be presented twice a year at general meetings. The first two papers will be presented at the September meeting. Papers are requested for, but are not restricted to, local sites, and can be on large or small projects. If you are working on or have worked on Dal41 or Dal058 and have experiences in one small area or have concentrated on one aspect of these projects, this experience could be the basis for a paper. If you have old field notes on other sites that have never been written up, these also could be the basis for a paper. Don't hesitate to share your knowledge and observations. If you have questions or would like some help or suggestions contact any member of the board.

BOARD MEETING REPORT

Treasurer Wes Reis reported expenditures this year to April 30, 1984 of \$1,297.05 and a bank balance of \$867.54. Newsletter editor Beth Read requested and received board permission to occassionally expand the newsletter to six pages. She also requested that information be forwarded by the 15th of the month and earlier if possible. Seth Lefkow our new fund raising chairman would appreciate assistance and suggestions. President Jeanie McGuire noted we need a Publicity Chairman, Harvest Chairman, and a Representative to the FAS meetings. Rotating the FAS Representative slot was discussed as well as a possible subsidy for these trips. Sue Goldman's offer to store the material from Dal41 and Dal058 indefinitely was accepted (gratefully). It was decided that summer meetings were essential because of the continuing excavation work. The next meeting of the Board will be July 9, 1984 at which time the Board will vote on the Code of Ethics.

Joan Fonte, Secretary

ANCIENT WRECK IS IDENTIFIED AS 2,000-YEAR OLD ROMAN CARGO SHIP,
The Miami Herald, Thursday, June 23, 1983

Tel Aviv, Isreal - (UPI) - "Archeologists exploring the first wreck of an ancient ship found off the Israeli coast have identified it as a 2,000 year old Roman cargo vessel that took southern Arabian spices and Dead Sea salt to Rome.

The 115-foot wooden hull of the ship, its bow and stern missing, is located in shifting sands under 6.6 feet of water near the ancient Herodian harbor at Caesaria, 30 miles north of Tel Aviv.

Avner Raban, heard of the excavation project, told reporters the cargo and all removable articles appear to have been removed after the ship sank.

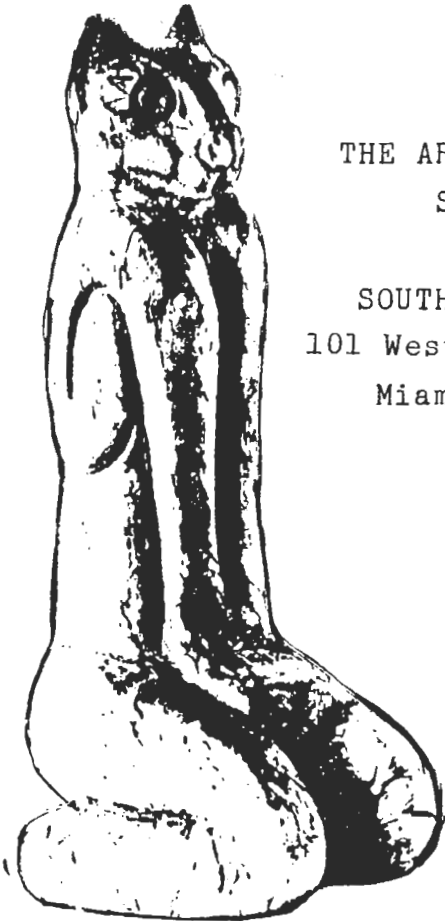
No artifacts were found in the hull, but shards and four copper scales were found near the wreckage, indicating the ship probably was fitted with sphere-shaped clay containers."

Dates to Remember

- June - July 15: Viking Exhibit, Historical Museum at the Cultural Center
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12 Terr., Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, July 14: Arch Creek restoration project, 3-6 p.m.
Thursday, July 19: Regular Meeting, Historical Museum, 101 W. Flagler Street,
Miami, 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, July 19: Microbeam Society Annual Meeting to include one-day session
on Archeological Applications, Lehigh U, Bethlehem, PA.
July 21-22: Southwest Archaeological Society Salvage Dig
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Wednesday, August 1: Deadline for logo contest.
August 17-19: First International Conference and Workshop on Human vs
Natural Bone Modification, Sponsored by the Ctr. for the
Study of Early Man, U of Maine-Orono.
October 19-21: Council for Northeast Historical Archaeology, Annual
Meeting, SUNY-Binghamton, NY.
November 2-4: Eastern States Archeological Federation, 51st. Annual
Mtg, Holiday Inn, Annapolis, MD.
November 8-10: Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Annual Meeting,
Pensacola Hilton Hotel, Pensacola, FL.
November 15-18: American Anthropological Association 83rd. Annual Meeting,
Denver Hilton and Holiday Inn Denver Downtown.

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