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CONFERENCE SPEAKERS TO RESURRECT VINLAND MAP CONTROVERSY

MADISON--Is the Yale University's controversial Vinland Map a million-dollar hoax or is it, in fact, authentic cartographic evidence that Norsemen explored and charted territory in America long before Christopher Columbus "discovered" the New World in 1492?

Two California speakers scheduled for a conference this weekend at the University of Wisconsin-Madison believe that despite evidence suggesting the map is a fake, the question remains unanswered.

Robert H. Power and Robert Anderson will propose further, more comprehensive testing of the Vinland Map when they address colleagues and the public at 9 a.m. Saturday (Nov. 6) in the Wisconsin State Historical Society auditorium. The presentation will be part of a two-day conference of the Society for the History of Discoveries hosted by the UW-Madison Friday and Saturday.

The Vinland map's unveiling at the Yale University Library just before Columbus Day in 1965 stirred international controversy which continued until 1974, when microanalysis indicated that a component in the map's ink was indistinguishable from a type manufactured only after 1920. The finding became prime evidence in pronouncing the map a fake.

Power, a fellow and past president of the California Historical Society, and Anderson, professor at San Jose State University, maintain however, that the micro-analysis of the map's ink was not enough to discredit the document. In a

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telephone interview Power said he believes "there is good suggestion that the map is genuine." He called the ink test results inconclusive, adding, "no further collaboration in any other discipline has come forth to support them."

Power said he will join Anderson in proposing that Yale allow a series of scientific tests to be conducted on the map under auspices of the Smithsonian Institution. Anderson told a reporter that he and colleagues at the Smithsonian want to see additional study of the map, because "there is still an open book on it as to whether it is authentic or bogus."

At the Madison conference Anderson will propose further testing of the Vinland Map to include:

*Carbon-14 dating of the paper upon which the map and text are drawn.

*Further analysis of the map's ink at the University of California-Davis cyclotron. Unlike cyclotrons which require the material under study to be placed in a vacuum, Davis' unit operates in normal room atmosphere, allowing the entire map to be analyzed without damage, he said.

*Microphotographic analysis, possibly by the FBI, of drawing and handwriting in the map and its text.

*Detailed study of binding techniques used in the map and the book in which it is bound.

"If this is a bogus map in all or in part, then we certainly should identify it," Anderson said. "I think this (proposed testing) is going to say whether this is real or not real." Power went further in his call for additional study. "I believe there's reasonable cause to believe that the map is genuine, and new tests could prove it," he said.

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MADISON--George F. Hanson, state geologist, will keynote a University of Wisconsin conference on Surface Mining for Construction Materials in Wisconsin: Problems and Opportunities here March 2-3.

To be held at the Wisconsin Center, the meeting will stress such matters as site planning, reclamation, rehabilitation, and utilization; existing state and local controls and regulations; exploitation, processing, and products of the industry; and occurrence, distribution, and economics of sand, gravel, and aggregate.

Other speakers will include:

Walter J. Tarmann and Norbert S. Theine, Waukesha; Dr. Paul Hilpman, Champaign, Ill.; Rodney Gallagher, Cross Plains;

Meredith E. Ostrom, Robert J. Faucett, Steve Born, Clyde N. Laughter, Ralph B. Hovind, Harold C. Jordahl jr., and Laurence F. Motl, Madison;

Charles M. Plummer, Neenah; Sue Kappes, Milwaukee; Paul Scheid, Chicago.

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MADISON, Wis.--Impact of new Interstate Highway 90-94 on surrounding land...

Changes in soybean production...Transformation of Wisconsin's "raw" land of 1830 to its present-day commercial landscape...Glacial terraces in the lower Wisconsin River gorge and their relationship to geography...

These are four of six research projects undertaken by college geography teachers who are, in their own words, "gaining a second lease on professional life," at the University of Wisconsin this summer.

The special program, only one of its kind in the country, is supported by the National Science Foundation. Each of the teachers is working for six graduate credits during the nine-week course. They receive a stipend to cover living, travel, and field work expenses. Some additional funds will be available so they can continue their research when they return to teaching in September.

The foundation hopes to "extend and strengthen the scientific teaching and research potential of the country by aiding faculty members to gain additional experience in research, and increase familiarity with the subject matter and techniques of their chosen discipline."

Wisconsin's Prof. Robert W. Finley, department of geography, is administering the project.

Madison and its environs provide a testing ground for two of the projects. Chester Smolski, of Rhode Island College, Providence, is analyzing the relocation of families displaced by Madison's urban redevelopment program. The impact of new Interstate Highway 90-94 on the use of surrounding land is the concern of Clarence Knuth, Wisconsin State College-Whitewater.

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Kenneth Korb, teacher at the UW Center in Sheboygan, is studying the historical geography of agriculture in eastern Wisconsin. How, for example, was the "raw" landscape of 130 years ago so rapidly transformed into the agricultural producer it is today? An understanding of such development and change may help areas like Alaska and Venezuela which presently are working toward similar goals.

Gene Musolf, of the UW Center at Wausau, received his master's degree at Wisconsin 10 years ago. He is working on research concerned with glacial terraces in the lower Wisconsin River gorge from a geographic approach: their orientation, surroundings, soil composition, and vegetation.

A teacher at St. Cloud (Minn.) State College, Philip Tideman, is studying 30 years of changes in soybean growth. The tremendous boost in production, he notes, reflects the huge capacity of American agriculture to change. Largely used for oils and feed, soybeans are fast becoming a mainstay of cash crop farming, and find both foreign and domestic markets.

Analysysis of the scale of farm operations in the United States is Vaughn Manley's project. A member of the Drake University staff at Des Moines, he is searching for a definition of size of these operations and examining 1950-60 trends. He hopes to make his findings and techniques for deriving them available to others since it is expected to be basic to other geographic surveys.

Prof. Finley said the program has fostered scientific inquiry, and provided unique, stimulating opportunities. Proposals to repeat the course next summer already are in the works. He tells you:

"We expect this program to help improve the quality of college teaching in geography by enhancing the instructors' professional backgrounds. We also may uncover and encourage latent talent that can make continuing contributions to knowledge."

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MADISON, Wis.--Some 29 papers, largely pertaining to geology of the Lake Superior area, will be heard by participants in the Lake Superior Institute opening Thursday, April 14, on the University of Wisconsin campus.

The two-day meeting, sponsored by the UW department of geology and the Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey, is expected to bring some 200 persons to Madison--state geologists and geologists associated with universities, colleges, and mining companies.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. in the Wisconsin Center and all technical sessions as well as social periods will be held in the center.

The papers will begin at 9:20 with "Recent Studies of the Gunflint Range, Ontario," presented by Willard H. Parsons, chairman of geology, Wayne State University, Detroit. They will end at noon, Friday with Gilbert L. Hole reporting on "Iron Deposits in Gabon, Equatorial Africa." Mr. Hole is a geologist with the Bethlehem Steel Corporation, Bethlehem, Pa.

Many of the researchers who will tell of their work come from Wisconsin ranks. Among UW graduate students presenting their findings are John W. Mack, Madison; Thomas E. Berg, Onalaska, Wis.; Elizabeth H. Kissling, Lexington, Ky.; Gene L. LaBerge, Ladysmith, Wis.; and Gerrard L. Coetzea, Chunya, Tanganyika, S. Africa.

UW faculty reading papers will include Prof. Robert P. Meyer; John S. Steinhart, Fellow in geology; Prof. George P. Woppard; Prof. Robert Black; and Prof. Lewis Cline.

Also on the program are Thomas E. Hendrix, UW alumnus now at the University of Indiana, Bloomington; Fred Klinger, alumnus, now with the Oliver Mining Co., Virginia, Minn.; and Carl E. Dutton, regional geologist, U. S. Geological Survey, stationed on Wisconsin's campus.

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Speaker at the 6:30 dinner on Thursday in the center will be R. J. Anderson, Battelle Memorial Institute. Anderson will talk on "Journey into Ignorance: A Review of the Findings of the International Geophysical Year."

The committee responsible for programming the institute has Prof. Eugene N. Cameron, chairman of UW geology, and George F. Hanson, state geologist, as co-chairmen. The geologists announced that there will be no field trip on this year's meeting of the institute.

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MADISON, Wis.--Approximately 200 persons are expected to attend the sixth annual meeting of the Lake Superior Institute of Geology April 14 and 15 on the University of Wisconsin campus at Madison.

The meeting will be sponsored jointly by the UW department of geology and the Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey.

Morning and afternoon technical sessions for the two days, all to be held in the Wisconsin Center, will emphasize, as in past years, Pre-Cambrian geology, but papers on other subjects will be included, according to an arrangements committee drawn from the UW geology department and the survey. Prof. Eugene N. Cameron, chairman of UW geology, and George F. Hanson, state geologist, are co-chairmen of the committee.

The annual dinner for the institute will be held at the Wisconsin Center on Friday evening, April 14. There will be no field trip in connection with this year's meeting, the committee said.

Additional details of the program and information on accommodations may be obtained by writing to Prof. Cameron, Science Hall, University of Wisconsin, Madison.

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MADISON, Wis.--University of Wisconsin geologists will be hosts to the 23rd annual Tri-State Geological Field Conference Saturday and Sunday, Oct 10 and 11.

Conference membership includes staff and students in the geology departments of Iowa, Illinois, and Wisconsin institutions of higher learning and the staffs of state and federal geological agencies within the tri-state area.

Approximately 300 persons are expected to take part in two field trips led by Wisconsin geologists.

Profs. Lewis E. Cline and Robert Black will conduct the Saturday trip leading from Prairie du Chien east to Madison in the study of Cambro-Ordovician strata, particularly the broad fold stretching north and south through the center of the state known as the Wisconsin arch.

Prof. Stanley A. Tyler will conduct the Sunday morning trip to Rock Springs Gorge where the conference group will examine highly folded pre-Cambrian quartzite overlapped by flat-lying Cambrian sandstones.

Grad students who will assist on the trips include David Baver, Honolulu, Hawaii; Garrett Briggs, Dallas, Texas; John Dennison, Bridgeport, W. Va.; Darwin Hart, Miami Springs, Fla.; Phillip Stark, Iowa City, Iowa; James Jones, Friendship, Wis.; Folke Johanssen, Niagara, Wis.; James Shea, Eau Claire; and Lawrence Fellows, Shenandoah, Iowa.

Tri-State will hold its annual banquet meeting at 7 p.m. Saturday in Great Hall of the Memorial Union. Members of the UW Geology Club, a student group, will conduct the banquet program.

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MADISON, Wis.--The 1955 summer program at the University of Wisconsin will include more than 40 conferences, workshops, and clinics designed to meet the educational needs of men and women in many walks of life.

Special institutes in reading, writing, and arithmetic, as well as conferences for doctors, lawyers, merchants, and fire chiefs have been scheduled to fill the weeks between June 6 and the beginning of the fall semester.

Special institutes for teachers have been scheduled during the regular University Summer Session period, June 24-Aug. 19, so that teachers attending that session can expand their study into special interest areas.

The complete list of institutes follows:

Three Week Session for Agricultural Extension Personnel, June 6-25: lectures on program planning, 4-H clubs, rural sociology, farm and home planning.

Wisconsin Field Excursion in Geography, June 15-29: two-week field trip by bus throughout Wisconsin to study regional geography, representative industrial plants, historic points of interest.

Conference on Alcohol Studies, June 20-24: to acquaint doctors, ministers, teachers, social workers, police with recent scientific developments in the control of alcoholism.

Writers Institute, June 24-Aug. 19: for writers of promise in the fields of the short story, novel, verse, the essay, television.

Proseminar on Family Financial Security Education, June 24-Aug. 19: for teachers and administrators interested in developing better programs in the secondary schools.