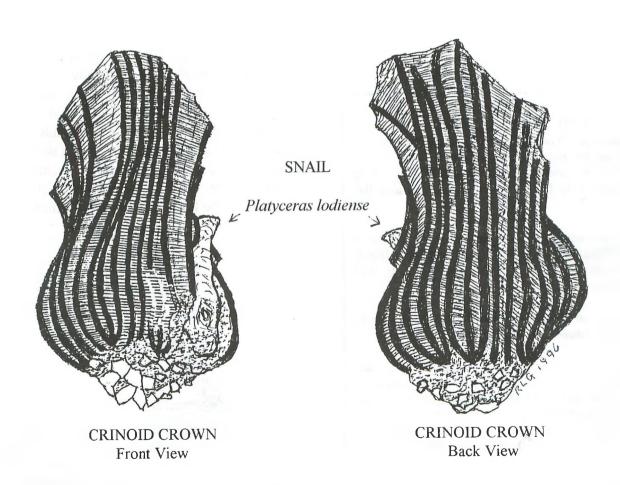


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### MAPS DIGEST

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# MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Jan 11 MAPS MEETING. The Cove Restaurant near Tipton, Iowa. On the south side of I-80 at Exit 266.

> 12:30 Luncheon Meeting Board and Regular Meeting Combined There will be no program.

Feb 8 MAPS MEETING. Trowbridge Hall, the University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa.

1:00 Board and Regular Meeting Combined 2:00 Program: Jeff Schabilion will speak about "What's New in the Coal Swamps."

# Apr 18, 19, & 20 MAPS NATIONAL FOSSIL EXPOSITION XIX--EXTINCTIONS

Fri., Apr. 18: 8am - 5:00pm Sat., Apr. 19: 8am - 5pm Sun., Apr. 20: 8am - 3pm

### 97/01 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--97/01 means 1997/Jan. Dues cover the issue of the Digest for the month in which they expire.

We do not sent 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 name exactly as it appears on your mailing label--or include a label.

Dues are \$20 per U.S./Canadian household per year. Overseas members may choose the \$20 fee to receive the Digest by surface mail or a \$30 fee to receive it by air mail. (Please send a check drawn on a United States bank in US funds; US currency; a money order; or a check drawn on an International bank in your currently.) Library/Institution fee is \$25.

> Make checks payable to MAPS and mail to: Sharon Sonnleitner, Treas. 4800 Sunset Dr. SW Cedar Rapids, IA 52404

## ABOUT THE COVER by Bob Guenther, Shelby, Ohio

The fossil crinoid and snail specimen depicted on this month's cover is from the Mississippian period rocks of the Cuyahoga Formation of Hayesville, Ohio. It is one of the best fossils that I was able to collect in 1996, and as yet I have not been able to locate the correct name for it. So if any of you crinoid collectors have information that would enlighten me as to the identification of this fossil, I would appreciate your help.

The arms formula is -2,3,3, -2,3,3, -2,3,3, -2,3,3, -2,3,3, -2,3,3, for a total 40 arms making up the rays, with the sketch showing its full size. The snail is a *Platyceras lodiensis* variety.

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# MAPS EXPO POSTAGE CANCEL

Tony Verdi has once again designed a postage cancel and cacheted envelope for our show. The post office will set up a station next to the main entrance for you to get your letters postmarked with the special extinctions cancel. You will be able to get the cacheted envelopes from Tony's table next to the post office. (He usually has appropriate stamps, too.) All *Digests* which are not picked up at the show are mailed from the floor with the show cancel.



Those of you who want the cancel and envelope but cannot attend the show can send a request to: Tony Verdi, 1225 Ledge Rd., Hinckley, OH 44233.

Include \$1.25 for each envelope, plus a selfaddressed, stamped #10 envelope. Deadline for requests is March 31.

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# EXPO XIX REGISTRATION INFORMATION

This month's issue of the *Digest* contains all the information necessary for getting tables and rooms at EXPO, April 18-20. See pages 6-7. Hotel rooms sometimes fill up at EXPO time because of other events at the University, so it's a good idea to make reservations early.

This year's keynote speaker is Warren Allmon, Director of the Paleontological Research Institution (PRI) in Ithaca, New York. Prior to the program, the PRI will present its Kathryn Palmer Award to an amateur who has made a significant contribution to the field of paleontology. To give MAPS officials who close the floor enough time to eat before the program, we will be closing the show at 5:00 Friday. This is a change from previous years. New this year will be a silent auction on Friday afternoon and Saturday. This idea was suggested to shorten the live auction and to make auction items available to all the attendees during show hours.

Once again we will be using just the main ballroom and the adjoining lobby, so we must limit tables to 2 per family/membership (with rare exceptions) so that all members can be accommodated. Materials can be stored under tables, but no material is allowed in the aisles. Also, EXPO is a fossil and fossil-related only show-no other types of materials are allowed on the floor.

# MAPS BADGES AVAILABLE

MAPS name badges are available. To order:

- •Request a MAPS name badge.
- •Print your name exactly as you want it to appear.
- •Include your city and state.
- •Be sure to include your return address.
- •Send the above information along with a check in the amount of \$6.36 to:

Designer Awards 207 Western Avenue Davenport, IA 52801-1012 Ph. (319) 326-2222

The price includes postage, handling and tax. MAPS is not directly involved in the sale of the badges; however, please let us know if you have any problems.

# SEND DIRECTORY INFORMATION NOW

A supplemental update to the *Directory* will be published year. It will include new members and changes of address, etc. Please be sure any changes that have not yet been sent to the editor are in by February 15. A complete *Directory* will be published in 1998.

# SECOND INTERNATIONAL TRILOBITE CONFERENCE by Stuart Milliken, Ontario, Canada

I am currently involved in the organizing of the "non professional" portion of the Second International Trilobite Conference at Brock University, St. Catherines, Ontario, August 22-25, 1997.

Traditionally, these conferences are geared towards high level professional Palaeontologists, but with a persuasive argument, I have managed to arrange a concurrent conference for casual collectors and non-professionals. Ideally, we would like to have field trips, "round table" discussions, displays and debates, designed to get the public-at-large interested in Geosciences and exposed to these high-level professionals. The educational opportunities are unparalleled.

....We are totally unfunded at this point and are relying completely on fellow collectors and volunteers to make this event happen....

If you would like more information on this upcoming conference, I would suggest you e-mail:

•myself for information at SMilliken@aol.com

•for the professionals and for the "official" word, contact Dave Rudkin, Paleobiology Department, Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto

-Davidru@aol.com

# RECYCLING, 350 MILLION YEARS AGO by Bob Guenther, Shelby, Ohio

*Recycle.* My dictionary states that the meaning of this word is "to extract and reuse useful substances found in waste." To us modern people it is a necessary way of living to preserve the limited resources that make life so enjoyable for the human race. Whole new industries have been formed to create new products out of what materials are waste products of this civilization.

This process of recycling has been in use for many millions of years before the *Homo sapiens* race appeared on this earth and figured out the word that describes this process. The plants, insects, and animals that have lived on this earth since the beginning of life on this planet have been using this process in the many controls that exert an influence on the complicated science of evolution, which has given us such a wide and wonderful assortment of life form that are found on this beautiful planet that we call Earth.

One of the first examples came to my attention while I was collecting from the Devonian Period, Silica Formation of the Medusa Cement Company Quarry fossils. A few of the *Arthroacantha carpenter* crinoids had *Platyceras bucculentum* snails snugly ensconced over the anal vent of the crinoids. Here they fed upon the waste excrements, which gave them the nourishments they needed. These well-preserved examples of recycling were delightful bonuses in my fossil collections.

How and when this process started is way back in time. Perhaps the snails in the planktonic stage settled on the crinoid crowns, or maybe the snail, crawling a path along the ocean's bottom, came to the stalk of the columnals and decided to climb up it just because "it was there," and as a result found the location a good source of edible food to enjoy. Maybe this is one of the secrets of evolution that keeps us looking for answers and makes the collecting of fossils interesting.

Another example of these snails using this process came to my attention when a little over a month ago while checking out a shale bank to see what kinds of fossils had weathered out, my attention, due to my healthy eyeballs, was called to several crinoid arms in the mud along the small creek. When I fished out this piece of fossil material, I realized it was the center section of a large crinoid crown. This was Mississippian Period Formation, and since I had found complete crinoids at this location before, I checked the mud very closely, and there, partially buried in the mud, I could see a couple more crinoid arms. This time I hit the "jackpot," for when I reached down in the mud, I could feel that this crinoid was a complete crinoid crown. When I washed the mud off the crown, I could see that there as a bonus was a *Platyceras lodiense* snail securely imbedded in the crinoid crown with its point sticking out through the delicate arms of the crinoid. Yes, this is a good example of what keeps the "Old Fossil Picker" happy with the bonuses that nature in its own beautiful way provides for my enjoyment.

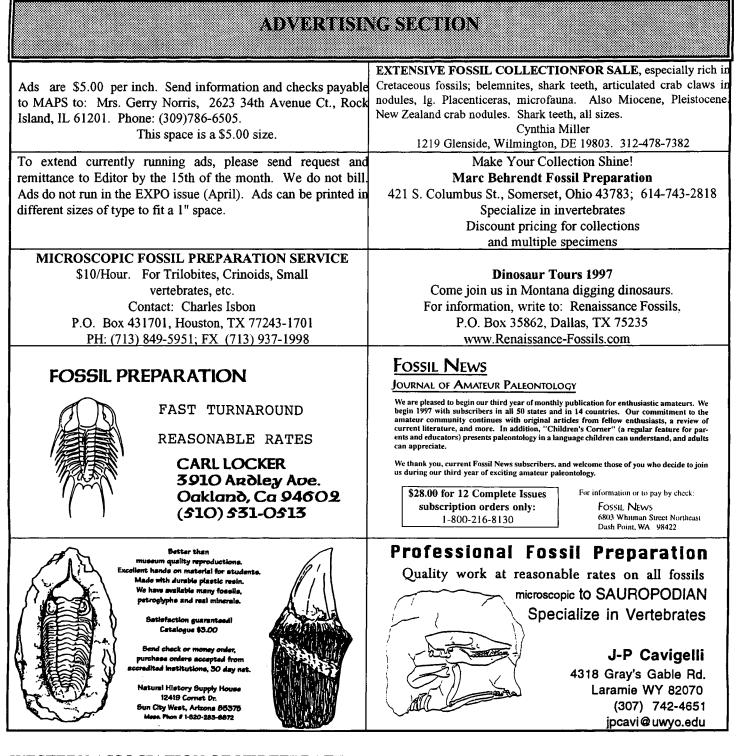
# T. REX TO BE AUCTIONED source: *The Daily Courier*, Prescott, AZ, 11/17/96 sent by Jim & Sylvia Konecny

Sue, the 50-foot Tyrannosaurus rex unearthed in 1990 by Pete Larson and others from the Black Hills Institute in South Dakota, will be sold to the highest bidder. Discovered by a woman walking her dog on Sioux Indian Maurice Williams' reservation ranch, Sue was excavated and partially prepared after Larson paid Williams \$5,000 for the rights to her. News of Sue, described as the most complete and detailed fossil of a T. rex ever found, spread quickly among paleontologists. Some criticism of Larson's company's excavating on federal land led to a government raid on the Institute and the seizure of Sue. After a four year battle among the Black Hills Institute, Williams, and the federal government, title to Sue was awarded to Williams.

Now she is slated to be sold by Sotheby's in the spring in Manhattan on behalf of Williams. The exact date will depend on when Sue is prepared. Sotheby's is paying to have the bones cleaned, and some paleontologists predict that she could bring as much as \$5 million. Others, such as Donald Wolberg, disagree, suggesting the auction house will be lucky to cover its expenses. The preparation will cost about a half million dollars, according to Wolberg. "And the dinosaur bone market has been depressed by a lot of recent tyrannosaur discoveries. They'll never get \$1 million, and it's really sad that Sue has come to this," said Wolberg. **MAPS DIGEST** 

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### WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF VERTEBRATE PALEONTOLOGISTS info sent by David Jones, Worthington, MN

For some MAPS members who plan a trip to the Tucson show, here is some news that may help start the New Year right. The Western Area Vertebrate Paleo. meeting will be on the University of Arizona campus in Tucson, just as the Tuscon show is ending.

The show funs February 15-17. Activities include presentations, a field trip and a group dinner.

For those interested, the contact is :

WAVP 1997 Annual Meeting c/oEverett Lindsay Dept. of Geosciences University of Arizona Tuscon, AZ 85721 ph: 520-621-5086 fx: 520-621-2672 e-mail: <ehlind@geo.arizona.edu>

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Bryan Ritchie 4 Nipissing cres. Brampton Ontario CANADA L68 5A6 905-455-1175 Project Controls Engineer. Will trade. Major interest Oligocene/Miocene mammals. Member of Soc. Vert. Paleo, NV Paleo Assn, Pecarry Soc. (Clairemont, CA), Tampa Bay Fossil Club (FL), Dry Dredgers (Cincinatti). Wants to extend contact with others interested in paleontology.

Remisier. Will not trade yet (96). Interested in all fossils. Wants to learn more about fossils.

Landscape Architect. Will trade later(96). Major interest flora--Gymno and Angiosperms. Wants help in locating and exchanging information.

Air Traffic Controller. Will trade. Major interest arthropods. Penn. fossils. Member of Kawarthra Rock & Fossil Club (Peterborough, Ont.) Wants to obtain knowledge in prep., localities, etc. and to interact with like-minded individuals.

#### PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES OF ADDRESS OR CORRECTIONS:

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Thomas C. Witherspoon 6611 Miller Road Dearborn MI 48126-1915 313-582-3139 Has Devonian material from New York & Ontario (including microfossils) as well as Paleozoic material from several areas in the US.

Display cabinet manufacturer owner/artist. Will trade. Interested in all fossils--mostly Paleo zoic. Member of Cincinatti (OH) Dry Dredgers. Wants to make contact with others interested in fossils.

# NATIONAL FOSSIL EXPOSITION XIX - 1997

**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 18, at 8:00 a.m.

EXPO HOURS: Friday, April 18 - 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Saturday, April 19 - 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Sunday, April 20 - 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (Many people leave early Sunday)

# **TRANSPORTATION**There are 2 highways leading into Macomb -<br/>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, (309-786-6505) 2623 34th Ave. Ct., Rock Island, IL 61201. Or you can fly into St. Louis, MO, or Peoria, IL, and rent a car and drive to Macomb.

## **LODGING** Macomb area code - 309, Macomb zip code - 61455

★ CAMPERS
Persons traveling in self-contained camping units may park on the parking lot.
See Public Safety located in the Union. IDENTIFY WITH M.A.P.S.

★ MOTELS We have been informed that most motels now have two prices, one for weekdays and one for weekends. When you call for reservations, it may be a good idea to ask for prices, if you are concerned about costs.

Motels are listed according to what has generally been the highest-priced one to the lowest-priced one in order to give you a general idea of the price range. It has been reported that some of the hotels are raising the price for EXPO weekend, so you might want to check prices.

Ameri Host	1646 N. Lafayette	837-2220
Macomb Inn(Days Inn)	1400 N. Lafayette	833-5511
Super 8	313 University Drive	836-8888
Pineapple Inn	204 Jefferson Street	837-1914
Travel Inn	Hwy 136 West	833-4521
Time Out Motel	Hwy 67 North	837-4838
Star Motel	Hwys. 67 S. and 136 E. 1507 E. Jackson Rd.	837-4817
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If you plan to stay at a motel, we urge you to make your reservation early. Local motels are generally filled during the weekends.

# **★ MOBILE HOME PARKING** is offered at **TIL JORDAN MEADOW MOBILE PARK by calling 309-837-2883**, for those who wish utility hook-up.

★ UNION— Contact Gilbert Norris, (309-786-6505) 2623 34th Ave Ct., Rock Island, IL 61201 to see if rooms are available. (*There are a limited number.*) Rooms are to be paid directly to the University Union when you check in or out.
These rooms must be rented for both Friday & Saturday. You must request rooms early. You may wish to be on standby.
<u>DO NOT CONTACT</u> Western Illinois University for UNION rooms.

★ OLSON HALL— Dormitory-style housing is available at the University in Olson Hall—Dorm rooms with community bath on floor. CONTACT THE UNIVERSITY directly at 309-298-3500 for reservations

# DON'T FORGET - In all cases identify with M.A.P.S.

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PARKING	For those living in the Unio	on, parking will be east of the Union wi	th room permits. For others, get
	visitor permits from Publ	ic 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, 1997. 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: 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.

Cost of the tables is \$15.00 each for a 6' table in the Ballroom for

# ALL TABLES WILL BE ASSIGNED

the weekend; \$15/table in the Lobby. (Lobby tables will be used only for overflow.) MAXIMUM of 2 tables per person/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. (No more than 4 tables will be allotted to a <u>person, family</u> or group, whichever is the larger unit.)

The Committee insists that all materials be fossil or fossil related. Mountings, gemstones, minerals, Indian relics, etc., are not permitted! Aisles must be kept clear at all times.

**DISPLAYS** 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. Bring your own lights, if you need lighting.

# ALL RESERVATIONS WILL BE ACKNOWLEDGED

**OTHER ACTIVITIES** EXTINCTIONS will be this year's theme. Friday's Keynote Speaker will be Dr. Warren Allmon, Director of the Paleontological Research Institution, Ithaca, New York. His program will be on extinctions and will be preceded by the presentation of the Kathryn Palmer Award by the Paleo Research Institute. A live auction will follow a short business meeting and awards presentation on Saturday evening. New this year will be a silent auction Friday afternoon and Saturday. Proceeds from the auctions go to a geology scholarship. Each dealer is encouraged to contribute a specimen/specimens equal to or greater than the cost of the tables he/she has rented in order to assure consideration for table space at the next EXPO. Include 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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# **EXPO AUCTION INFORMATION**

A live auction will be held Saturday evening of EXPO following a brief business meeting and awards presentation. Also during show hours, a silent auction will be held to shorten the live auction. As part of your table fees, you are encouraged to donate a correctly labeled, quality fossil(s) or fossilrelated item(s) to the Auction. Information to include with the specimen is as follows: Brief description and common name, species information, location, and time period. A minimum guide to the value of your donation would be something equal to your table fee. In other words, if you have one table, the donation should have a minimum value of \$15; two tables, \$30; and so on.

Preference on future table assignments will be given to those who make a donation to the auction as suggested above.

Most proceeds from the Auction go to the Paleontology Society Scholarship Fund. As an interesting note, a number of Auction donations are made by individuals who do not have tables, or who are unable to attend EXPO or the auction.

The many generous donations in preceeding years have allowed us to contribute two \$500 to the Paleo Society each of the last several years. We hope to continue the trend or even increase the number of scholarships we can give.

# NATIONAL FOSSIL EXPO XIX--REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete the form below, enclose a check payable to MAPS, and mail to Doug DeRosear, Box 125, Donnellson, IA 52625, before March 30, 1997.

NAME:	PHONE NO.:	()
ADDRESS:		
Yes, I will provide a display for EXPO. It will requ	CITY uire linear feet of table space8f	STATE ZIP t. maximum display.
I request (number) of 6 ft. tables for sellin maximum initially; maximum limit of 4/family available). Check enclosed: \$ ( <b>Only send payment fo</b> be paid for at time of notification or at EXPO.	or group in all (assigned only in spec	cial need cases or if extras are
Number of chairs I will need.		
Yes, I will help run EXPO:		
Front deskFria.mp.m.; Sat	a.mp.m.; Sun	a.mp.m.
NO ONE EXCEPT THE GUARD IS ALLOWE	D ON THE FLOOR FOR ANY REAS	SON AFTER HOURS!

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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 \$20.00 per household. Institution or Library fee is \$25.00. Overseas fee is \$20.00 with Surface Mailing of DIGESTS OR \$30.00 with Air Mailing of DIGESTS. (Payments other than those stated will be pro-rated.

MAPS meetings are held on the 2nd Saturday of October, November, January, and March and at EXPO in April. A picnic is held during the summer. October through March meetings are scheduled for 1 p.m. in Trowbridge Hall, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa. One annual International Fossil Exposition is held in April.

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