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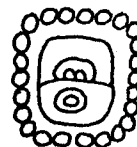
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IMS SEPTEMBER MEETINGS

The regular monthly meeting of the IMS will be held in the Museum of Science auditorium on Wednesday the 18th at 8:00 p.m. The program for the evening will be presented by Hal Ball, whose topic will be "Maya Ruins in Peten, Guatemala". This will consist of a series of color slides and commentaries on some of the lesser known Maya sites that are located within the Peten rain forest of northern Guatemala, and will include pictures of the unexcavated ruins of Dos Pilas, Aguateca, and Tamarindito...

A special meeting will be held on September the 30th at 8:00 p.m. to commemorate the publication of the first number in the new IMS series, "Contributions to Mesoamerican Anthropology". This will be in the Museum of Science auditorium and all members are invited to attend. An invitation will also be extended to representatives of the Miami news media, officers and members of the Museum board of governors and trustees, and special guests (See page 3)...

The archaeology section will have their September meeting on Tuesday the 24th in classroom "A" in the Museum building at 8:00 p.m. As announced in a previous Newsletter, the evenings program will be a continuation on the subject of "Art of the Ancient Maya:..."

The hieroglyphic section is scheduled to begin a series of regular weekly meetings on Saturday the 7th. These will begin at 2:00 p.m. in the library of the Museum of Science and will be conducted by Charles Lacombe...

A REMINDER IN REGARD TO THE NEWSLETTER:

Because of the time involved in composing, printing, addressing, and mailing the monthly IMS Newsletter, it is necessary that news items submitted for the next issue be in writing and received by the editor prior to the first day of the month. Your cooperation will be appreciated...



EXPEDICION FLORIDA-YAXHA:

The 1974 settlement survey that has been conducted in the Yaxha-Sacnab lake basin region of Peten, Guatemala has now been completed and a preliminary report submitted to the Instituto de Antropologia e Historia. During this season, work maps of the survey areas on Lake Sacnab were made and a test-pitting program completed that accounted for all the mounds and mound groups found in the vicinity. In addition to a soil and vegetation sampling, a comprehensive sherd analysis will be made, and a continuation of the project's survey will begin in January of 1975. (Don S. Rice, Pennsylvania State University.)...

NEW F.L.A.A.R. BIBLIOGRAPHY ON THE OLMEC:

The third number in the Bibliography Publication Series of the FOUNDATION FOR LATIN AMERICAN ANTHROPOLOGICAL RESEARCH, has recently been published and is entitled "The Olmec Civilization: Art and Archaeology". It was compiled in Guatemala by the Foundation's director, Nicholas M. Hellmuth, who also prepared the two previous numbers, "Maya Archaeology and Ethnography", (1), and "Natural History of the Maya", (2). If interested, write: F.L.A.A.R. A/P 1838, Guatemala City, Guatemala, C.A. (No price given)...

ON THE TRAIL OF THE FETHERED SERPENT:

A new book written by Gene Savoy, and published by the Bobbs-Merrill Company, Inc., relates the adventures of the author as he finds and sails over what he believes to be an ancient sea route that linked Incan and Aztec civilizations. The voyage was begun at Salaverry, Peru and made on a raft of reed bundles and bamboo that was constructed by using designs on pottery from the Chicama Valley as models. Interesting reading, but very little new information on South and Central American archaeology...

CENTRALIZING INFORMATION ON ARCHAEOLOGICAL RECORDS:

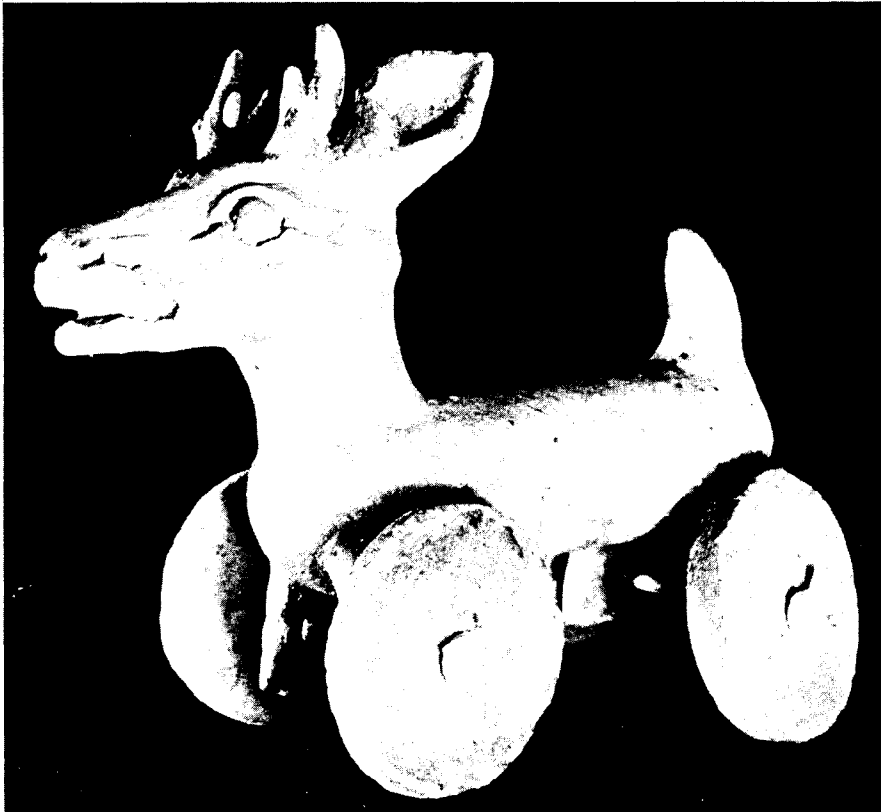
As archaeological data such as field notes, artifacts and photographs are often scattered in several locations, the Clark Field Archive and Library at The University of New Mexico believes the loss of such information could be greatly decreased by using a central location as a repository. The Clark Library, therefore, would like to use its collection of field notes, photographs, unpublished manuscripts, etc., as a basis for such a repository, and if a record of the location of related material was available, a researcher with the help of SELGEM, (computer data storage and retrieval system), could more easily find the specific information he seeks. Contact Ann Cully (librarian) for further information, University of New Mexico...

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

POLITICAL PLUMS...are not grown from seeds, they're the result of clever grafting!



"SALVADORAN VARIETIES OF WHEELED FIGURINES"
(No. 1, Contributions To Mesoamerican Anthropology)



Wheeled figurine from Cihuatan, El Salvador

The Institute of Maya Studies takes pleasure in announcing the publication of the first number in its new Contributions To Mesoamerican Anthropology series: "Salvadoran Varieties of Wheeled Figurines". It was written by Stanley H. Boggs, chief archaeologist for El Salvador, and was edited by IMS members Hal C. Ball and Robert B. Little. Because it deals with a subject on which relatively little has been written, we feel it will be of special interest to our members, and a complimentary copy will be given to each one. This first number in our new series contains 40 pages, including 13 pages of black and white photographs, 2 maps, footnotes and a bibliography. The text describes all of the known pre-Columbian wheeled figurines found in El Salvador; where and when they were discovered, and their possible use by the early inhabitants of the country. We are confident that this will be a valuable addition to your library (Available after October 1, @ \$3.00 per copy)...

"YUCATAN"

Upon the beach stepped Cordoba,
The shore of a new found place,
To claim for Spain, and God and Fame,
This land of an alien race.

And there he saw some fishermen,
Who lived in huts of leaves,
With blackened skins, from sun and winds,
And naked as the breeze.

To them he asked "what place is this"?
For he did not know the land,
And then cried they, "what do you say",
By answering "bic-a-than".

But the men from Spain, knew not what,
The Indians had to say,
So bic-a-than became Yuc-a-tan,
The name of the land today.

By Jack Eaton, Merida

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