

—Summer Opportunities '88—

# Dig it: school offers archaeological program

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For those who dig dirty fun in the summer heat, your chance is right around the corner. The Fourth Annual Monticello-University of Virginia Archaeological Field School will hold two sessions this summer.

Both untrained and experienced students nationwide have the opportunity to learn practical skills in excavation and recording when they participate in the Virginia program.

"The field school offers exclusive hands-on experience for students," said Robert Fulcher, UVA coordinator of the program. "They try to find the origin of things, why things were made the way they were, and to put together a lifestyle of that time."

Held at Monticello, the historical home of Thomas Jefferson, the field work will focus on the mansion itself, the connected dependencies and the attached landscape. Participants will also travel throughout Virginia to sites at colonial Williamsburg and the James River.

Depending on the session, students may earn up to eight hours of credit to be applied toward a degree. For many social studies teachers, the seminar may be a recertification process.

"The field school is all-

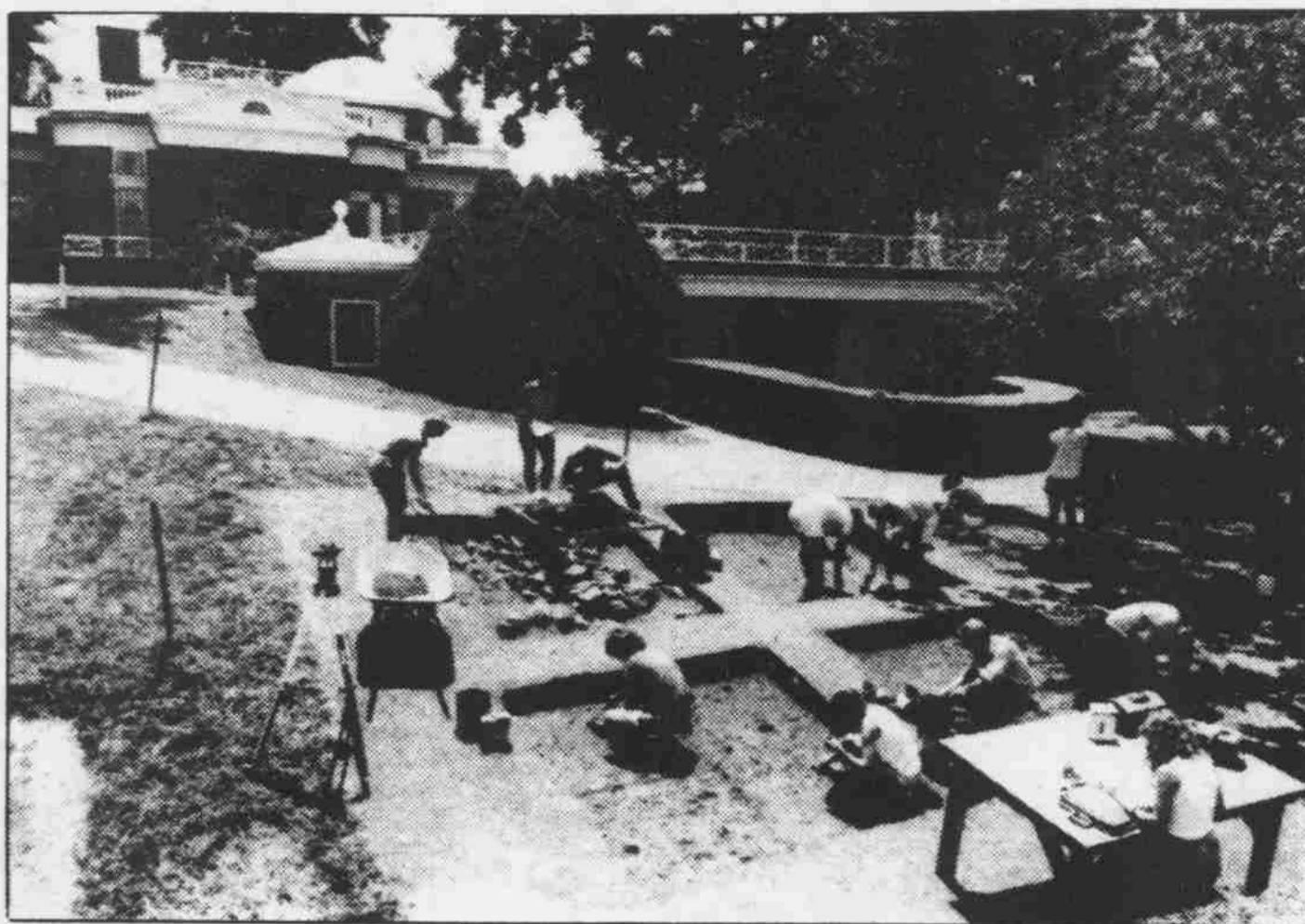
consuming," Fulcher said. "It's no vacation; it's hard work. The person has to go out and learn techniques and use skills. Later, this knowledge can be brought back into the classroom."

Sites on the terrain are positioned so that they cover areas where Jefferson and his servants may have thrown things away. In the past, participants have found pieces of plates and nails used in carpentry and smith shops.

After locating artifacts outside using the practical skills, students attend lectures and archaeological labs to learn how to put together a find. This includes cleaning, identifying, labeling and photographing the objects, Fulcher said.

William Kelso, director of archaeology for the Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation, said, "Artifacts used by Jefferson himself, his hired help and his slaves include ceramics, glass and iron objects." The objects are later put on display in a museum.

This summer's participants will work at a paving site at Monticello, Kelso said. "The students will be trying to find evidence of a road system that existed in Jefferson's day." Participants might also study a 17th-century early settlement site of the James River and a site at Jordon's Point.



The Field School at Jefferson's Monticello offers students work at an authentic dig site

The field school will be held June 6-29 and July 6-29. Students working toward eight hours of credit must attend both sessions. The program awards full tuition to the 20 participants per session. Housing at

UVA is provided for \$20 a day.

Participants are selected from an application, a resume, a statement of personal or professional reasons for wanting to attend and three recommendations.

Applications can be obtained by writing Dr. William Kelso, Director of Archaeology, Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation, P.O. Box 316, Charlottesville, Va. 22902. The application deadline is April 13.

# Operation Crossroads offers travel, cultural awareness

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Students interested in working in exotic places this summer may want to consider the Operation Crossroads program. This non-profit organization, founded in 1957, allows American college and high school students to

work on community development projects in African and Caribbean villages.

"Our theme, in the beginning, was building bridges of friendship," said Laverne Brown, assistant to the president of Operation Crossroads.

Students can choose to work on such things as a medical project, where they might work in a hospital, or a construction project, where they might help build a community

school. There are also archaeological, historical and agricultural projects.

"Crossroaders" work on the projects for five-week periods with African students of the same age. They then travel to neighboring countries to gain insight into different African cultures.

Volunteers must first attend group classes in a four-day orientation session in New Jersey. They listen to lectures, watch films and read literature to familiarize themselves with the area in which they will be working.

Approximately 250-275 students are selected for the program from the 500 that apply each year. Students must submit formal applications with five references to be

reviewed by a screening committee.

"We want people with a sense of humor that get along with others and are in good health," Brown said. "Persons participating in the program would have to be able to adapt to new living conditions." Students usually live in dorms, hospitals, or buildings of that type.

The program costs \$3,500, which includes round-trip air fare to Africa and all living expenses. Operation Crossroads does offer some financial assistance through partial scholarships and help in locating additional funds for individual students.

"The alumni in a student's area would be a good source (for information about financial assistance), and they might know corporations and companies that could help,"

Brown said.

Operation Crossroads also writes church groups and local organizations asking for special consideration for their participant's requests. The organization also holds a raffle where students raise money by selling tickets.

The experience gained from the program is invaluable for students interested in international affairs, Brown said. It gives them a broader perspective of people from different cultures.

"The whole idea was to create a better understanding between the young people — to give them a deeper understanding — because we knew that these same people would be in policy-making roles in the future and would need this knowledge," Brown said. "Many times, multi-corporations will seek people with this type of experience because they work better together."

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