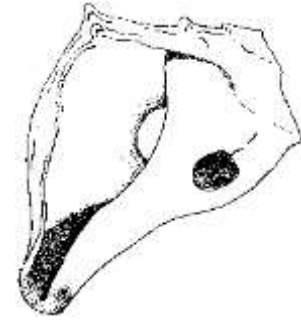


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A PLEA FOR HELP!

As hurricane season continues your editor and Craighead lab rat would like to remind you that we could use a little help in putting up the Lab shutters. Personally, I'm too old to be lugging around the shutters and though I won't say anyone else is...

We really could use a few volunteers. It probably wouldn't take more than an hour or two of your time.

Call Jack Thompson at 597-2269 or the Lab (Tues and Thurs. AM) at 774-8517.

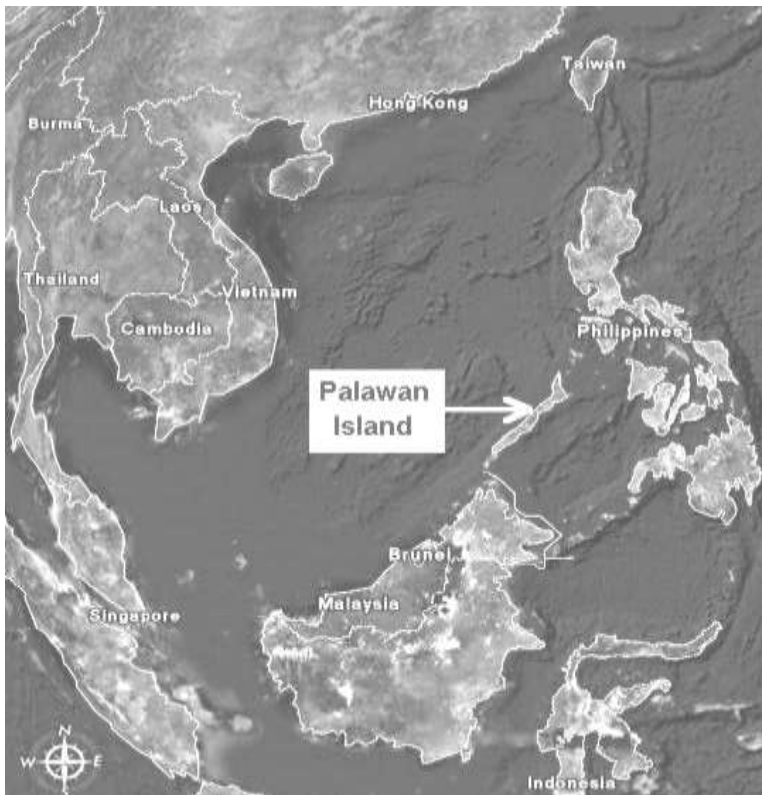
AUGUST SWFAS MEETING

The Southwest Florida Archaeological Society will meet on August 17, 2005 at 7:00 pm at the Bonita Springs Community Center. The Center is located at Old 41 and Reynolds Street. Guests are welcome.

Our speaker for August will be Rebecca L. Austin, Assistant Professor of Anthropology at Florida Gulf Coast University where she teaches general Anthropology, Cultural Ecology and interdisciplinary environmental courses.

Her topic will be *Fisherfolk, environmentalism, and community based coastal resource management on Palawan Island, Philippines.*

On Palawan Island in the Philippines, development, participation and conservation have been enveloped by the twin discourses of environmentalism and sustainable development. The island is world renowned for its high biological diversity and is known for its government and non-governmental (NGO) sponsored "green" programs that include local participation. This presentation draws on case studies of NGO efforts to implement community-based coastal resource management pro-



jects on Palawan. Destructive fishing methods such as dynamite, cyanide, and large-scale trawling have highly degraded the coral reef ecosystems of the Philippines and have severely impacted the lives of fisherfolk who depend on these areas.

Palawan island, known as the “last frontier,” of the Philippines is the least developed and has a chance to preserve its environment. Community-based programs aim to help local fisherfolk restore and preserve their coastal areas, while simultaneously increasing fish production for food. The presentation will give a brief overview of the political and environmental context of Philippine and Palawan environmentalism, show slides of local fishing technologies, discuss the role of cultural values in such programs, and address the impact of environmental programs on fishing communities.

Austin received her BA from Fort Lewis College and her MA from Northern Arizona University. She received her Ph.D. in Anthropology from the University of Georgia.

.NEW MEMBER

SWFAS welcomes new member Albert Schopher of Perkasio, PA.

ANCIENT BONE FOUND IN SEA NEAR HARTLEPOOL ENGLAND

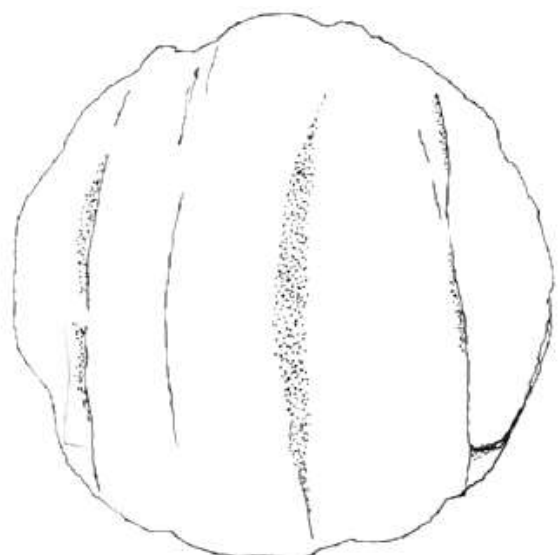
Archaeologists found a leg bone in the sea close to the town where a French ship was wrecked off Hartlepool in the Napoleonic Wars. Tests showed the bone to be from a prehistoric deer dashing hopes that the bone was that of a monkey hanged by fishermen fearing it was a spy.

The town legend says that during the Napoleonic Wars a ship was wrecked off the Hartlepool coast and the only survivor was a monkey dressed in French Naval costume.



Never having seen a monkey before and not being able to understand its odd language, the people decided that the creature was a French spy, and it was condemned to death and hanged.

Fans of the monkey legend may be disappointed, but “the bone is still a very exciting find,” said Peter Rowe.



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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO IN SWFAS

On January 26, 1980, an organizing meeting for the formation of an archeological society was held at the home of John Beriault. Nineteen people attended; among whom were Irving and Jeane Eyster who helped in the construction of a constitution. The name Glades Area Archeological Society was rejected in favor of Southwest Florida Archaeological Society to allow for greater regional impact.

The first slate of officers elected were:

President – John Beriault

First Vice President - Charles Dauray, Jr.

Treasurer – Guy Fischer

Secretary – Kelly Ure

Corresponding Secretary – Jane Rice.

During February several sites were investigated. Charles Dauray, Jr. investigated rumors of human bones and was the first on the scene at the Bay West Site. John Beriault and Mary Manion investigated the Bay West Site and met with the owner of the property in March, and salvage work began at the Bay West Site by John Beriault, Robert Carr and Robert Taylor.

In May, at the monthly meeting, George Huntoon spoke on the *Pleistocene Animals of Florida and North America*.

In June, the Society canoed down the Estero River and to Mound Key.

A preliminary survey and excavation at Archaic Dune Ridge Site 8CR 110 on Marco Island.

In September, SWFAS is incorporated as a not for profit organization. John Beriault does a follow-up survey of the Trema Site. Later that month the Society took a field trip to two Everglades Tree Island sites in Western Broward County.

A field trip to sites near the East Crossing in the Big Cypress Swamp was enjoyed in October.

Dave Addison spoke on Mangrove Ecology at the November meeting.

Topping off the year was another field trip, this time to the Florida Keys, including the Key Largo Rock Mound, Windley Key Quarry and Indian Key.

CRAIGHEAD LAB NOTES

Art, Jean, Betsy, Jack H. and Jack T. continue to work Tuesday and Thursday mornings finishing the Strader work and Olde Marco Inn boxes. We hope to be able to bring the Strader material to the lab in order to reduce 19 boxes to a few for transfer to the museum. It could be a good Saturday Party.

We also need a person competent in office management to help us clean up our filing system that has gotten out of control over a 20-year period. Call Jack Thompson at 597-2269 or Craighead Lab at 774-8517.

GEOLOGY RULES

by Jack Harvey

This Month - The Missing Tool

At Craighead Laboratory we spend much of our time classifying the artifacts recovered from various sites in our area. To make our classifications clear and simple we often record them in the lab notes using codes - two- and three-letter symbols that indicate precisely what they are and what they are made of. For example, a Lightning Whelk Columella Cutting-Edge Tool will be recorded as an LW CCE.

Our code tables have been devised over many years of use and the lab rats quickly adapt to them. The tool table currently has codes for 56 different tools we find in Southwest Florida.

And a Clovis point is not on our list.



You will recall that Clovis points are a current hot-button item in scholarly debates about when and how man first came to North America. Originally identified with the culture named for Clovis, New Mexico where it was first found, Clovis points and variations have since been found at many locations around the continent.

These points for arrows, throwing shafts and other hunting weapons are often found in connection with the remains of large animals killed by

man ten to fifteen thousand years ago. And the thing that makes the points germane to current debate is that some authorities trace their precursor origin to France, leading to the idea that man may have traveled across the North Atlantic from Europe to North America as much as fifteen thousand years in the past.

Why Clovis points are missing at Craighead Laboratory is a geological puzzle that will have to wait until next time.

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