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Thursday

April 16, 2009

8:00 PM

Room 153, Heroy
Building, SMU

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Guest Speaker: Charles E. Finsley

Abstract:

For sometime Charles Finsley has wanted to share with the DAS his collection of slides from the 1970s of J.D. Sollberger. J. D. Sollberger was a respected flintknapper from the Dallas area and contributed to the understanding and methods of flintknapping artifacts. Mr. Finsley would like to share these slide and information because many DAS members knew and respected Mr. Sollberger. He would also like hear the opinions and comments of DAS members about the content of the slides. Mr. Finsley will also share some of his experiences in archaeology and at the Dallas Museum of Natural History.

Bio:

Charles Finsley received his B.A. from Wittenberg University. While taking an honors course, he tackled the Hopewell Mound Builders origins. He spent a summer at Dickson Mounds in Illinois supervising excavation of a Hopewell village site. In 1961 he accepted a position at the Dallas Museum of Natural History. He later learned that at his interview he was talking to the son-in-law of J. D. Figgins an excavator of Clovis points.

Mr. Finsley left the museum thirty-four years later having worked with lots more fossils than artifacts. Some of his work at the museum includes the big Mammoth, the 31 foot Mosasaur skeleton, a Giant Cretaceous Sea Turtle and numerous Giant Fish fossils. He also added to the mineral and invertebrate fossil collection. Finsley says he is a mixture of rocks, minerals, fossils and artifacts and even plants—in other words a mutt. During his career archaeology was always a lesser thing, but he does have his own site.

Mr. Finsley's numerous publications include *A Field Guide to the Fossils of Texas*, *Discovering Texas Dinosaurs* and one based on his great grandfather's Civil War letters. He will bring some of these with him on April 16th. Charles promises us an interesting talk and hopes to see some old friends.



**Please join us and
bring a friend!**

Please join us for dinner at Peggy Sue's Barbecue at 6:30 pm before each regular monthly meeting. Everyone is welcome.



What's Happening

Current Archaeological Prospection Advances for Non-Destructive Investigations in the 21st Century

May 18–22, 2009

National Park Service's National Center for Preservation
Technology and Training
Natchitoches, LA

Field exercises will take place at the Los Adaes State Historic Site (a Spanish presidio and capital of the Spanish province of Texas between 1719 and 1772.

The workshop will present lectures on the theory of operation, methodology, processing and interpretation with hands-on use of the equipment in the field.

There is a registration charge of \$475.00.

Application forms are available on the Midwest Archeological Center's web page at
<http://www.nps.gov/history/mwac>

For further information contact:

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TAS Field School

June 13–June 20, 2009

Near Perryton

PI—Scott Brosowske

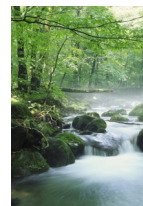
Camp Boss—Dempsey Malaney

Campground at Wolf Creek Park and Lake Fryer in Cochitree Co. 15 miles from Perryton

Catered dinners on: Sat., June 13 and Fri., June 19

More information and registration forms can be found at:

www.txarch.org



Native American Quote

*"We should be
as water, which
is lower than all
things yet
stronger even
than the rocks."*

(Oglala Sioux)

The 2009 Texas History Symposium Enduring Frontiers: Indians in Texas

Saturday, April 18, 2009
Registration is required
University of North Texas
Wooten Hall Rm 122



Schedule:

9:00—10:00 am	Registration and Continental Breakfast	WH Lobby
10:00—11:30 am	Address by David L. La Vere	WH 122
11:30 - 1:00 pm	Catered Barbecue Lunch	WH Lobby
1:00—2:30 pm	Address by Rodney Stapp	WH 122

Registration: Individual registration is required of all participants (luncheon is included).

\$25.00 Early (until April 13, 2009)

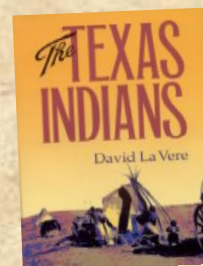
\$35.00 Late (after April 13, 2009)

There will be no day-of registration

For information contact the Department of History at:
940-565-2288 or e-mail history@unt.edu

Gone to Texas...and Then Just Gone: The 'Immigrant' Indians of Texas

Dr. La Vere—Dr. La Vere is a professor at UNC-Wilmington who received his Ph.D. in 1993 from Texas A&M University, where he studied with Gary Clayton Anderson. His research specialty is Southern Plains and Southeastern Indians. He has published four books, including *The Caddo Chiefdoms: Caddo Economics and Politics, 800 AD - 1835* (1998, University of Nebraska Press) and *Life Among the Texas Indians: The WPA Narratives* (1998, Texas A&M University Press). His third book, *Contrary Neighbors: Southern Plains and Removed Indians in Indian Territory* (2000, University of Oklahoma Press), examines the interactions between the Southeastern Indians who were removed to Indian Territory over the Trail of Tears with the Southern Plains Indians already living there. It won the 2001 Oklahoma Book Award for Best Nonfiction. His fourth book is *The Texas Indians*, an overview of the Indian of Texas from 12,000 years ago to the present, and was published in 2004 by the Texas A&M University Press.



Urban Indians in Texas

Dr. Rodney Stapp is an enrolled member of the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma and serves as the Chief Executive Officer of the Urban Inter-Tribal Center of Texas, a non-profit corporation serving the health and socio-economic needs of Native Americans. He attended Georgia State University in Atlanta, Georgia and medical school at New York College of Podiatric Medicine, graduating in 1997 with his degree as Doctor of Podiatric Medicine. For the next ten years he has worked at the Urban Inter-Tribal Center of Texas starting as a volunteer doctor, then Clinic Director, Executive Director and for the last six years as Chief Executive Officer. He also serves as Co-Chair of the Texas American Indian Information Resource Network, a collaboration of the three federally-recognized Texas tribes and numerous Indian organizations across the state charged by the Governor's Task Force on Health Disparities "to address and overcome health disparities suffered by American Indians in the State of Texas."





IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE DAS BOARD

A special meeting of the DAS Board was called to order at 7:30 PM on April 2, 2009 at the headquarters of Geo-Marine, Inc., located at 2201 K Avenue, Suite A2, Plano, Texas 75074.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the present status of the Dallas Archeological Society. DAS membership currently stands at 21 Life members and 12 paid members. Although a valiant effort has been made to keep the society going over the past few years, the lack of new members, low membership attendance at monthly meetings, difficulty in finding fieldwork near the Dallas area, difficulty in finding monthly speakers, and lack of members willing to serve on the Board have all contributed to the view that the organization is no longer viable. This decision was not reached lightly, but all present agreed that the DAS will be dissolved immediately after the May 2009 general meeting.

Gwen Durrant reported that the DAS checking account currently has \$1,715.93. In accordance with the DAS By-laws, these funds will be contributed to the Texas Archeological Society's Donors' Fund upon dissolution. The DAS currently has no other assets.

All were in agreement that *The Record*, as the semi-annual publication of the DAS, should cease to exist along with the DAS.

The April and May general meetings will be held as scheduled. Gwen Durrant will bring the remaining DAS t-shirts, caps and badges to the April and May meetings.

Those of us on the Board plan to continue to be active in various local (i.e., Tarrant County Archeological Society, Dallas Paleontological Society) and state (Texas Archeological Society) organizations. We encourage all of our members to stay active, also.

The following board members were present:

- Jim Blanton (President)
- Duane Peter (Vice President)
- Bonnie Peter (Newsletter Editor)
- Gwen Durrant (Secretary/Treasurer)
- Andie Comini (Program Director)
- Jesse Clark (Member-at-Large)

Experiences, Memories or Thoughts



The May issue of the “in SITU” will be the last publication of the DAS. I am sure that many of you have had some wonderful experiences through the years as a member of the DAS. In the last publication I would like to include some of these experiences, memories or thoughts. For example, you could tell about a DAS dig that you attended, a speaker that you found interesting or memories of fellow DAS members and friends. You do not have to write a whole paper (but you can if you want to), one or two short paragraphs will do or you can just jot down a thought or two.

If you would like to contribute to this endeavor please submit your information by May 1, 2009. Send your information to Bonnie Peter:

E-mail to dasinsitu@verizon.net

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ARCHEOLOGY IN THE NEWS

Ancient City Unearthed in Peru

The ruins of an entire city have been discovered at the Cerro Patapo archaeological site in northern Peru. Researchers say if their initial assumptions prove to be correct, this discovery may provide the “missing link” between two ancient cultures the Wari culture and the Moche culture. The Wari culture dates between 600 AD and 1100 AD and existed in what is now Peru. The Moche culture flourished between 100 AD and 600 AD.

Archaeologists say the buried city includes ceramics, bits of clothing and the well-preserved remains of a young woman. The site, which stretches over 5 km, also shows evidence of human sacrifice, with special areas for this purpose and heaps of bones at the bottom of a nearby cliff.

Chief archaeologist, Cesar Soriano, explains that the site provides the “missing link” because it explains how the Wari people allowed for the continuation of culture after the Moche. The discovery of this site provides the first evidence of Wari culture. The capital of the Wari people was near what is modern-day Ayacucho in the Andes. The Wari traveled widely and are known for their extensive network of roads.

Earlier in 2008, archaeologists discovered a mummy that is thought to be a Wari at the Huaca Pucllana ruins in Lima.

Information from the ABC News, Dec.17, 2008

Family Ties

Together forever. DNA results prove that four bodies buried 4,600 years ago, some 120 miles southwest of Berlin, were mother, father, and two sons—the oldest confirmed nuclear family. Thought to be from the Corded Ware Culture, the family was found near other group graves. While their arrangement—limbs linked or touching, with the children facing the parents—suggests care was taken in their burial, the manner of death was another story. Skull damage, and broken fingers and wrists—defensive injuries—mean they met a violent end. The burial suggests that other people from their community, not present at the time of some attack, returned and interred the family together.

—Samir S. Patel



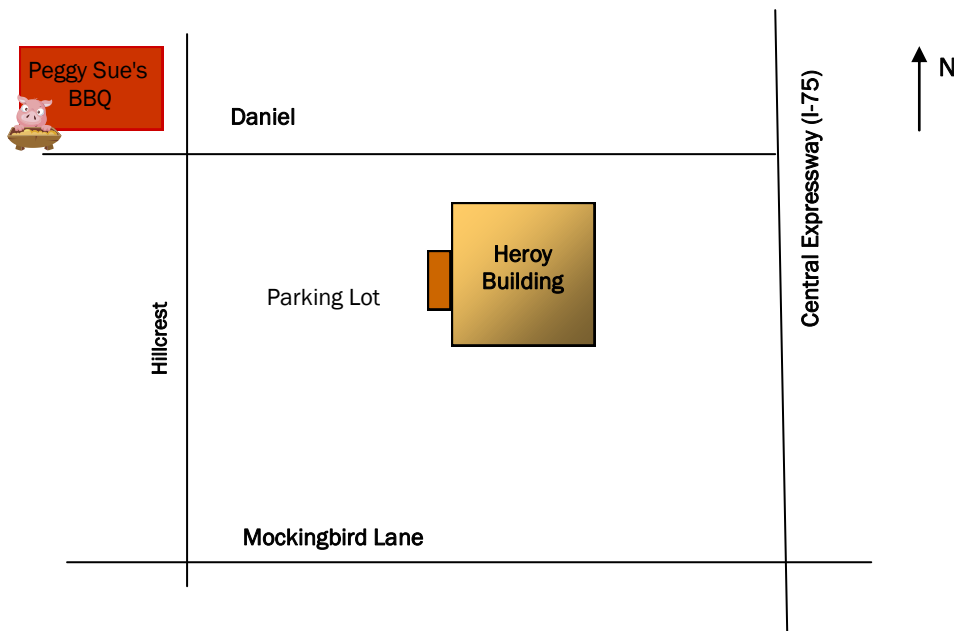
Courtesy Landesamt für Denkmalpflege und Archäologie Sachsen-Anhalt (State Office for Heritage Management and Archaeology Saxony-Anhalt), photo by Juraj Lipták



***“The ones
that matter
most are the
children.
They are the
true human
beings.”
(Lakota)***

Directions to Meeting Place

The monthly meeting is in the Heroy Building at SMU. Take Central Expressway to Mockingbird and go west. Turn right on Hillcrest. Take Hillcrest to Daniel and turn east. Go about a block and turn south into the parking lot. The gate barrier will be up, allowing us in. (There's a small planetarium in the lot.) The entrance to the building faces the lot.



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Opinions expressed in newsletter articles are those of the authors and not necessarily those of the DAS. *in Situ* is published monthly, September through May. If you would like to share information about one of your projects or other interesting information, please submit a short article to Bonnie Peter at DASinsitu@verizon.net. In the subject line please note that this is an article for DAS newsletter.

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The purpose of the Dallas Archeological Society is to bring together people interested in participating in and promoting scientific exploration and research, the preservation of archeological materials and encouraging the interpretation and publication of research projects.

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☐ \$20 Individual

☐ \$25 Family

☐ \$7.50 Full-time Student

☐ \$75 Contributing

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Date



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