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January 5, 1971

Dear Mr. Green:

This is to acknowledge your letter of December 22 to the President in further reference to the young men who discovered dinosaur tracks in Roseland, New Jersey and suggesting they be invited to the White House.

It was very thoughtful of you to write to the President again in this regard and he sends you his thanks for your interest. Unfortunately, though, because of the heavy pressures of the President's official schedule at this time, we are unable to arrange an appointment. However, we will certainly keep the suggestion in mind should an opportunity arise.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Hugh W. Sloan, Jr.
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mr. George D.^x Green
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December 22, 1970

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

I reference my letter to you of July 17th attached herewith regarding the young high school students who discovered the dinosaur tracks in Roseland, New Jersey.

Also attached is a tear page from the December 11th issue of Life Magazine in which they extolled on the tremendous accomplishments of these two young fellows. Obviously, at the time of my writing, I did not realize that Life thought enough of the discovery and human interest in young America to do a story.

Wouldn't it be a good idea to invite these young fellows to Washington to meet with you? I personally am interested on the basis of seeing the young fellows with the "white hats" win once in a while just as I was interested in voting for you, Mr. President, because I feel that you are one of the fellows with the "white hat".

Please note, a copy of the letter I received from one of your assistants is also attached.

Respectfully yours,

George D. Green
Vice President - Marketing

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July 24, 1970

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Dear Mr. Green:

I have been asked to acknowledge your very kind letter of July 17th to the President.

He is most appreciative of your bringing to his attention the information about the discovery of dinosaur tracks near Roseland by three young men from Livingston, New Jersey.

Much as we would like to send an encouraging reply about inviting them to the White House, unfortunately, the demands of the President's schedule are such that we do not foresee a time when this could be arranged.

The President wanted me to express his thanks for your interest in writing about this interesting discovery, nevertheless, and his best wishes.

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July 17, 1970

*Re
Sincerely,
for you*

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing this letter because of my intense interest in the future of the real, young America; the young people who will continue to keep America great.

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Enclosed herewith is detailed information covering the discovery of dinosaur tracks by three young boys who have continued to work at this task for approximately two years on the discovery of 200,000,000 year old dinosaur tracks, which are on the property adjoining our plant facility here in Roseland, New Jersey.

Last week these same boys discovered some new and better dinosaur tracks and they are presently cutting them out of the rock, and the tracks will be donated to one of the leading museums.

The National Geographic Society; Smithsonian Institution; the Newark Museum; the Museum of Natural History in New York City; Princeton University, namely Dr. Baird; and Yale University have a tremendous interest in this discovery, which is actually changing the textbooks on Paleontology. The present textbooks show that there are no fossils or dinosaur tracks in this section of New Jersey; however, these young people have proven this information to be in error.

Possibly, an invitation to these young men to visit with you at the White House, Mr. President, would then show the good side of the young American students to the people of America.

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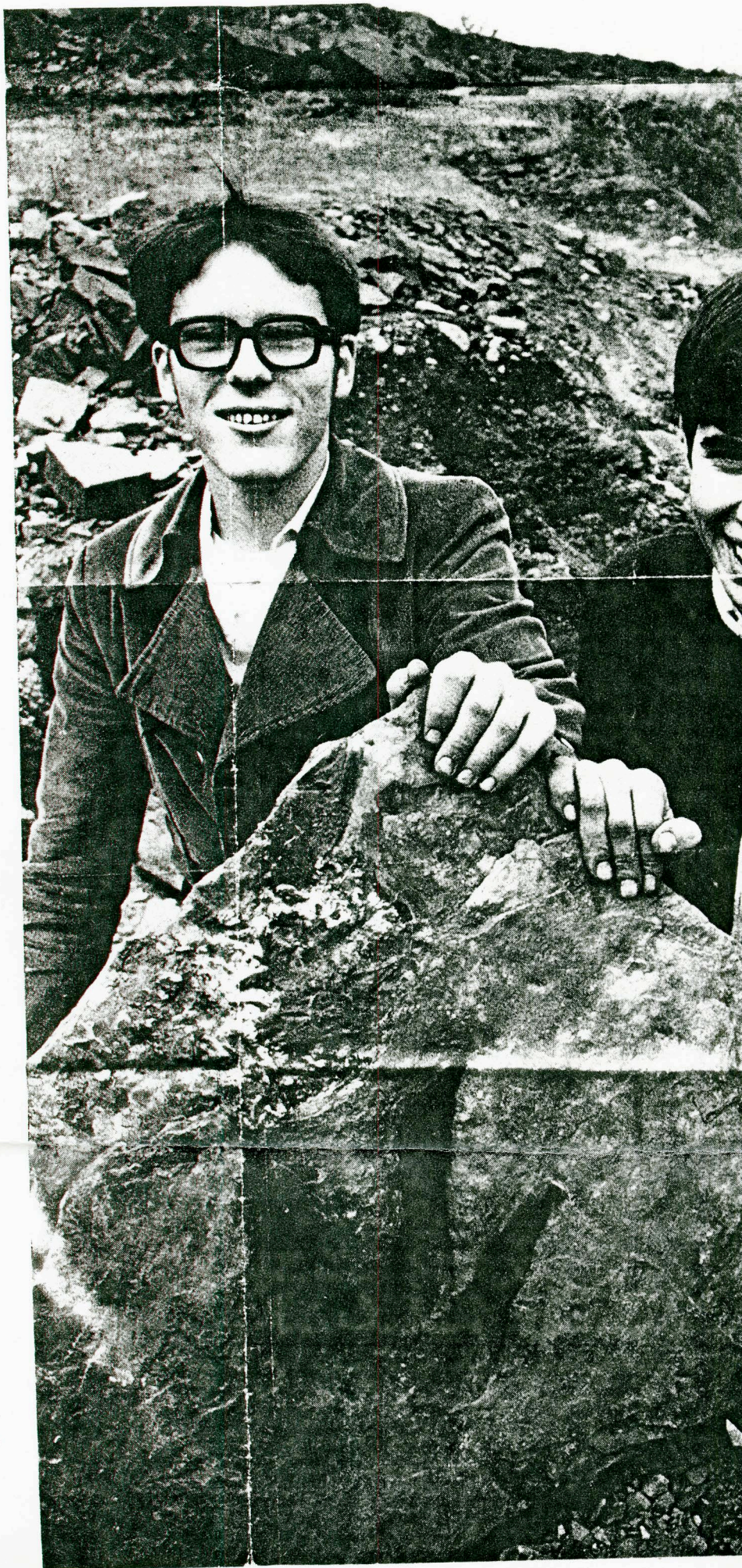
Bruce Lordi, 13 Filmore Avenue, Livingston, New Jersey 07039



With a little help from two friends

The dinosaurs finally win one

Anchisauripus. Coelophysis. Antrodemus. Hardly words most teen-agers would bandy about. But then how many teen-agers lecture graduate students at Princeton? Or dig for dinosaur footprints by firelight late into winter nights in abandoned rock quarries? Or uncover the first American triassic beetle wing? At 17, Paul Olsen and Tony Lessa of Livingston, N.J. can claim these credits. But the budding paleontologists' proudest accomplishment is a just-won victory in a two-and-a-half-year struggle to save their hunting grounds from the bulldozers. The boys began mining scientifically significant dinosaur tracks and other fossils from the desolate, rock-strewn plot in industrial New Jersey about three years ago. They soon realized that the old quarry needed protection. Trucks dumped loads of trash there at night and amateur rock hunters often pilfered fossils the boys unearthed. Another promising field nearby was turned into a golf course several years ago and they knew this one might well become a factory site. So Paul and Tony began petitioning everyone from President Nixon to local politicians for help in preserving the area as an educational park. Everyone praised them but nobody opened his pocketbook. Doggedly the boys persisted, enlisting top paleontologists to document the value of their finds and drawing the local press to their cause. They succeeded in getting the quarry put up for consideration as a national landmark—which would have conferred status, but no legal protection. Finally last month the land's owner, Walter Kidde & Company, decided to donate the site's 19 fossil-bearing acres for the park the boys envisioned. The Essex County Parks Commission now will develop it. Next year Paul and Tony will head for college; already well-grounded not only in their chosen field of paleontology but also in what it takes to beat the System.



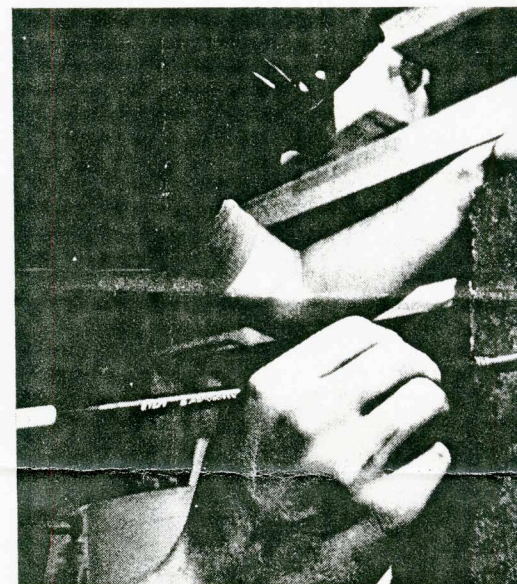
Paul Olsen (left) and Tony Lessa show off a dinosaur track they unearthed. The impression was preserved when lava covered the mud the dinosaur walked through some 200 million years ago.

Even at night, fossils come first



Some ten feet below ground level in a pit they dug with pickaxes and crow-bars, Paul and Tony work by the light

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Tony's car emphasizes his devotion to dinosaurs. The boys tend to dig in preference to anything else. "We always warn our dates that we might not show up," says Paul. "They have to play second string to a dinosaur."

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FINAL ACTION Lt from Mr. Harkin to
Mr. Schoening

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July 25, 1972

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Dear Professor Ezell:

I have been asked to acknowledge, for the President, the letter you addressed to him in San Clemente about the archaeological excavation which the thirty junior high and high school students are engaged in.

The President appreciates your kindness in inviting him to visit the site of this excavation to observe what the students are doing and learning but, as his schedule is now outlined, there will not be an opportunity for him to do this. He wants you to know, though, he was pleased to learn about this important program of the Vista Unified School District and that he sends you and all its participants his very best wishes.

Sincerely,

David N. Parker
Staff Assistant
to the President

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