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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

June's Board of Directors meeting will be held on Thursday, June 16 at 6:00 p.m. at Beth Read's office, 1489 South Miami Avenue. All interested members are welcome to attend.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

An instructional session in archaeological excavation will be given at June's meeting in preparation for Sunday's "Field School" (see below). Robert S. Carr, Dade County Archaeologist, will explain the numerous aspects of excavation including surveying, establishing a site grid, mapping, written documentation and proper troweling techniques. This is a perfect opportunity for all members to become familiar with archaeological tools and methods.

The meeting will be on THURSDAY, JUNE 16 at 8:00 p.m. at airconditioned SIMPSON PARK, 55 S.W. 17th Road, Miami (off South Miami Avenue). Call 856-6801 for directions.

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN THE A.S.S.F. MEETING DAY TO THE THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH.

SCHOOL'S IN

The waiting is over. It's time to get down and dirty.

This month the Society will inaugurate a series of "field schools" to teach those who don't know, and to refine the skills of those who do.

Each month, with a different instructor, the field school will take the group, step-by-step, through a dig. The sessions will include lectures, demonstrations, and hands-on portions. This will be a good way to increase our competency when a serious site opportunity presents itself. On the "fun" side, we will be digging in the artifact-laden half-acre behind Wes Coleman's home in Sweetwater. Wes's huge backyard has been the repository of many dozens of truck loads of material from various sites.

The first session will be held on SUNDAY, JUNE 19 at 10:00 a.m. Wes lives at 10 NW 124th Avenue. Please call Wes at 226-6788 if you are interested in attending. Bring your lunch and your Dad!

List of suggested materials: 4" trowel, 3" or 4" paint brush, dust pan, bucket, knee pads (optional). Most of the equipment will be available for purchase at the site, profits to go to the Society.

Seth Lefkow

In 1826 a delegation of Florida Indians visited Washington to present their views to the Government. The delegation included Tuckasee Mathla (John Hicks), Micanopy, Holata Mico, Tulcee Mathla, Fokee Lustee Hadjo, Neamathla and Itcho Tustenuggee. The following is excerpted from "Talk of the Florida Delegation of Indians delivered by Tuckasee Mathla the head Chief in reply to one from the Honorable James Barbour, Secretary of War", as recorded by the Seminole Indian Agent Gad Humphreys.

"Brother - You tell us that our Great Father wishes to place a school in our Nation to teach our children to read and write. We do not wish one at all. We do not believe the Great Spirit intended we should know how to read and write, for if he had intended this, he would have given us the knowledge as early as he gave it to the white people. Now it is too late. The white people have gained an advantage we can never recover and it is better for us to remain as we are, red men and live in our own way. Brother - among our people it is thought that at the time when there were but two kinds of people, the red and the white, on the earth, a book was placed by the Great Spirit in the hands of an old man, blind and with a long beard, who told the red and the white man that he who killed the first deer should receive the book as his reward and be learnt to read it. Both went out to hunt different ways. The white man after going a little way, found a sheep which being not so wild as the deer he easily killed.

"He took this sheep to the blind man and told him it was a deer. The old man believed him and gave him the book and learnt him how to read it. The red man soon after brought in a deer, but he was too late. The white man had got the book. If the cheat had not been practiced, the red man would have been now as the white man is and he as the red man.

"Brother - If the Great Spirit had intended that the red men should know how to read, he would not have allowed the white man to take this advantage of us."

Submitted by W.S. Steele

#### FLORIDA ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING

The 40th Annual F.A.S. meeting in Orlando on May 7 & 8 hosted over 30 papers on archaeology, anthropology and related topics.

Amy Felmley, A.S.S.F. past speaker, presented a paper on the Dolphin Stadium Project. This multi-component site - Archaic, Tequesta and Seminole - was explored by several A.S.S.F. members in February. A paper by Marilyn Masson and Debra Goldman on the Taylor's Head Site, now Peace Mound Park in Weston, Broward County, was presented by Marilyn Masson, also an A.S.S.F. member and past speaker.

Other topics included Warm Mineral Springs and underwater archaeology, preservation ordinances and Galt Island. Emily Dieterich, Ron Phenix, Jim and Alec Masson, Christine Newman, Debra Goldman and Bill Johnson enjoyed the papers.