



FROM THE PAST—NU students will soon have a chance to view a creature of the distant past when the museum staff completes assembling the dinosaur shown above. The dinosaur, which lived in the Mesozoic era several million years ago, will be displayed in Founders room of Morrill hall. (Rag photo by Henry P. Lammers.)

# Dinosaur Soon to 'Inhabit' Museum Founders Room

BY GLENN ROSENQUIST  
Morrill hall will soon have its first dinosaur on display. "Steggie", as the art students call the giant, will make his debut sometime next fall. Meanwhile the museum staff is trying to finish putting him together. He's in the construction

room at present, straining on his steel braces. Steggie's bones were obtained from the Carnegie Museum of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, nearly three years ago. The University acquired him in a straight barter deal, giving in exchange, a giant horse and camel which the museum dug up in one of the Nebraska fossil beds.

bone itself would take a size 12 man's shoe. The other two toes could be shoe in 9's, however. One of the animal's minor leg bones would make a nice log for an oversized fireplace. Reider says that the same bone on one of the larger dinosaurs would be six feet long instead of three. So you see, Steggie is only a medium size dinosaur.

## Worth Reading

By Arthur J. Vennix  
Are you going somewhere? No one is likely to blame you if you try to escape this temporary spell of "typical" Nebraska winter. But you'll be better equipped and better able to enjoy yourself if you stop in at the University libraries and borrow a couple of books telling you something about the places you're planning to visit.



Guide books and travel books rapidly become out of date, especially when world conditions are so tumultuous for so long. With this in mind, the University libraries have made a determined effort to buy the newest, up-to-the-minute volumes dealing with these matters.

If you're looking for a warmer climate—and who isn't?—why not visit Portugal? Your tour can be conducted within the confines of your study room as you scan the little book written by C. C. Martindale titled "Portuguese Pilgrimage" (914.69/M38p).

Another place with a warmer atmosphere, in more ways than one, is the Balkan area. In fewer than 200 pages James T. Shotwell vividly describes what took place while he was on "A Balkan Mission" (914.96/Sh8b). The story itself is "old stuff" but the color and flavor of Constantinople, Sarajevo, Zagreb and other Balkan locales remain captivating and entertaining.

You can quickly and easily get the low-down on any place in the United States which you might like to visit. Delve into "The American Guide," a source book and complete travel guide for the United States, edited by Henry G. Alsberg (917.3/A17a). The material is conveniently arranged for accessibility and assimilation.

Follow U.S. highway 41 from uppermost Michigan to the southern tip of Florida, or take a coast-to-coast tour on U.S. highway 60 through the southern states. If you think you'd enjoy trips out of New Orleans, Colorado Springs, Rapid City or a hundred other places, you'll find them all planned for you. A detailed 70-page index makes your quest simple.

For those rugged individuals who feel that Nebraska winters are designed for sissies, the University libraries have tours to arctic regions—none personally conducted. An example of these is Commander Finn Ronne's "Antarctic Conquest" (919.9/R66a). If a temperature of -60 accompanied by a 80 m.p.h. wind isn't sufficiently rugged, those individuals might prefer to those of Northern Siberia.

Frankly, your book reviewer has decided that he'll just hide away in a comfortable chair somewhere and read about the journeys taken by the great travelers. Richard D. Mallory recently edited a book called "Masterworks of Travel and Exploration" (910.8/M29m). It presents discards of 13 great classics.

Marco Polo, Christopher Columbus, Richard Hakluyt, James Cook, Francis Parkman, David Livingstone, Henry M. Stanley and several others invite you to be their guests on some very important and very exciting voyages.

All of the books listed above are currently available in the social studies reading room of the Love Memorial library. None of them is older than last year. If you'll come in and browse around in the 910-919 classification section, you're likely to find dozens of thrilling places that can provide you with many long winter nights' dreams.

Steggie Was a Ute  
Steggie roamed the Utah plains years and years ago. He was a cold-blooded, scaly animal with a double row of armor plate or fins down his back. Like most dinosaurs, his teeth were defenseless, and he lived entirely on plants; his massive tail was tipped by four vicious spikes, each two and a half feet long. Whenever another reptile irritated Steggie, . . . wham . . . Steggie's tail would swing around and finish off the offender.

Henry Reider, chief preparator of the University museum, pointed out that dinosaur fragments have been found in Nebraska, particularly along the Missouri river bottom, but no perfectly preserved animals have ever been excavated in Nebraska.

For the books, Steggie is classified as one of the Stegosaurus Stenops class of dinosaurs which lived over a period of millions of years during the Mesozoic Era or Stone Age of Reptiles. Stegosaurus dinosaurs have been found in Europe and in North America, especially in Colorado, Montana, Utah and Wyoming.

Now Being 'BUILT'  
Steggie was originally chipped from a rock bed by Carnegie field workers. His bones were packed in boxes and sent to the University museum, where he is being "built" by Reider and the department assistants, Leonard Short and Kenneth Harding. Dinosaurs have been found which were 90 feet long and weighed 40 tons when alive. This weight compares with the weight of the giant mastodon elephant now in the museum's main gallery. The elephant weighed four tons.

However, one dinosaur species which has been discovered was as small as a house cat. Some of the lizard-like beasts flow, some lived in the water, and some like Steggie, inhabited land areas. Scientists are not exactly certain why dinosaurs became extinct. Some believe that a slight change in climate was the cause of their downfall. Others say that small blood-thirsty mammals destroyed the dinosaur's eggs before they hatched.

Oversize Toes  
Each of Steggie's hind paws has three toe bones. The center toe

## Ag Substation Men to Confer

The annual conference of out-state agricultural substation personnel opened Wednesday morning at the University campus. Dean Lambert spoke about the place of the substations in the Nebraska agriculture research program.

M. L. Baker, associate director of the agricultural experiment station, discussed the cattle breeding program at Fort Robinson, the foundation seed program, the development farms and irrigation farms.

Chancellor B. G. Gustavson is scheduled to address the delegates at a luncheon Wednesday noon. He will emphasize the importance of both music and applied sciences.

A preliminary session was held Tuesday evening when approximately 26 delegates from the Ag College, Mitchell, Fort Robinson, North Platte, Alliance and Valentine met to develop research plans for 1950.

## Lending Library Gets \$25 Gift

The Nebraska Art association has donated \$25 to the Union picture lending library fund. The donation will be used to add to the library's collection of modern and old masters' paintings which are available on loan to students and faculty members. Thirty-three reproductions are now in the library.

## OCU Discovers Boy-Girl Ratio 3-1

This University isn't the only school where the ratio of boys to girls is three to one. It's true at Oklahoma City University too. According to a recent survey on the Oklahoma campus, if you're a student there, chances are three to one that you are a man, and 7 to 5 that you are a veteran.

## AIEE to Hear Prof. Ferguson

Professor Ferguson, Dean of the Engineering college, will describe Ferguson Hall, the new electrical engineering building to members of the student chapter of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers.

## Cosmos to Hold World Aid Debate

A debate on the topic: Whether American monetary aid helps in World peace achievement, will be held at the meeting Wednesday evening of the Cosmopolitan club. The meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Parlors XY in the Union.

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# Lincolnite Discusses Hoover Commission

Richard D. Wilson, Lincoln attorney and a 1948 graduate of Law college of the University, discussed the Hoover Commission report for members of Zeta chapter of Alpha Kappa Psi, business administration fraternity, last Wednesday night.

Wilson said the Commission on Reorganization of the Executive Department of the Government, commonly referred to as the Hoover Commission, was not set up to get more government in business or to get less government in business; it was established for one purpose only, to obtain more efficiency in government.

**'Task Forces'**  
To gain this objective, task forces composed of 300 experts were assigned the job of revising government operations. These task forces made reports—more than ten million words in all—on their findings.

The Post Office department, for example, prints and sends cards for 1c apiece while the actual amount spent by the department is 2 1/2c per card.

Investigations also revealed that the paper work involved in preparation and handling of purchase orders cost the government ten dollars, and half of these purchase orders were made out for amounts less than ten dollars.

A farmer in Missouri wrote the government asking how to put fertilizer on his soil. He received four different letters, telling him four different ways to do the job. Wilson mentioned that there were several ways to apply the fertilizer, but there was no explanation why four individuals answered the original request for information.

**Three Recommendations**  
Wilson mentioned three recommendations which were made by the commission.

**Army Engineers**—The Army Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation at times duplicate each others work. Both were given the job of surveying an area in California for a dam. Congress approved two dams for the same site.

It was recommended that the Missouri Valley plan should be transferred to the Department of the Interior for engineering functions involved in order to eliminate the possibility of duplication of effort.

**Veterans Administration**—During the war the Navy built a hospital in Texas. The Army wanted to take the hospital over

after the war, but the Navy refused so the Army built its own hospital nearby. At the present time the Army hospital is not full and the Navy hospital is less than fifty percent full.

**Consolidate Hospitals**  
The commission recommended that all hospitals should be built and administered by one agency rather than by the five agencies which are working at this time. It was recommended also that the National Service Life Insurance program be handled by a government corporation.

**Personnel**—Under present regulations if an individual is fired from his job he can appeal to three different agencies before he can be dismissed. This takes approximately seven months and makes it much easier for a department head to either transfer a man out of the department to get rid of him, or else move him to another job to get him out of the department.

The commission recommended that a new system of hiring and firing be put into effect.

In closing, Wilson said that some corrective measures had already been put into effect, but that there were some recommendations which had not as yet been acted upon.

## Many Apply For CU Job

Frank Potts, director of athletics at the University of Colorado, has announced that a great number of applications for the head basketball coaching job at the University has been received.

In the week since Forrest B. "Frosty" Cox announced his resignation, effective July 1, applications have been coming in in increasing numbers. Potts indicated that screening would begin after sufficient time has elapsed for all interested persons to get in their applications.

Actual hiring of a new coach at the University is up to the Board of Regents, acting upon nominations given them by President Robert L. Stearns. The nominee which Stearns will send to the Regents will be picked by the seven-man faculty committee on athletics, which controls the athletic program at the University.

Potts expects to have a coach chosen in time for the spring basketball season, sometime early in May.

## Myers Interested In Hawkeye Job

Football Coach Denny Myers of Boston College Tuesday night in Newton, Mass., admitted he had conferred with University of Iowa officials.

But Myers, a former Iowa athlete, refused to confirm rumors he plans to change jobs. He said he had conferred with the Hawkeye representatives in New York recently and would meet with them again in Iowa City soon.

At Corvallis, Ore., Oregon State Coach Kip Taylor said he had been sent a feeler by Iowa Athletic Director Paul Brechler by telephone from New York.

But Taylor responded, "I am happy here."



"GLASS MENAGERIE"—Laura, the shy daughter, portrayed by Christine Phillips, in Tennessee Williams' famous play, admires a fragile figurine from her huge glass collection. The University Theatre's third play of the year, has a three-day run at the Nebraska Theater, starting Feb. 20.

# Title for 'Glass Menagerie' Originated in Author's Past

The title of the University Theatre's forthcoming production, "Glass Menagerie," has an interesting history. The peculiar name assigned to the play which has a three night run at the Nebraska theatre Feb. 20, 21 and 22, was chosen by the author for particular reasons.

According to Tennessee Williams, whose play won the Drama Critics Award in 1945, origin of the catchy title came during his childhood.

Just after moving to St. Louis from the South, the Williams' family was forced to live in a substandard apartment neighborhood.

Said Williams, relating later this rather sudden experience, it was a shocking change for "my sister and myself accustomed to spacious yards, porches, and big shade trees. The apartment we lived in was about as cheerful as an Arctic winter."

**Glass Collection.**

In order to brighten the dismal atmosphere of the antiquated house, his sister started keeping a collection of glass ornaments on several shelves. As his fascination for the new hobby grew, so did the collection itself. Soon Williams began to regard it as a sort of menagerie.

The poignant recollection of these experiences were in a large part responsible for the memory drama and its interesting title.

The author also wrote "A Streetcar Named Desire," a Pulitzer prize winner. Other popular products of Williams include "American Blues," "One Arm and Other Stories," "Summer Smoke" and "You Touch Me."

**Characters.**

A key character in the play, Laura, the young cripple daughter, keeps a glass collection of animal figurines, too fragile to move from the shelf.

Students taking the parts of the four characters are:

Marty Miller as Amanda, the

mother; Christine Phillips as Laura, the daughter; Joe Moore as son Tom, the narrator; and Ced Hartman as Jim, the gentleman caller.

William Ellis, technical director stated that sets for the stage had been completed and the stage crew was readying for technical rehearsals this week end.

## Extension to Aid Feeders Group

K. C. Fouts, University extension husbandryman, has been selected to help organize a Buffalo County Feeders' Association.

The group is being organized to aid county livestock feeders. There has been a large increase in livestock production in the area recently.

Fouts will assist the group in the organization and plans for future meetings.

## Miami U. Attacks Frosh 'Dorms'

Study ables in men's residences at Miami University have been installed in an attempt to counteract low grades among freshmen, partially due to crowded conditions in the dorms. In some freshman dorms the men on probation are checked in and out of study table each night. Many of these freshmen have had their rooms put on "off bounds" to all except the rightful occupants to stop congregating.

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