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NOVEMBER COVER--*COMURA*--CORRECTION

November's cover photo of Fred Wessman's *Comura* trilobite was taken by Tom Whiteley, Rochester, NY, a MAPS member. We regret that we did not have this information when the photo was published.

ABOUT THE COVER

This month's cover photo was sent by Gil Norris, Rock Island, Illinois. The specimen, from his collection, is the Mississippian bryozoan *Archimedes* sp. and is from Alabama.

DINOTOUR 1995

TEXAS DINOSAURS - FROM BEGINNING (TRIASSIC)
TO END (CRETACEOUS)

sent by Leslie Adler, Calgary, Alberta, CAN

Dr. Philip Currie, Head of Dinosaur Research at the Royal Tyrrell Museum in Drumheller, Alberta, Canada, will lead Dinotour's nine day trip to museums, labs, quarries and sites throughout the State of Texas. Highlights will include:

- Triassic dinosaurs of northwestern Texas (Texas Tech U. at Lubbock with Dr. Tom Lehman)
- Cretaceous dinosaur footprints and tracksites (Glen Rose, Austin, F6 Ranch, Fort Stockton, assisted by Dr. James Farlow)
- Big Bend National Park (where the giant pterosaur, *Quetzalcoatlus*, was found, assisted by Dr. Barbara Standhardt & Dr. Tom Lehman)
- Cretaceous dinosaurs in north central Texas (Fort Worth/Glen Rose, assisted by Dr. Louis Jacobs)
- Natural science museums in, Lubbock, San Antonio, Austin, Waco & Fort Worth

The tour begins in Lubbock, Texas, on Friday, April 21, 1995, and ends in Dallas Sunday, April 30. Cost in U.S. is \$1,074 (dbl), and \$1.275 (single).

Deposit was due December 1, 1994. Contact Dinotour, c/o 12231 Lake Fraser Way S.E., Calgary, Alberta, CANADA T2J 3T2. Bill Carson (403)239-6454 or Corliss Morre (403)271-2350 (evenings) to see if there are still openings.

MAPS NATIONAL FOSSIL EXPOSITION XVII CRINOIDS

April 7, 8, and 9 are the dates for the 1995 MAPS EXPO. This month's issue of the Digest includes all the information you need for registration and hotel and travel arrangements. Tables will be limited to 2 per family/membership this year and MAPS members will be given priority until March 1. All tables were sold out last year, and we won't have an extra room this year, so Get your reservations in early!

See Page 8 for registration form.

ADDRESS CHANGES, UPDATES, DUE FEB. 15

If you have any changes that you want to appear in the Directory Update, you must get that information to the **Editor** by February 15, 1995. And please send it as soon as possible.

It was voted at the 1993 EXPO to print only an update to the Directory in 1995, and every other year thereafter, because of the expense.

DUES HAVE RISEN

As was voted on at the 1994 EXPO, dues are now officially \$20 per year for U.S./Canadian memberships. Overseas memberships are \$20 for surface mail or \$30 for airmail. Library/institution rates are \$25. Rising postage rates and costs of the EXPO Digest/Directory made the raise necessary.

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DINOSAUR SEQUENCE ISOLATED?

by David J. Kaplan, Ph.D., Div. Chem. Toxicology, Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan

The following report deals with information obtained from a recent scientific journal article entitled "DNA sequence from Cretaceous Period Bone Fragments (Science, vol 266, Nov. 18, 1994, pages 1229-1232; authors Scott R. Woodward, Nathan J. Weyand & Mark Bunnell)." This report also includes information from the research news section (page 1159 of the same journal) by Ann Gibbons dealing with this paper.

A brief summary of the paper indicates that Scott Woodward (Brigham Young University, Provo, UT) and co-authors have obtained 9 DNA sequences of 174 base pair length from two relatively large bone fragments (80 million years old) found in sandstone matrix from the roof of a coal mine bed in the upper Cretaceous Blackhawk formation of the Mesa Verde Group, Eastern Utah. They utilize the technique of PCR (polymerase chain reaction) to amplify the micro quantities of DNA that were in these bones to levels where they could then be sequenced and read through conventional techniques. All the sequences were obtained using an identical set of primers. (Identical sets will often amplify the same region of DNA for a number of different organisms providing that these sequences are not too evolutionary diverse.) Primers are short DNA fragments that will recognize and bind to specific DNA sequences from where the PCR reaction or polymerization can proceed to reproduce a new DNA strand. Use of two different primers for opposite strands of the DNA double helix will then allow for a reproduced copy of the double strand DNA sequence located between and including the sequence stretch of the primers. Numerous cycles of the process lead to amplification of the original DNA template. In this case they amplified and sequenced a DNA region corresponding, but not identical to, the region (base #s 15,603-15,777) of the human mitochondrial gene cytochrome b. Comparison analysis of the consensus read out of these sequences to sequences in two genetic data banks demonstrated that they vary equally 30% from both mammalian-reptile and bird DNA sequences for this region of cytochrome b; a variation puzzling to a number of scientists since they suspect dinosaur DNA

to be closely related or homologous to avian DNA. Woodward and co-authors, however, indicate that this limited region of the gene encoding cytochrome b may be too short for use in phylogenetic analysis of distantly related organisms. In other words, more regions of cytochrome b or other evolutionary conserved genes should be sequenced to determine the full degree of variance. For purposes of comparison, it should be noted that 174 bases is a relatively short stretch of DNA and represents only 0.000006% of the human genome!!!

It is important to note that no official statement in that paper is made as to whether these two bone fragments (20cm/6cm/3cm & 20 cm/2cm/1cm) are definitely dinosaur bones. It is inferred only in part to the large size of the bones obtained from the upper Cretaceous period and the fact that Scott Woodward is convinced that the DNA is very old and is "likely" to be from a dinosaur. Scott Woodward is being conservative in his paper; a policy which is consistent with the work he has done with these two bones which I feel (as a scientist myself) has been done very well. His work on this project was highly detailed, very extensive and clean and included numerous and necessary scientific controls which in my opinion has eliminated contaminating DNA sources as the source of the reported DNA sequences. Some people do feel, however, that these sequences may come from a microbe that was already present in both bones from the past and this therefore represents a contamination. While this remains a possibility, it should be noted that the PCR primer sets used in Woodward's experiments did not amplify a number of different bacterial DNAs tested and therefore eliminates at least some groups of microbes as possible culprits. Woodward and co-workers feel furthermore that some of the variations that exist between the 9 different PCR sequences are at least due in part to some degradation of the DNA that occurred over time and that the PCR enzyme misincorporates the wrong base(s) in the damages portions of the DNA helix. It is

conceivable that this may account for some of the variability seen between the consensus ("average") DNA sequences obtained from the bones and the mammalian/reptilian and avian DNA sequences they were compared to.

The bottom line of Woodward and co-authors' work, which also includes my opinion as a research scientist, is this: (1) Their extensive and clean work as reported leads me to believe that there is a good possibility (i.e. and observable chance) that they do indeed have some bona fide dinosaur DNA sequence (albeit discontinuous). Eliminating the possibility of a strange anomaly or some form of incipient microbial contamination that should permeate large sections of both bones (the two bones may be from two different individuals or species of dinosaur), Woodward and group may be one of the first ones to report dinosaur sequence. (Possible T. Rex DNA has also been reported from at least two different groups previous to this. The two groups are Schweitzer & Horner and Cano & Poinar.) This of course may also require that the bones they used are definitely from dinosaurs. From their size they have a good chance of coming from a dinosaur. Nevertheless, in the possibility of acquiring further support of his work, Woodward is dividing up fragments of remaining bone to send to other labs for verification. (2) Again the variability in the PCR sequences from present day reptilian, and especially avian, sequences should not immediately lead one to conclude that these sequences are not dinosaur sequences. Again we are dealing with a comparison of a limited sequence stretch (somewhat damaged) for only one gene in a field of thousands of genes in the genomes of the compared organisms. We do not know, furthermore, how close genetically the dinosaurs are related to the birds, although we do know there is a strong general morphological relation. (3) Amber has been proven to possess good preservative properties and it has been a good source of stretches of DNA sequence for a number of ancient organisms. The search for dinosaur DNA in amber, however, has been a difficult process since it requires the indirect approach of acquiring dinosaur DNA from blood sucking insects

whose last meal might have been derived from a bird or rodent. The DNAs derived may be, if not degraded, a mix of insect and non-dinosaur DNA at best. (There is hope, however, of possible finding relatively intact Dinosaur white blood cells from where DNA can be isolated.) Although utilization of dinosaur bone would be a more direct process to acquire dinosaur DNA, this tissue is more subject to degradation during the fossilization process. DNAs would probably deteriorate during the first moments of the fossilization process, geologically speaking. Woodward's work, however, was done on internal sections of very well preserved dinosaur bones. There was no indication of replacement of the organic substances by inorganic minerals which occur during permineralization associated with fossilization. The bones used, furthermore, had a 2:1 ratio of calcium to phosphate and no detectable silicon and aluminum, a composition similar to that of contemporary bone. This seems to reveal the presence of well preserved bone.

In conclusion, it should be noted that the difficulties in Woodward's work reveal the colossal effort that would be required to sequence just a percentage of total dinosaur DNA if it were available. Even for the human genome, which is most readily available, we have sequenced roughly only 1% at best and even this has involved thousands of researchers (including myself). Hypothetically, even if we were handed a full dinosaur genomic sequence on a platter, there would be the great difficulty of overcoming the hurdles of chromosome construction, producing a viable egg, ensuring the development as well as survival of the developing embryo. The reality of Jurassic Park, therefore, remains in the arena of science fiction at this point. But because there is science, there is the possibility. At this time, however, we can only dream.

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Publisher. Will not trade now. Major interest dinosaurs, shark teeth, trilobites, amber, plants, insects, and fish. Just getting started (94). Wants to further knowledge and meet collectors for possible field collecting.

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NATIONAL FOSSIL EXPOSITION XVII - 1995

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 is 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 7, at 8:00 a.m.

EXPO HOURS: Friday, April 7 - 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
 Saturday, April 8 - 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday, April 9 - 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
 (Many people leave early Sunday)

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 arrange 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 you can fly into St. Louis, MO, or Peoria, IL, and rent a car and drive to Macomb.

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DON'T FORGET - In all cases identify with MAPS.

PARKING

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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, 1994. Mark your calendars now so you don't forget! Registration forms are found on page 8 in the *Digest* for your requests for tables, display space, etc. Send these forms and your check made payable to MAPS to: Karl Stuekerjuergen, 1503 265th Ave., West Point, IA 52656. 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.

Cost of the tables is \$15.00 each for a 6' table in the Ballroom for the weekend; \$15/table in the Lobby. (Lobby tables will be used only for overflow.) **MAXIMUM of 2 tables per family/membership 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. Also, those with special needs for more than 2 tables may apply to the Board by March 1 for an exception. All decisions will be made as soon as possible, with all decisions made by March 7. **MAPS memberships will have first chance at all tables requested before March 1.**

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OTHER ACTIVITIES.

CRINOIDS will be this year's theme. **Keynote Speaker** will be Dr. Thomas Guensburg, Rockford, Illinois. His Friday night speech is entitled "Early Crinoids." 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 acknowledgment on receipt of specimen.

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APRIL 7-8-9, 1995**

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Check enclosed: \$____ (Only send payment for up to two tables per person; any extras assigned through request will be paid for at time of notification or at EXPO.) MAPS members will have first chance at all tables requested before March 1.

____ Number of chairs I will need.

____ Will you help run EXPO?

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Sat _____ a.m. _____ p.m.
Sun _____ a.m. _____ p.m.

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