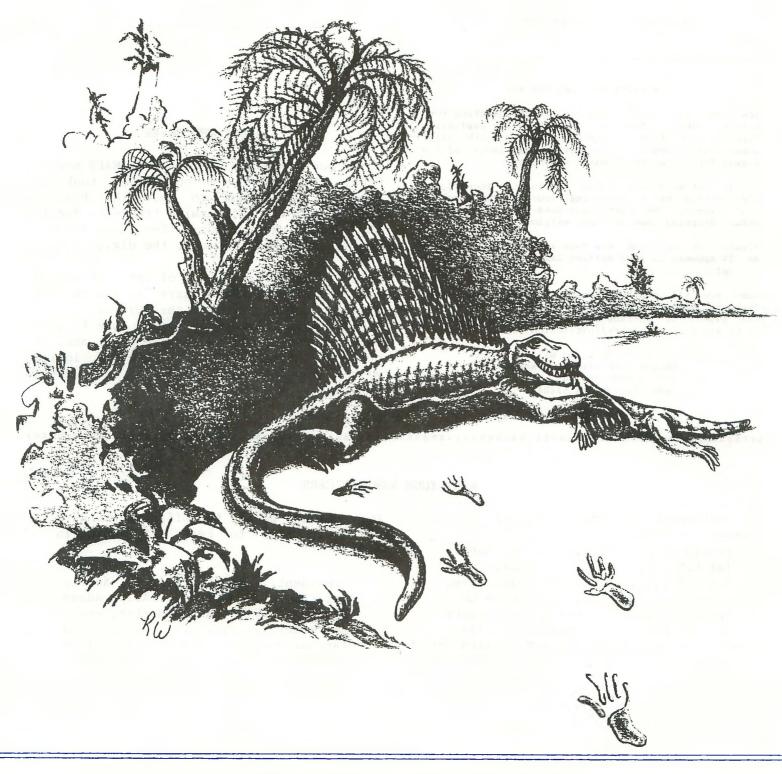
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1:00 Board & General Meeting combined.

2:00 Program: "What Am I Going to Do With All These Fossils?" Come to the meeting, and Allyn Adams will give you some ideas. 19 APR 1991 MAPS National Fossil Expo-20 sition XIII--Lagerstatten 21

> The t.heme EXPO XIII is for Lagerstatten. which means very special locations offossils world wide. To contribute an article. contact Maggie Kahrs. EXPO Digest editor.

*** 91/01 DUES ARE DUE ***

Are your dues due? You can tell by checking your mailing label. The top line gives the expiration date in the form of year followed by month--91/01 means 1991/January. Dues cover the issue of the Digest for the month in which they expire.

We do not send notices but will let you know if you are overdue by highlighting your mailing label on your *Digest*. We carry overdues for two months before dropping them from our mailing list.

Please include your due date and your name exactly as it appears on your mailing label (or just include a label).

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ABOUT THE COVER

This month's cover was drawn by MAPS member Randy Wheeler, Port Byron, IL. He took the reptile Dimetrodon to show the history represented in the Permian trackways dig in Las Cruces, New Mexico. (See pages 3-4 for Tom Walsh's experiences at the dig.)

This is an original work of art contributed to the Digest. Randy says "If you have an article coming up in the Digest or you would like to see your fossil come to life on the cover, send a picture of it and, if possible, information of how it looked alive" to him and he will work up a drawing.

MEET YOUR NEW OFFICERS

The following is the slate of officers elected for 1991:

Our thanks to all the officers who gave of their time to keep MAPS going in 1990:

EXPO XIII--LAGERSTATTEN

Since it's January, it must be time to start planning seriously for your attendance at EXPO XIII--Lagerstatten. The necessary information on table reservations and lodging is carried in this issue on pages 6-7. Registration form is on page 8.

We have instituted a new policy this year, limiting tables to two per person initially, to give all people who want tables an opportunity to get them. You may request more than two, but pay for only two at the time of registration. If not all the tables are taken by March 15, the extra tables will be given out in rotation to those who have requested more than two--one per person per round until all tables are gone. You will be notified of extra tables before EXPO and will pay for them at EXPO.

The keynote speaker Friday night will be Desmond Collins from the Royal Ontario He will speak about "The Burgess Museum. Fossil Fauna--The h Shale Lagerstatten." Saturday night brings the return of the live auction. This year's proceeds will go to geology scholarships. Dr. Merril Foster. Bradley University, Peoria, Illinois, will present a seminar, possibly on the Braidwood site in Illinois (the topic has not vet been Please make reservations for the decided). seminar if you want to attend. Dr. Foster accommodate all who want to but attendance may need to be limited if there are too many. **************

MAPS PRESENTS SCHOLARSHIP TO THE PALEONTOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Proceeds from last EXPO's auction and a special memorial contribution made up a \$500 scholarship that MAPS presented to the Paleontological Society at the Geological Society of America (GSA) meeting in Dallas October 31. Carlos Bazan, San Antonio, and Ken Smith, Dallas, represented MAPS in the presentation \mathbf{of} the check. Paleontological Society will award the scholarship to a worthy geology student. MAPS plans to continue awarding one or more yearly scholarships. Dues were raised this year so all proceeds of the EXPO auction could be used for that purpose.

PROPOSED BLM/FOREST SERVICE FOSSIL COLLECTING RULES CANCELLED? by John Boland

Are we going to allow this to happen? We have learned that the BLM has cancelled the publishing of the draft for BLM Policy Guidelines on fossil collecting in the Federal Register. This situation presents a challenge to every member and the public. They will be denied an opportunity to comment on a consensus agreement reached by representatives of all interested parties.

Currently, many exposed fossils on the 270 million acres of BLM land can disintegrate and never be studied by the professional and the amateur. Your extra effort requesting a reversal of this decision is vital at this time.

Use a copy of the petition (see insert) for Society members and the public to sign, requesting the public's right to comment on the proposed guidelines for fossil collecting on BLM lands. Set your goal to fill four or more of these petition forms at meetings, shows, and other events. OR an individual member can sign and mail a petition with only his/her signature on it.

Mail to:

Secretary Manuel Lujan Department of Interior 18th & C Streets NW Washington, DC 20240

Please make photocopies and mail to:
BLM Director Cy Jameson (same as above)

and to the ranking minority member on the sub-committee for Public Lands, National Parks, and Forests:

Senator Malcomb Wallop SR-237 Russell Senate Office Bldg. Washington, DC 20510-5001

and to your Senator and ask for his help

and to me for record keeping (OR send original to me for distribution):

John Boland

Amateur Representative on Consensus Group and MAPS member 2211 Valley Road La Crosse, WI 54601

FOOTPRINTS IN THE MUDS OF PERMIAN TIME by Tom Walsh

501 East 19th Avenue, Coal Valley Illinois 61240

Would you like to be a member of a dig at a site destined to become famous. fossil mavbe comparable Dinosaur National to Monument? Well, I did it! At 6:00 A.M. on June 15th, 1990, I was driving up to a leveled-off parking area in the Robledo near Las Cruces. New Mexico. I met MacDonald, Jerry Doug Wood, and Mark Schult, waiting in the cool quiet dawn. Jerry had discovered and developed the and Doug Wood was Jerry's local helper. I had only met Mark the evening before at his campsite in a state park, but we had corresponded, and I agreed to help on the dig for a week. Mark is working on his doctorate at Indiana University and had been working on the trackway dig since mid-He plans to develop the paleoecology the reptile and amphibian footprint He had mentioned in one of our fauna. phone converstaions that he would be camping in Leasburg State Park, North of Las Cruces.

wife and I had pulled our camping trailer from our home in Illinois, and we were camped in a nice KOA campground with a swimming pool. Once we were comfortably settled in the campground we decided to try to find Mark at Leasburg State Park. He was not hard to find once we got there. He the camper in the only campground. It was easy to understand why; there were no trees and little vegetation. blew constantly and the wind temperature was around 105. The only shade was under shelters built at each campsite. Peg and I spotted a solitary camper sitting at a picnic table beside a tent, other camping equipment and a pile of rocks all under a shelter. It had to be Mark, and it We talked with him quite a while, and he seemed pleased to have visitors to his desolate little abode. He gave directions to the place where we would meet the next day near the dig. Mark said to meet there at 6:00 A.M. They work early because it gets hot in the afternoon.

The next morning I was relieved to see them waiting by the entrance since I wasn't sure I had remembered the directions exactly. Jerry lowered the chain so the two 4-wheel

drive vehicles could drive through; then he put the chain up again. There was a sign saying the BLM gave a permit for this scientific work and everyone should keep out. Jerry MacDonald, who has been working on this site for three years, went through the necessary steps to get this permit. I was pretty excited as we slowly drove down the rough rock-strewn trail winding around the big boulders and creeping over slabs of sloping rock layers. After about half a mile we had to park and walk up a dry canyon about a quarter of a mile or more to We each carried canteens of the site. drinking water.

I was surprised by the size of the excavation in the side of the canvon. I'd estimate it to be about 150 feet wide and about ten to fifteen feet back into the canyon wall. The (redbed) Permian layers slope the canyon at about twelve up degrees, and the tracks are found in this When I got close, I could see a formation. would not have to imagination to see the trackways. The first one I saw was still in place and looked like the animal had just walked across the slab the night before. Each footprint was about five inches in diameter and the trackway went about fifteen feet before it disappeared back into the Jerry pointed out one trackway mountain. of large tracks which had a trackway of a smaller animal intersect it and stop there. Did the larger animal capture the smaller one? There was no sign of struggle.

There are many exposed trackways of vertebrates and invertebrates and many more just waiting to be exposed to tell their part in the events that took place 280 million years ago. These tracks are being found in the Abo Formation in what was an early Permian shore line. Over fifty of separate species vertebrate invertebrate animals and eight species of plants have been found there by Jerry. The discovery, it has been said, will provide the only record of the existence of many new species. He has taken samples of the material and photographs of the trackways the Smithsonian Institution and the

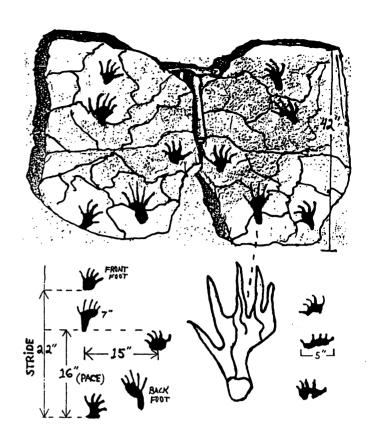
Carnegie Museum of Natural History. The site has been visited by a scientist from each of these organizations.

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We tried to do most of the heavy work in the early morning before it got too hot. The layers of rock were two to eight inches and if they had no tracks, we removed them; or if the layer was all it was removed. This waste accumulated pretty quickly and had to be shoveled down the side of the canyon. The solid layers of rock were swept off and checked for tracks. The rock was more like siltstone, and we all got pretty dirty each day from the dust.

The sun came over the mountain and hit the site at about 9:00 A.M. Then it started heating up, so we changed from the heavier work to less physical things like taking measurements and photographs. Mark took many measurements of one trackway after he a grid on one-half meter had chalked squares over the length of it. I recorded his measurements under the headings he had He said he would later use all of listed. his measurements to duplicate footprints on grid paper. Also, he drew a stratigraphic column of one section of the dig by starting at the bottom layer of rock measuring each layer. which had numbered from the top previously been I read the ruler, and he recorded how many centimeters thick each layer was. At the same time he drew the column showing the harder, more resistant layers standing out farther than the softer, more crumbly He also indicated what each was. such as shale, siltstone, sandstone, etc.

I really enjoyed my week of going to the dig. Last year I read Don Johanson's book Lucy and thought what an adventure it would be to go on an expedition like that, looking for hominid fossils in Ethiopia. Well, my adventure was not quite so glamorous, but it was exciting, educational, and rather prestigeous since Jerry MacDonald assures me it is the largest, most prolific and varied Permian trackways dig in the world. He hopes to see a building built over it at Dinosaur National some day, like and to have a complete panorama Monument, of the reptiles, amphibians, plants, and invertebrates displayed for everyone.



The "discovery" slab, found on June 6th, 1987 at the AF 2 excavation. On the right is the imprint surface, and the left slab is the natural cast made when a fresh layer of mud washed over the trackway. The lines through much of the slabs surface are dessication cracks which formed when the mud began to dry in the sun.

It has been a special thrill for me, a guy who loves nature and science and adventure. to stand in a canyon out beyond the sight and sound and smell of civilization and be surrounded by beautiful rock formations and unusual plants and animals. Then to split layers of rock and be able to look back 280 million years and see a Dimetrodon waddling across a mud flat in the morning sun and Oh what a thrill! Also I have the satisfaction of having contributed a few shovelfuls of effort toward the advancement of scientific knowledge..

If you would like to do something like this, I suggest you contact the head of the geology department of your local (or any) university or college. Tell them what you are interested in and ask if they need any volunteer help.

*From: MacDonald, Jerry Paul. Footprints. Paleozoic Trackway Project, Las Cruces, NM. 1990. p. 21.

ADVERTISING SECTION

Ads are \$5.00 per inch (6 lines x 1 column--43 spaces). Send information and checks payable to MAPS to: Mrs. Gerry Norris, 2623 34th Avenue Ct., Rock Island, IL 61201. Phone: (309) 786-6505. This space is a \$5.00 size.

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THE LASALLE LIMESTONE AT JONESVILLE, IL By Robert Wolf, Midwest Eockhound Services, 3521 10th Ave North, Fort Dodge, IA 50501

Along both sides of Highway 71 just east of Jonesville, Illinois, immediately east of the Vermilion River, is a long roadcut excellently exposing the LaSalle Limestone. The LaSalle is a member of the Bond Formation, McLeansboro Group, Missourian Series, Pennsylvanian Period. The cut occurs in the N $^{1}/2/\text{SW}$ $^{1}/4$ section 24, T33N, R1E. LaSalle County, Illinois.

At the top of the cut is about eight feet of brownish, thin-bedded limestone with shaley seams. Below that is about four feet of a dense, massive, brownish limestone with shaley seams. At the base of the cut is about two feet of brownish, thin-bedded limestone that is shaley. Possils occur throughout the exposure. This description is based on my own observations and modified from D.L. Reinersten.

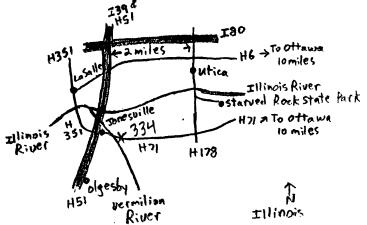
Fossils are fairly numerous here, but most occur in clusters. Most specimens are well-preserved. Stromatolites are very numerous, especially in the shaley areas. Other fossils present include encrusting bryozoans (on brachiopods), small horn corals, lacy bryozoans, crinoid columns (some are quite long), gastropods, pelecypods, and several species of brachiopods (including inarticulate), many of which are crushed and/or disarticulated and some of which are filled with crystals. Specimens of stromatolites encrusting brachiopods were seen.

¹Reinersten, D.L., M.M. Killey <u>Guide Leaf-let</u>, <u>Geological Science Field Trip</u>, <u>LaSalle Area</u>, 1972, Urbana, IL State Geol. Survey.

WHITE RIVER BADLANDS Vertebrate Skulls and Turtles. (1) Cleaned (2) Semi-exposed in matrix (3) Prepared (4) Partials in matrix for paleo-preparation training (5) 1/2 - exposed skulls set in plaster and framed for hanging. Teeth. Bones. SASE for generalized price list. No photos or catalog. For health reasons-this shop is for sale. 1990 \$25,000 gross. No real estate involved. Great spot for a fossil huntin' preparator. VILLAGE ROCK SHOP, 346 S. Chicago, Hot Springs, SD 57747. Tel. 605-745-5446

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The Pennsylvanian LaSalle Limestone exposed along Hwv. 71 just east of Jonesville. IL.

NATIONAL FOSSIL EXPOSITION XIII -1991

LOCATION AND TIME EXPO will be held at the Student Union, in the Grand Ballroom, on the campus of Western Illinois University, Macomb, Illinois. The simplest way to the site ts to turn off IL 67 west on University Drive, then go south to the Union. (Follow the signs.) Set-up is permitted on Friday, April 19, at 8:00 a.m.

EXPO HOURS: Friday, April 20 - 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Saturday, April 21 - 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Sunday, April 16 - 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

TRANSPORTATION There are 2 highways leading into Macomb - IL 136, an east-west route, and IL 67, a north-south route.

There is no plane service to Macomb at this time, but we will help to arrenge transportation from Moline, IL, airport if you will make ADVANCE arrangements with Mrs. Gerry Norris, 2623 34th Ave. Ct., Rock Island, IL 61201 (309-786-6505), or Mrs. Madelynne Lillybeck, 1039 33rd St. Ct., Moline, IL 61265 (309-764-0921). Or you can fly into St. Louis, MO, or Peoria, IL, and rent a car and drive to Macomb.

LODGING Persons traveling in self-contained camping units may park on the parking lot. See Public Safety located in the Union. IDENTIFY WITH MAPS.

Macomb area code - 309 Macomb zip code - 61465

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**Starr Motel	- Hwy 67 S an	d 136 E	<u> Time Out Motel</u> -	Hwy 67 North	
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> Motel room with bath down hall - one bed \$27.60 Dorm style with bath down hall - 1(two beds) 19.10 2(two beds) 21.80

Union Contact Gil Norris, 2623 34th Avenue Ct., Rock Island, IL 61201 (309-786-6505) OR IN MAR. contact Allyn Adams, 612 West 51st St., Davenport, IA 52806 (319-391-5443) to see if rooms are available. If rooms are available, send payment, payable to MAPS to Doug DeRosear, Box 125, Donnellson, IA 52625.

> DO NOT CONTACT Western Illinois University. These rooms must be rented for both Friday and Saturday. You must request rooms early and pay for them before March 30, 1991. You may wish to be on standby.

Single \$63.22 (weekend) 3 people \$ 95.92 (weekend) Double 87.20 (weekend) 4 people 104.72 (weekend)

PARKING

For those living in the Union, parking will be east of the Union with room permits. For others, get visitor permits from Public Safety. Parking in specified lots. After 5:00 p.m. Friday ample parking. Before 5:00 p.m. - patience needed.

MEALS Meals are available in the Union: fast food in the lower level and a deli in the basement. Ice cream is also available! There are many restaurants in town and a deli bar in a nearby grocery store.

EXPO REGULATIONS

Everyone is requested to make advance registration by March 30, 1991.

Mark your calendars now so you don't forget! Send registration forms found on page 8 in the *Digest* with your requests for tables, display space, Union housing reservations (if available). Send these forms and your checks made payable to MAPS to:

Doug DeRosear, Box 125 Donnellson, IA 52625. Please send dues to Treasurer before EXPO - it is a lot of extra work for us to accept them at EXPO.

ALL TABLES WILL BE ASSIGNED. If you want to be next to someone or specifically located, please say so when you send your money. Cost of the tables is \$10.00 each for a 6' table for the weekend. Half tables may be rented for \$6.00. MAXIMUM of 2 tables per person initially. Over 2 tables wanted? You may request extra tables, and if they are available you will be notified after March 15th (pay for these at EXPO). Requests for extra tables will be filled in rotation—one table per person per round until all space is gone.

The Committee insists that all materials be fossil or fossil related. Mountings, gemstones, minerals, Indian relics, etc., are not permitted!

<u>DISPLAYS</u> EXPO is special because of displays. They are a gift. They give us all a look at the ancient epochs of the world. Display tables are provided at no cost - 8 ft. limit. If you need more space, please contact Doug DeRosear.

ALL RESERVATIONS WILL BE ACKNOWLEDGED

OTHER ACTIVITIES SPECIAL FOSSIL LOCATIONS will be this year's theme. Keynote Speaker will be Dr. Desmond Collins, Royal Ontario Museum, on The Burgess Shale Fossil Fauna--The b Type Lagerstaten--7:45 p.m. Friday. A LIVE AUCTION will follow a short business meeting and awards presentation on Saturday evening. Proceeds go to a geology scholarship. Everyone is asked to provide a quality specimen, with full data and the name of the fossil donor. Specimens can be left at the information desk until 3:00 p.m. Saturday. If you wish to mail a specimen, send it with pertinent information to Paul Rechten, 7405 Shields, Harvard, IL 60035. Paul will send a postal acknowledgement on receipt of specimen. A SEMINAR will be given by Dr. Merril Foster, Bradley University, Peoria, IL, beginning at 9.00 a.m. Sunday. Reservations required.

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PETITION

Representatives of the BLM, Forest Service, Geological Survey, State Geologists, Museums, Paleontologists Societies, Commercial Dealers, and Amateurs reached a consensus agreement on the recommendations of the National Academy of Science for fossil collecting on Public Lands. We request that this policy guidelines draft be published in the Federal Register for public comment

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and

Professor of Music, Montgomery College. Will not trade, but will donate to a good cause. Major interest shark teeth. Has for donation Miocene marine fossils. Member American Fossil Soc., Washington, D.C., National Capital Fossil Club, Washington, D.C. Wants to know about Midwest collecting sites and to make contacts with other fossil collectors.

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Yes, I will provide a display for EXPO. It will require _____ linear feet of table space - 8 ft. maximum display.

(number) of 6 ft. tables for selling and swapping. Cost is \$10.00 per table. 1/2 table is \$6.00. 2 tables maximum initially. Check \$_ ___(Only send payment for up to two tables; others will be assigned on a rotating basis of 1 per person per round if available and will be paid for at EXPO.)

Number of chairs I will need.

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I request reservations for the Sunday morning seminar for the following:

__Will you help run EXPO?

p.ms. Front desk--Fri evening

_a.m. Sat p.m. Sun a.m. p.m.

Elevator--Friday: 9-10, 10-11, 11-12, 12-1, 1-2, 2-3, Sunday: 11-12, 12-1, 1-2, 2-3

The <u>Mid-America Paleontology</u> Society (MAPS) was formed to promote popular interest in the subject of paleontology; to encourage the proper collecting, study, preparation, and display of fossil material; and to assist other individuals, groups, and institutions interested in the various aspects of paleontology. It is a non-profit society incorporated under the laws of the State of Iowa.

Membership in MAPS is open to anyone, anywhere who is sincerely interested in fossils and the aims of the Society.

Membership fee: One year from month of payment is \$15.00 per household. Institution or Library fee is \$25.00. Overseas fee is \$15.00 with Surface Mailing of DIGESTS OR \$25.00 with Air Mailing of DIGESTS.

MAPS meetings are held on the 1st Saturday of each month (2nd Saturday if inclement weather). October & May meetings are scheduled field trips. The June meeting is in conjunction with the Bloomington, IN, Gem, Mineral, Fossil Show & Swap. A picnic is held the fourth weekend in July. November through April meetings are scheduled for 2 p.m. in the Science Building, Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois. One annual International Fossil Exposition is held in the Spring.

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