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19th Annual Shiffick Distinguished Lecture in Archaeology "Four Decades Under the Aegean: Archaeology Along Turkey's Turquoise Coast"

WHAT: The 19th Annual Shiffick Distinguished Lecture in Archaeology titled 'Four Decades under the Aegean: Archaeology along Turkey's Turquoise Coast" and reception sponsored by the University of St. Thomas The Friends of Archaeology

WHO: Dr. George F. Bass, founder and professor emeritus, Institute of Nautical Archaeology, Texas A&M University

WHEN: 7 p.m. Thursday, April 26

WHERE: University of St. Thomas
Jones Hall, 3910 Yoakum Blvd.
Parking: Moran Center, 3807 Graustark at W. Alabama

BACKGROUND: Between 1984 and 1994, diving archaeologists from the Institute of Nautical Archaeology (INA) at Texas A&M University conducted 22,500 dives to between 145 and 200 feet deep in order to map and raise 20 tons of artifacts, many unique, from the age of King Tut.

INA founder George F. Bass has conducted shipwreck excavations and underwater surveys off the Turkish coast since 1960. Between 1984 and 1994, diving archaeologists from the INA made 22,500 dives to between 145 and 200 feet deep in order to map and raise 20 tons of artifacts, many unique, from the age of King Tut. He has been awarded the Archaeological Institute of America's Gold Medal for Distinguished Archaeological Achievement, an Explorers Club Lowell Thomas Award, a National Geographic Society La Gorce Gold Medal and the Society's Centennial Award, the J.C. Harrington Medal from The Society for Historical Archaeology and honorary doctorates by Boghazici University in Istanbul and the University of Liverpool. In 2002 President George W. Bush presented him with the National Medal of Science.

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The evening of his lecture Bass will be presented with the 2007 Hugh H. Goodrich Golden Trowel Award for his achievement and dedication to the discipline of nautical archaeology.

COST: Free and open to the public.

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