CONFERENCE - Participants at the 18th Annual Conference on Historic Site Archaeology, held at the Conference Center on the University of Southwestern Louisiana campus, are shown here with the conference program director, Dr. Stanley South, middle row left, chairman of the conference’s board of directors and archaeologist at the Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology at the University of South Carolina, Columbia. Among the speakers are, front row from left: Linda Worthy, Georgia State University, Atlanta, “Techniques for the Recovery, Preservation and Storage of Paper from Archaeological Sites; Linda F. Carnes, Georgia State University, “Preliminary Investigations of Atlanta Folk Potteries;” and Robert S. Neitzel, Marksville, “Caddoan Participation at the Grand Village of the Natchez: Friends or Enemies?” Also in the middle row are Jean-Francois Blanchette, Parks, Canada; and speaker Ian W. Brown, Brown University, Providence, R.I., “Artifact Pattern and Activity Areas: The Evidence From Ft. St. Pierre, Mississippi.” Back row speakers are James E. Price and Cynthia R. Price, University of Missouri, Columbia, “Pioneer Settlement and Subsistence on the Ozark Border: Preliminary Report on the Harris Cabin Site Project.”

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