

Superintendent's Annual Narrative Report Ocmulgee National Monument 1993

Calendar year 1993 was my first full year as park superintendent. It has been my goal throughout the year to increase the public's awareness of the site. There can be no better advocate or protector of park resources than an informed, concerned public.

Three events occurred in 1993 which may have long term adverse impacts on the park. The Eisenhower Parkway Extension is currently aligned to be constructed between the Main Unit and the Lamar Unit of the park. This could significantly impact wetlands and wildlife as well as undocumented archeological sites. The Army Corps of Engineers is planning to raise the existing levee on the far side of the Ocmulgee River from the park. This could cause flooding in the park and permanently affect park wetlands. A waste management firm requested a change in the zoning near the park from light industrial to heavy industrial, after much public debate the request was denied. This effort to increase heavy industry near the park could threaten park resources.

Several major cyclic projects were either completed or started in 1993. The installation of a waterproof membrane on the roof of the visitor center in 1992 has allowed us the opportunity to repair damaged plaster throughout the building. Once that was completed, all interior surfaces received a fresh coat of paint. Finally, the carpet was replaced throughout the building. The environmental control system for the Earthlodge was replaced. Work was begun on a long term replacement for a bridge on the Opelofa Trail.

In September the park, working with the Ocmulgee National Monument Association and the Keep Macon-Bibb Beautiful Commission, hosted an Ocmulgee Indian Celebration. This educational event, attended by the Principal Chief and Assistant Chief of the Creek Nation was a complete success and drew record crowds. The celebration was attended by every fourth grader in Bibb County. Total visitation was 13,000 visitors.

General Administration

Budget: The budget was developed by the division chiefs and the superintendent. Tracking was accurately done by the Administrative Division, using NPS approved programs. Total budget amounts for Fiscal Year 1993 were \$625,100. All requested and required reports were appropriately processed. The third party draft system showed at 25% increase over last year.

Personnel: There were five appointments, three conversions, one hardship transfer, fifteen awards, four terminations, one resignation, one reassignment, and one name change during the year.

Recruitment: Park representatives participated in the Fort Valley State College Motivation Task Force and the Jones County High School Career Day.

Travel/Training: Park staff attended fourteen training courses, seminars, workshops, and detail assignments during 1993. In addition, the park sponsored a sign language class to facilitate communication with the park's deaf employee. This training was attended by eleven employees and one volunteer.

Property: Property records are up to date at the park level and are being uploaded to the Servicewide database as the system allows. Eight items were surveyed. Significant purchases using ONPS, quarters and equipment replacement funds consisted of 23 actions. Park savings at the end of Fiscal Year 1993 allowed us to upgrade our existing telephone system, which will now allow us to reprogram our cyclic needs. Equipment repairs for the year totalled \$4,380. There were ten requests for quotes for goods or services.

Quarters: All records were prepared and maintained in accordance with NPS standards. Payroll deductions were correctly implemented, including preparations for adjustments.

Resource Management

Eisenhower Parkway Extension: The Georgia Department of Transportation (DOT) has continued its efforts to develop an alignment of the Eisenhower Parkway Extension (Fall Line Freeway). Park concerns center around impacts

on adjacent wetlands, wildlife habitat fragmentation and destruction of undocumented archaeological sites. I wrote to DOT in September, expressing these concerns. No response was received in 1993. A related concern is the proposed raising of the existing levee on the far side of the Ocmulgee River from the park. The combined construction of these projects could severely impact water levels in the park and possibly change the existing hydrology permanently.

DOT explained that it has been doing archeological testing in the area. We found that DOT's contract with an archeological testing firm did not require testing in standing water. Since much of the area is currently wetland, relatively few sites appear to have been tested.

Requested Zoning Change: Another event which may yet impact the park occurred in June of 1993 when a waste management company requested a zoning change from light industrial to heavy industrial. Their intent was to construct a waste transfer facility near the park. This facility would have been located on a stream that flows into the park. This situation occurred while I was out of the park. The administrative support assistant, acting as superintendent, worked closely with the other division chiefs and raised public concern to a level that caused the company to withdraw its request. Other attempts at this type of encroachment are expected as the Eisenhower Parkway Extension nears a final alignment.

Proposed Levee Construction: The Army Corps of Engineers is planning to raise the existing levee across the river. The US Fish and Wildlife Service was serving as the coordinator of concerns for Interior Department agencies. We contacted them and explained how this might affect water levels in the park.

Research

Wetlands Impacts: The park has been working with the US Fish and Wildlife Service to conduct a broad survey of the wetlands which may be impacted by highway construction. While the primary concern of the USFWS is the wildlife impacts, the park is also concerned about archeological site destruction.

Archeological Testing: The Georgia Department of Transportation is conducting archeological testing along its proposed route to determine if archeological resources would be affected. The park will communicate with them further to request more reliable techniques.

Facilities Development/Maintenance

The maintenance division managed several contracts in 1993 on behalf of the Southeast Region's Contracting Office. The interior of the visitor center had the plaster repaired and the walls repainted. New carpet was installed throughout the building. In the Earthlodge, the park's oldest structure, a new heating and cooling system was installed. This included the addition of a water line to allow for humidification of the structure in the future.

Maintenance of facilities and grounds continued throughout 1993. Tracking of daily work and documentation of needs was performed using MMS software. The division performed very effectively to prepare the park for the many special events during the year. To assist with servicewide goals, a Job Corps student was trained by the division staff.

Planning

Deputy Regional Director, Jack Ogle; Regional Chief of Program Analysis, Clara Willis; and Fort Pulaski Superintendent, John Breen conducted an operations evaluation in December of 1992. Their recommendations were provided to the park in January of 1993 and gave some initial goals for park and regional staffs to attain. These were accomplished in 1993 with the exception of some items delayed by external factors.

Public Use

Visitation for 1993 was 115,239, a drop of approximately 8% from 1992. This may be partially due to significant interior work occurring at the visitor center. This work included scaffolding in the rotunda and plaster dust throughout the building.

According to the Macon Convention and Visitor's Bureau statistics, park visitation represents approximately nine million dollars to the local economy. This is based on a value-per-visitor number provided to us by that organization.

Interpretation

Programs: Park Rangers presented 192 programs to various groups in 1993. These programs were primarily to school groups and reached 7,345 persons. Additionally the Discovery Lab was used 83 times by a total of 2,483 persons. Six off-sites reached 210 persons.

Calendar of Events: Thirty-three special programs were presented to 1,459 persons, as in the past these programs presented a diverse mix of activities for the public.

Children's Workshop: Four regular workshops were presented to 100 children. A three day version of this program was again presented to children from the Davis Homes Project, located adjacent to the park.

Lantern Light Tours: Fourteen Cherry Blossom Lantern Light Tours were presented to 700 persons. This program continues to be a challenging and enjoyable break from the usual routine for the staff.

Ocmulgee Indian Celebration: This is the park's major interpretive event of the year. The 1993 version attracted more than 13,000 persons over three days. Hundreds of hours of staff and volunteer time in addition to \$20,000.00 of donated funds contributed to the event's success.

Law Enforcement

Case Incidents: Park commissioned staff recorded 76 incidents in 1993. Incidents of note included a larceny, the recovery of a stolen motor vehicle, one theft, one possession of drugs, two vandalisms and five weapons cases. Six of these cases were closed. Sixteen of the twenty-two recorded Part II offenses were closed. Four traffic accidents and six natural resource violations were recorded. Rangers participated in three searches.

Perhaps the most notable law enforcement event in the park occurred in November. An individual was arrested and charged with a violation of the Archeological Resources Protection Act. Rangers recovered from his vehicle cash and precious metal coins valued at one million, six hundred thousand dollars. The case is still under investigation.

Land Acquisition

Scott Property Donation: The park is working with the Archaeological Conservancy, a national preservation organization, to obtain the donation of approximately three hundred acres. The survey of boundary lines is proceeding slowly because most of the land is swamp. Legislation will be needed to change the park boundary so that the land can be accepted and the Archaeological Conservancy has agreed to assist in that effort. There continues to be no opposition to the park accepting the property.

Ocmulgee River Greenway: Many community leaders are pointing out that the Ocmulgee River is undeveloped south of Macon and a greenway would be a benefit to the area. Many people would like to see Ocmulgee National Monument linked with Bond Swamp National Wildlife Refuge to the south of the park. I am participating in discussions at the local level.

Community Relations Native American Relationships Cooperative Activities

Community Relations: As superintendent, I represent the National Park Service at the meetings of the Macon-Bibb County Convention and Visitor's Bureau Board of Directors, the Keep Macon-Bibb County Beautiful Commission Board of Directors, the Tourism Development Committee, the Macon Arts Alliance, and the Ocmulgee River Greenway Committee. I continue to take every opportunity to speak to groups and impress upon them the importance of their nationally significant resource.

Native American Relationships: Due to the park's religious significance to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation in Oklahoma, we have worked to maintain a

positive and constructive relationship with them. During our 1993 Ocmulgee Indian Celebration Principal Chief Bill Fife was our keynote speaker. We maintain communications regarding archeological testing and other topics of mutual concern. Chief Fife expressed an interest in returning for our 1994 Ocmulgee Indian Celebration.

Cooperative Activities: In 1993 we developed new partnerships with Winship Elementary School, a history magnet school; Robins Air Force Base, which is conducting archeological testing and updating their museum; and the Bibb County Public School System.

The park's relationship with the Keep Macon-Bibb Beautiful Commission continues. The Take Pride in America event of 1992 was replaced by the Public Lands Day in 1993. The commission's assistance provided needed coordination and public support for the 1993 Ocmulgee Indian Celebration.

Cooperating Association

The Ocmulgee National Monument Association sales exceeded \$54,000, another record high. The association is the sponsor of the Calendar of Events, the Lantern Light Tours, the Children's Workshops and the Ocmulgee Indian Celebration. These efforts have been, and remain, the most significant interpretive efforts in the park. Business Manager Patty Ellis continues to be an excellent results oriented partner in the park operation.

ADMINISTRATION
CY 1993 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

BUDGET

THE BUDGET IS SET ON THE FISCAL YEAR AND NOT ON THE CALENDAR YEAR BASIS, THEREFORE, THE FIGURES BELOW ARE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1993:

ONPS - 422.2
FEE - 25.1
VIP - 1.0
CYCLIC- 154.8
STORM - 2.0
PCS - 8.5
EQUIP - 13.5

TOTAL - 625.1 TOTAL FTE - 13.0

ALL REPROGRAMMING OF BUDGET PERFORMED AND ALL AOP'S AND PMP'S SUBMITTED AS REQUESTED.

MONTHLY ACCOUNT ACTIVITY REPORT AND UNDELIVERED ORDER REPORT FOR EACH MONTH REVIEWED AND CORRECTED AS NEEDED.

FY 1994 BUDGET FORMULATED AND EXECUTED BY ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT ASSISTANT. ALL EXPENDITURES WERE TRACKED USING AFS.

ALL 444 AND UNDISTRIBUTED LABOR REPORTS REVIEWED WHEN RECEIVED AND CORRECTED AS NEEDED.

DAILY ACTIVITY REPORTS FOR THIRD PARTY DRAFTS RECEIVED, REVIEWED AND PROCESSED IN A TIMELY MANNER.

UPDATED 10-YEAR CYCLIC PLAN - 6/93.

ANALYZED PARK BUDGET AND OFFERED RECOMMENDATIONS ON COST AND ALTERNATIVES OF FUNDING PARK OBJECTIVES.

ROUTINELY UPDATED COMMITMENT CONTROL REGISTER AND PRESENTED COPIES TO SUPERINTENDENT AND DIVISION CHIEFS FOR THEIR REVIEW.

PERSONNEL

APPTS - BOYD, HUSKEY, LARAY, RAILEY, RODGERS (JOB CORP)
CONVERSIONS - CRENSHAW, GRANADE, KITCHENS
TERMINATIONS - RAILEY, BOYD, LARAY, HUSKEY
NAME CHANGE - WILLIAMS
CHANGE IN WORK SCHEDULE - GRANADE, KITCHENS
TRANSFERS - SCHULA
RESIGNATION - LAWSON
REASSIGNMENT - LESLIE

AWARDS - ALL PARK EMPLOYEES RECEIVED AN AWARD FOR THE 1993
OCMULGEE INDIAN CELEBRATION - TOTAL AMOUNT OF AWARDS \$4,000

JONES COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL CAREER DAY - ATTENDED BY DEBBIE WILLIAMS
AND THERESA THOMAS 2/93

FORT VALLEY STATE COLLEGE MOTIVATION TASK FORCE - ATTENDED BY
THERESA THOMAS 4/93

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT PREPARED FOR GS-4, PARK RANGER (TEMP); GS-5,
PARK RANGER (TEMP); AND GS-7, PARK RANGER (PERMANENT)
APPLICATIONS FOR TEMPORARY POSITIONS WERE REVIEWED AND LIST OF
ELIGIBLES COMPILED FOR CHIEF RANGER SELECTION. NON SELECT
LETTERS PREPARED AS NEEDED.

WORKED WITH PETE SCHULA ON PCS MOVE - 8/93

REVIEWED CHIEF RANGER'S BI-WEEKLY WORK SCHEDULE FOR ERRORS.

ADMINISTRATION PREPARED AND PROCESSED ALL OWCP CLAIMS.

TRAINING/TRAVEL

MAINTAINED TRAINING FILES FOR ALL EMPLOYEES. IDP'S UPDATED ON
SNAP/TRAC AND COPY PLACED IN EACH EMPLOYEES FILE.

BUNDY - SUPERINTENDENTS CONFERENCE - 5/93
MANAGERIAL GRID - 7/93
ORIENTATION TO SERO - 8/93
FLOWERS - MARKETING NPS EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS INSTRUCTOR - 5/93
LAW ENFORCEMENT REFRESHER - 6/93
LACHINE - DETAIL TO CANAVERAL NS - 4/93
LAW ENFORCEMENT REFRESHER - 12/93
LESLIE - CHIEF OF MAINTENANCE WORKSHOP - 4/93
THOMAS - LEGACY I - 4/93
PROOFREADING - 5/93
WILLIAMS - ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS CONFERENCE - 2/93
HOUSING RENTAL RATE SURVEY - 6/93
OWCP - 8/93
CONTRACTING OFFICER'S WARRANT REFRESHER - 11/93

ELEVEN PARK EMPLOYEES AND THE SUPERINTENDENT'S WIFE REGISTERED
TO ATTEND THE "SIGN LANGUAGE" CLASS GIVEN AT THE PARK BY MS.
SUSAN MARTIN AND MACON VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE. DUE TO
HAVING A HANDICAPPED EMPLOYEE THAT IS DEAF, THE SUPERINTENDENT
AGREED TO PAY FOR THE CLASS FOR EACH EMPLOYEE THAT COMPLETED THE
COURSE. THE COST OF THE COURSE WAS \$30 PER EMPLOYEE. 4/93

PROPERTY

PROPERTY INVENTORY COMPLETED.

PROPERTY HAS BEEN UPDATED BUT NEEDS TO BE INPUT INTO PROP SYSTEM. PROP SYSTEM WAS NOT ACCESSIBLE FOR MANY MONTHS DUE TO SWITCHING TO PACKET-SWITCHED SERVICE THROUGH AT&T.

TRANSFER OF PROPERTY: GAS PUMP FROM ANDE

SURVEY OF PROPERTY: 1973 FORD TRACTOR 4400 WITH SLOPE MOWER
ATTACHMENT (SOLD BY GSA)
MOTOROLA MT500 PORTABLE RADIOS (2)
(TRANSFERRED TO STATE AGENCY)
1964 WHIRLPOOL REFRIGERATOR (SOLD BY GSA)
1983 HAYES 1200 SMARTMODEM (SOLD BY GSA)
ELECTRIC CLUB CARS (3) TO BE SURVEYED

PURCHASES:

OCMULGEE NATIONAL MONUMENT RECEIVED EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT FUNDING FOR FY 1993 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,500 WITH WHICH WE PURCHASED THREE ELECTRIC CLUB CARS. ALL PURCHASES WITH ONPS OR HOUSING FUNDS INCLUDE:

- (1) ECHO GAS HEDGE TRIMMER
- (1) SARLO PUSH MOWER
- (2) SOLO WEED EATERS
- (3) GE PORTABLE RADIOS W/CHARGERS
- (5) GEMPLER BACK SUPPORTS - SAFETY
- (1) UPGRADE TRAVEL MANAGER
- (1) ICE MAKER - QTRS #2
- (1) LIGHT FIXTURE - QTRS #1
- (2) CHAINSAWS
- (1) TELEPHONE SYSTEM - PARKWIDE
- (1) STORAGE BUILDING
- (1) VACUUM CLEANER
- (1) POWER SUPPLY BACKUP UNIT - TELEPHONE SYSTEM
- (1) DRILL
- (1) SKILL SAW

- EQUIPMENT REPAIRS:

PARK HEATING & AC SYSTEM - \$3090.35
VEHICLE REPAIRS - \$604.74
COMPUTERS - \$259.95
COPIER - \$425.10

DUE TO STORM IN MARCH, 1993, THE PARK HAD A GREAT DEAL OF TREE AND TRAIL DAMAGE. MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEES WORKED 24 HOURS CLEANING UP PARK. TREE REMOVAL FOR FY 93, TO DATE, \$1,824.00
PARK WAS GIVEN \$2,000 FOR STORM DAMAGE REPAIRS.

REQUEST FOR QUOTES/CONTRACTS

WORKED WITH SUPERINTENDENT AND CHIEF OF MAINTENANCE ON MEASUREMENTS AND SPECIFICATIONS ON PAINT AND PLASTER OF VISITOR CENTER. CONTRACT AWARDED TO C. EDWARD JONES CONSTRUCTION COMPANY AND BEGAN 10/93.

REQUESTED QUOTATIONS FOR CARPETING, PADDING AND INSTALLATION FOR UPPER AND LOWER LEVEL OF VISITORS CENTER. CARPET WAS PURCHASED FROM QUEEN CARPET IN DALTON, GA; INSTALLATION BY RICKY BECK AND PADDING PURCHASED FROM CARPET SALVAGE.

REQUESTED QUOTATIONS ON THE PAINTING OF THE EXTERIOR OF QUARTERS #2. COMPLETED 8/93.

DISCUSSED BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION ON OPELOFA TRAIL WITH SIMON TRAN-M-TRUNG AND CHIEF OF MAINTENANCE LESLIE. AWARDED BUT CONSTRUCTION DID NOT BEGIN UNTIL CY 1994.

CONTRACT AWARDED FOR CLIMATE CONTROL OF EARTHLodge TO MAX HORNE HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING FOR \$16,800.

REQUESTED QUOTATION ON COUNTER TOP REPLACEMENTS IN QUARTERS #1 & QUARTERS #2. COMPLETED.

REQUESTED QUOTE BY TELEPHONE FOR INSTALLATION OF ICEMAKER IN QUARTERS #2. THE COMPLEXITY OF JOB MADE JOB HIGHER THAN QUOTES. COMPLETED

REQUESTED QUOTE BY TELEPHONE TO INSTALL GAS LINE TO DRYER IN QUARTERS #1. COMPLETED

REQUESTED QUOTES ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS FOR TREE REMOVAL AND QUOTE FOR TOP SOIL DUE TO STORM DURING BLIZZARD '93.

REQUESTED THAT SUPERINTENDENT GET QUOTES ON LIGHT FIXTURE FOR QUARTERS #1 DUE TO HIM BEING THE RESIDENT.

IMPREST FUND/THIRD PARTY DRAFTS

14 REPLENISHMENT VOUCHERS WERE PROCESS TOTALING \$20,985.13

176 THIRD PARTY DRAFTS WERE ISSUED RESULTING IN ONLY 2 VOIDS AND 1 STOP PAYMENT FOR CY 1993. TOTAL DISBURSEMENT \$35,197.71.

DEPOSITS

2 DEPOSITS WERE MADE FOR A TOTAL OF \$2,319.31. TOTAL CARRYOVER FROM FY 1992 \$10,393.11 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$12,712.42 IN THE DONATION ACCOUNT. A TOTAL OF \$45.75 HAS BEEN DEPOSITED TO THE GENERAL LEDGER ACCOUNT FOR COPIER USE.

GENERAL

PREPARED AND MAINTAINED ALL RECORDS FOR QUARTERS #1 & #2.
PREPARED QUARTERS DEDUCTIONS FOR OCCUPANTS FOR FY 1992. ATTENDED HOUSING RENTAL RATE SURVEY TRAINING IN ATLANTA IN JUNE. RECEIVED SOFTWARE FOR RENTAL RATE CALCULATIONS. PREPARED HOUSING RENTAL AGREEMENTS AND ADJUSTMENTS. UPDATED AND MANAGED FY 93 ONPS, REIMBURSABLE AND CYCLIC ACCOUNTS.

PROCESSED ALL PAYROLL, LEAVE AND EARNING STATEMENTS AND T&A'S.

ALL PAYROLL WAS SUBMITTED AND CORRECTED AS NEEDED BY CLERK TYPIST AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT ASSISTANT.

INSTALLED PPFS VERSION 2.71 SOFTWARE
INSTALLED AFS93 SOFTWARE
INSTALLED CC:MAIL SOFTWARE
INSTALLED FPROT-VIRUS PROTECTION SOFTWARE
INSTALLED SERENT SOFTWARE

ACCESSED MUFFIN WITHOUT ASSISTANCE AND WITHOUT ERROR FOR PURCHASES THROUGH GSA.

PROCESSED ALL REQUESTS FOR EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION.

ALL MONTHLY BILLS AND PURCHASE DOCUMENTS WERE PAID PROMPTLY.

PARK RECEIVED CALLING CARDS FROM AT&T AT REQUEST OF SUPERINTENDENT.

ALL REPORTS ON BUDGET, PROPERTY, PERSONNEL, RECRUITMENT PERFORMED BY ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT ASSISTANT AND SUBMITTED BY DUE DATE.

CCMAIL WAS ACCESSED BY CLERK TYPIST DAILY.

CLERK TYPIST SERVED AS TYPIST FOR SUPERINTENDENT AND DIVISION CHIEFS AND ALSO SERVED AS RECEPTIONIST FOR PARK.

MINUTES WERE TAKEN FOR STAFF AND SQUAD MEETING BY CLERK TYPIST AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT ASSISTANT.

CLERK TYPIST ASSISTED RANGER DIVISION WHEN THEY EXPERIENCED STAFF SHORTAGES.

ADMINISTRATION ASSISTED WITH OCMULGEE INDIAN FESTIVAL WITH PLANNING MEETINGS, CORRESPONDENCE, CHECK TRACKING, CONTACTS, AND WILL COVER VISITOR SERVICES DURING FESTIVAL.

ADMINISTRATION ASSISTED WITH MACON MALL PROJECT DUE TO SHORTAGE OF STAFF.

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT ASSISTANT SPOKE TO GEORGIA GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL ON HER DUTIES WITH OCMULGEE NATIONAL MONUMENT. THE GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL WAS BROUGHT TO THE PARK BY PAT STANEK AND A "PARKS AS CLASSROOM" PROJECT.

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT ASSISTANT SERVED AS ACTING SUPERINTENDENT ON A REGULAR ROTATION. DURING JUNE, WHILE SUPERINTENDENT WAS ON LEAVE, THE PARK WAS FACED WITH A GARBAGE TRANSFER SITE BEING LOCATED WITHIN 2000' OF PARK BOUNDARY. THIS WAS HANDLED PROMPTLY WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF ALL DIVISION CHIEFS AND RESULTED IN THE PROJECT BEING WITHDRAWN.

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT ASSISTANT SERVED AS UNIFORM COORDINATOR FOR PARK AND CLERK TYPIST TRACKED ALL ORDERS SENT AND RECEIVED.

CLERK TYPIST SERVED AS A MEMBER OF THE SURVEY BOARD.

UTILIZED TRAVEL MANAGER TO PROCESS ALL TRAVEL VOUCHERS.

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT ASSISTANT SERVED AS PARK EO COORDINATOR AND RESPONSIBLE FOR EO PROGRAM AND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PLAN.

CLERK TYPIST MAINTAINS PARK TICKLER FILE FOR DUE DATES ON ACTIONS AND REPORTS.

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT ASSISTANT SERVICES AS HOUSING MANAGEMENT OFFICER, PROPERTY MANAGEMENT OFFICER, AND ADP COORDINATOR.

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT ASSISTANT SUPERVISES CLERK TYPIST.

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT ASSISTANT RESPONSIBLE FOR DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE PROGRAM AND WORKING WITH SERO ON DRUG TESTING OF EMPLOYEES.

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT ASSISTANT KEEPS SUPERINTENDENT INFORMED ON ANY MATTER THAT SHE FEELS COULD INVOLVE HIM OR THE PARK.

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT ASSISTANT SERVES AS METERED MAIL COORDINATOR AND KEEPS METER INSPECTED AND POSTAGE INSTALLED FOR PARK USE.

Ranger Division
Annual Report CY1993

1993 was a year of hard work and great achievement by the Ranger Division. Vacant career positions continued to be a problem but highly motivated seasonals assisted in getting the job done in 1993.

Public Use

Visitation for 1993 was 115,239. This was a drop of approximately 8% from 1992. All months except September, November and December showed a decline. Visitor Center visitation was just under 60,000. Ocmulgee visitation represents an approximately \$ 9 million boost to the local economy.

Interpretation

Programming: Park Rangers presented 192 programs to various groups in 1993. These programs were primarily to school groups and reached 7,345 persons. Additionally the Discovery Lab was used 83 times by a total of 2,483 persons. Six off-sites reached 210 persons.

Calendar of Events: Thirty-three special programs were presented to 1,459 persons, as in the past these programs presented a diverse mix of activities for the public.

Children's Workshop: Four regular workshops were presented to 100 children. A three day version of this program was again presented to children from the Davis Homes Project, located adjacent to the park.

Lantern Light Tours: Fourteen Cherry Blossom Lantern Light Tours were presented to 700 persons. This program continues to be a challenging and enjoyable break from the usual routine for the staff.

Ocmulgee Indian Celebration: The major event of the year, the 1993 version attracted more than 13,000 persons over three days. Hundreds of hours of staff and volunteer time in addition to \$20,000.00 of donated funds contributed to the events success.

Law Enforcement

Case Incidents: Park commissioned staff recorded 00 incidents in 1993. Incidents of note included 1 Larceny, 1 motor vehicle larceny (a recovery), 1 theft, 1 drug, 2 vandalism and 5 weapons cases. Six of these cases were closed. Sixteen of the twenty-two recorded Part II offenses were closed. Four traffic accidents and six natural resource violations were recorded. Rangers participated in three searches.

ARPA Case: On November 7, 1993, Ranger Pete Schula made a routine stop to investigate a improperly parked vehicle located at the

Turtle Pond pull off. Before the day was over one person was under arrest, charged with violation of the Archeological Resources Protection Act, and rangers had recovered cash and precious metal coins valued at \$ 1.6 million. At this date the case has not been resolved but the apparent facts are that the subject was attempting to bury fraudulently obtained cash and coins in the park for safe keeping.

Cooperating Association (report attached)

Resource Management

Little activity occurred in this broad area this year due to staff shortages and the demands of the Indian Celebration. Exotic Fire Ants and Kudzu were treated with approved chemicals. Ant hills around the Visitor Center were targeted. Two Kudzu patches were treated, one in Drakes Field and one on the boundary with A & T Cleaners. All required curatorial reports and inventories were completed.

Contracts were let for three major projects, painting and plaster repair on the interior of the VC, carpeting of the VC, and replace the HVAC system in the Earthlodge. All of these projects were ongoing in 1993 and affected cultural resources in the park.

1993 OCMULGEE INDIAN CELEBRATION

PURPOSE

To foster public awareness of the rich heritage of Southeastern Native Americans, especially the Muscogee (creek) Nation whose ancestors occupied Central Georgia long before the first Europeans arrived in America, and to promote traditional American Indian philosophy exemplifying wise stewardship of the nation's natural and cultural resources in order to preserve them for future generations.

As the first yellow bus wheeled into Ocmulgee National Monument's Visitor Center driveway, uniformed Junior ROTC cadets signaled the driver to stop and a cadet boarded the bus. They welcomed the 55 excited Bibb County public school fourth graders, their teachers and chaperons, then led them toward a dance arena formed by rows of metal bleachers and straw bales enclosing the big, grassy island at the center of the parking lot. At one end of the arena, colorfully dressed men and women chanted softly to the beat of a large drum sheltered beneath a river cane-covered arbor.

Soon a long line of buses arrived. Each was greeted by a cadet who remained with the group to serve as guides and assistants during the morning's activities. When the arena filled to capacity, the Park Ranger Emcee introduced a traditional dance performed by 25 Choctaw Indians from Mississippi. Later, Creek and Cherokee dancers invited members of the enthusiastic audience to join them in the arena.

Succeeding busloads of students were directed down the shady hillside where artists, craftspeople and storytellers waited to offer insight into the culture of the first Southeastern Americans through demonstrations of flintknapping, shell engraving, basket weaving, bead working, hide tanning, wood carving and pottery making. They brought the past to life with words or illustrated their adaptation to a modern world with paintings and sculpture.

Around mid-morning, the cadets routed their groups to tables where volunteers from Keep Macon-Bibb Beautiful Commission and Cherry Blossom Festival staff members provided cold cartons of fruit punch donated by Borden, Inc. Empty cartons were deposited in numerous cardboard litter containers provided free of charge by Browning-Ferris Industries and distributed at strategic locations around the grounds. Afterwards, several classes wandered across the footbridge toward the Ceremonial Earthlodge and the Great Temple Mound, visible remnants of a town which a thousand years ago was probably the largest in the Southeast. Other classes went into the Visitor Center to enjoy the museum, movie and gift shop.

Behind the Visitor Center, the Macon Police Department Drug Squad, SWAT Team, Crime Lab, Canine Unit and Horse Patrol introduced the children to their operations. Firemen let boys and girls climb into a huge tanker truck and Bibb County Sheriffs' Deputies manned youth-oriented exhibits designed to encourage good citizenship.

"It's time to return to your buses" elicited considerable protestation. As the adventure came to a close, each student was given a commemorative information booklet written/designed by park staff and printed free-of-charge by the Bibb County Board of Education. Volunteer videographer David Price from the Bibb County Board of Commissioners' Office recorded the scene when traffic on busy Emory Highway stopped to allow 55 school buses to exit the park in a mile-long caravan. While this exodus was in progress, a new wave of students from the area's private schools arrived - giving every fourth grade student in Bibb County a chance.

Principal Chief Bibb Fife and Second Chief Shelly Crow from the Muscogee (Creek) Nation in Oklahoma, and Chairman Eddie Tullus from the Poarch Band of Creeks, Atmore, AL, arrived on Friday evening in time for a dinner for participants catered under tents set up by the Army National Guard. Creek, Cherokees, Choctaws, Chickasaws, and Seminoles ate and chatted informally with park staff and volunteers, adding a new chapter to the 12,000-year-long saga of cultural relationships on the site.

On Saturday morning, the Celebration opened to the public. The Macon-Bibb County Emergency Management Agency and its volunteer forces directed parking; representatives from the U.S. Soil Conservation Service worked at the entrance station; and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service employees drove shuttle vans provided by the U.S. Forest Service. Boy Scout troops picked up litter and performed other services as needed. National Park Service Rangers and maintenance personnel, several detailed from other parks, provided increased security, interpretive expertise and cleanup capability.

Speakers at the special ceremony on Saturday afternoon encouraged the clean community ethic and good stewardship for the nation's public lands. Chief Fife addressed the crowd, eloquently expressing deep feelings about this first trip to his ancient homeland. He invited the possibility of future cooperative projects between his people and the citizens of Middle Georgia. Macon's Mayor presented him a key to the city. The Bibb County Board of Commissioners Chairman read a proclamation which made him an honorary citizen and presented him a plaque to commemorate the occasion.

By Sunday evening, over 13,000 people, including approximately 2,800 Bibb County fourth grade students, had enjoyed a unique educational experience that most of them will never forget. Many of the 155 Native Americans who participated, including the visiting dignitaries, commented concerning the beauty of the Monument's grounds, the quality of the Celebration, and the courtesy extended them during their stay in Macon. The site itself, they noted, lends a special atmosphere to such an occasion which cannot be found elsewhere. They also felt the event fulfilled its purpose through increased public understanding of Southeastern Native American culture and promotion of a wise land ethic.

The Macon Telegraph gave the Celebration front-page coverage with two color photographs in one edition and featured three color photos in a second edition. One of their photographers volunteered her time to make record 35mm pictures of the Celebration. Four radio stations provided free air time. Cox Cable Company produced video public service announcements carried by all three local TV stations, who also gave news coverage during the event. This intensive promotional campaign reached at least 85% of the Macon area community.

The Ocmulgee National Monument Association, the National Park Foundation, Ocmulgee Fields, Inc., were major sponsors for the Celebration, each contributing \$5,000. Additional funds were donated by 36 other businesses. Georgia Power Company donated the use of a public address system. Middle Georgia Ambulance Service offered emergency response; members of the Boy Scout's Order of the Arrow distributed lunches to participants each day; restaurants furnished lunches and dinner at much-reduced prices; porta-johns, dumpsters, posters and flyers, ice and soft drinks were also offered "at cost;" local motels donated 40 complimentary rooms and Wesleyan College made its guest rooms available.

In addition to assistance from the agencies and organizations previously mentioned, volunteers came from the Georgia Wilderness Society, the Audubon Society, the Brown's Mount Association, and the Sertoma Club, along with teachers and parents from Bibb County's Winship History and Geography Magnet School. Altogether, over 470 people, ranging in age from 8-year-old Cub Scouts to senior citizens, contributed time and effort toward making this very special event a great success.

The 1993 Ocmulgee Indian Celebration was a cooperative project conducted by the National Park Service, the Keep Macon-Bibb Beautiful Commission, and the Ocmulgee National Monument Association. The on-going efforts of this partnership have been recognized by numerous state and national awards. Since 1991 when a similar event took place, the organizations involved have been bombarded with requests that the Celebration become an annual event. Despite staff shortages and funding constraints, plans are underway to make their wish a reality.

HARRY W. TRAWICK
Deputy Superintendent

JAMES D. STEPHENS
Associate Superintendent - Financial Support

WILLIAM E. BELL
Assistant Superintendent, Secondary

C. ROBERT CROWIN, Ed. D.
Assistant Superintendent - Instructional Support

PEGGY M. NORMAN, Ed. D.
Assistant Superintendent - Elementary

JOHN C. NICHOLSON
Assistant Superintendent - Facilities

Superintendent John F. Bundy
Ocmulgee National Monument
1207 Emory Highway
Macon, Georgia 31201

It is with warmest regards that I extend thanks to you and your staff for the wonderful experience that was provided to 2,100 Bibb County fourth grade students during the Ocmulgee Indian Celebration on Friday, September 10, 1993. I believe that the obvious show of teamwork, preparation, and dedication to the activity made it a definite success for all involved. The Ocmulgee Indian Celebration has always been a delightful educational experience for all participants. We hope that you and your staff will continue to keep this event on your calendar and involve Bibb County staff and students in your plans as well.

As I surveyed teachers and students on Friday, I received many positive comments regarding the addition of the Central ROTC Cadets. Teachers felt that these able youngsters helped to provide the needed guidance and support as they toured the various demonstration areas. I have sent a letter of thanks to Colonel Schroeder and his cadets. I hope that he will also continue to provide this most valuable support at future Ocmulgee Indian Celebrations.

Personally, I would like to thank you and your staff for helping to make one of my first assignments as an Elementary Curriculum Director such a memorable one. From my viewpoint at the Visitor's Center on Friday, the Ocmulgee Indian Celebration was indeed a celebration of teamwork, efficiency and dedication. Kudos to all!

Lisa W. Garrett
Lisa W. Garrett
Elementary Curriculum Director

cc: Dr. Thomas Madison
Dr. Peggy Norman



POST OFFICE BOX 6157 • 2064 VINEVILLE • MACON GEORGIA 31213 • 912/742-8711

"STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE"

OCMULGEE NATIONAL MONUMENT ASSOCIATION

Annual Report, FY 1993

The Ocmulgee National Monument Association worked closely again in FY 1993 with park staff and made major contributions to the quality and quantity of interpretive programs at Ocmulgee National Monument.

Association sales reached a new all time record by passing the \$54,000 mark. Sales from the Ocmulgee Indian Celebration helped account for this increase.

The park's Calendar of Events, sponsored by the Association continued to provide the highest quality interpretive programming for park visitors. Programs included the popular Pine Needle Basket demonstration and workshop.

The park's Lantern Light Tours, a part of Macon's Cherry Blossom Festival, was again a highlighted event drawing a capacity attendance. This Association sponsored event received featured attraction attention by local media.

Children's Workshops continued to support the Secretary's educational thrust by "adopting" the local housing project. In the past three years almost 100 children from the neighborhood have been reached during the intensive three day park experience. Workshops open to the general public continue to operate at capacity.

Without a doubt though, the highlight of 1993 was the rejuvenated Ocmulgee Indian Celebration. The three day event was attended by over 13,000 persons who were educated and entertained by eighty American Indians from tribes native to the Southeast. Unlike previous events, the Association was the principle partner and sponsor, providing positive leadership for the event. Income generated at the event exceeded \$ 10,000.00, insuring the financial stability required for the event to become an annual part of life at Ocmulgee National Monument.

The Annual Meeting of the Association was held on November 18. The program for the meeting was presented by the cultural resource manager from Robins Air Force Base. A friendship pipe was presented to long time Association and park friend Macon businessman Charlie Jones.

The Board of Directors and Business Manager Patty Ellis continued to lead the Association with positive professionalism. Their efforts continue to make the difference in the interpretive programs of Ocmulgee National Monument.