



**The SEG group, left to right: Craig Schuettpelez, Eric Shullenberger, Harold Tobin, John Naranjo, Dante Fratta, Eduard Dragan, Amalia Doebbert, Jeff Schneider, and Jessica Lopez. Members not pictured: Matthew Ludwig, JoAnn Gage, Jeremy Pesicek, Tina Nielsen, Kevin Christie and Christopher Lowry. (Mary Diman)**

## SEG

The UW-Madison Student Geophysical Society, a member of the Society of Exploration Geophysicists, began under the direction of Dr. David Alumbaugh in 2000. Activity dwindled following Dr. Alumbaugh's departure but the section began seeing reactivation beginning in the fall of 2005 under the new direction of Dr. Dante Fratta.

Currently, thirteen students and numerous faculty comprise the population of the current student section. This year's student leadership includes John Naranjo—president, Francisco Correa-Mora—vice-president and Jessica Lopez—secretary. Section activities have included 2006 "Jump Around" experiment (opposite), participation in Interna-

tional Expos and Meetings (Jakarta, Indonesia), combined AAPG-SEG student recruiting fairs (Houston, TX) and application to annual SEG Foundation student scholarships. Congratulations to Kevin D. Christie and Matthew Ludwig, recipients of SEG Foundation Scholarships within the past year. ●

## Paleoclub in the Paleozoic

In the wake of the symposiums we hosted in the previous two years, 2006 was a quiet year for the Paleoclub. Not to be left in the shade, the new batch of mostly undergrad leaders arranged a number of field trips.

In the spring we traveled to Chicago to see the Field Museum's vast Vertebrate Paleontology and Anthropology collections. Amid the new public exhibition called "Evolving Planet," perhaps our favorite spectacle was the giant animated triptych depicting life in the Cambrian ocean.

We began the fall semester scouting for outcrops in southwestern Wisconsin. The expansion of Highway 151 had changed a few road cuts, sparking hopes that we would find the perfect fossil collecting site in the bluffs near Platteville. On the heels of that trip, in October we drove to a fine Ordovician quarry near the town of MacGregor, Iowa, which yielded scores of fossils and only one minor injury. Moreover, both an Illinoisian aficionado of Paleozoic fossils and a local MacGregor official gave us tips for future collecting.

Also in October, we dispatched a team of six undergrads to Ottawa for the annual meeting of the Society of Vertebrate Paleontology. Every student gleaned some knowledge from the talks and posters, and on balance this Canadian venture was enjoyed by all. ●



**Students scour an Ordovician outcrop near Platteville for invertebrate fossils. (George Rothdrake)**