

Visitors from all 48 states have seen museum exhibits

Morrill hall, the university museum, established a new record this autumn when a visitor from Vermont signed his name in the record book near the entrance. Previous to this time 47 states had been represented and the Vermonter made the count an even 48. In addition, visitors from every large country in the world and many smaller countries have signed their names.

Prof. Charles Bertrand Schultz, assistant director of the museum, estimates that an average of 100,000 people visit Morrill each year. This doesn't include students. The number signing the record books is not an accurate gauge, he says, because many people do not bother to leave their names.

Canada provides the largest number of visitors from other countries. Nine Canadians dropped in last summer, when attendance is largest. Five came from England, three each from China and Japan, two from Greece and two from New Zealand. One visitor each came from Alaska, Sweden, Finland, Scotland, Germany, Holland, Australia, Mexico, France Belgium and Norway.

Three from Africa.

Since September 18, Africa has sent 3, Canada 2, and Mexico, Ireland, Porto Rico, Argentina, and Columbia have each sent one.

Churches provide the largest numbers of groups who wander through Morrill's halls to gaze at bony dinosaurs and sad-eyed mastodons. Women's clubs are second and school classes third. No guides are provided but signs describing the exhibits are plentiful.

Museum officials have a lot of trouble with people who try to be funny and leave fake names and addresses in the register book. "Clark Gable" and "Robert Taylor" are the favorite pseudonyms with Hitler, Mussolini, and Franklin D. Roosevelt tying for second. Movie stars' names seem to be the favorites with school children.

The museum employees haven't much patience with these people. They have to go through the directory and cross out the phoney signatures. They go to a great deal of trouble to check accuracy. Sometimes it's hard to guess whether a signature is genuine. The other day somebody signed their address "Bombay, Africa" and nearly got away with it before it was remembered Bombay isn't in Africa.

Sometimes the signers add a little postscript. One reads "Rev. Wenseclaus, C. S. C., Notre Dame, Indiana, Known in world." Others say "Jesus Saves" and sometimes

there are spiteful little messages from museum-haters.

Scientists visit all year.

Scientists come to the museum all the year around. Prof. Schultz says. In August, Dr. Edgar B. Howard of the University of Pennsylvania, foremost authority on early man in America according to Prof. Schultz, came visiting as did Dr. N. E. Nelson of the American Museum of Natural History, number one authority on early man in the old world.

Dr. LeRoy Kay, Carnegie Museum authority on fossil reptiles and dinosaurs also came in August. In October, Charles H. Falkenbach, Frick Laboratory man from the American Museum, was there. So was Dr. Walter Granger, leader in the Gobi Desert expeditions under Roy Chapman Andrews.

So many scientists come to the museum from foreign countries that Prof. Schultz can't remember them all. The museum is recognized as one of the greatest of its kind in the world.

Rupp named best judger

Student wins every event in annual meet

Bob Rupp proved himself the best poultry judge in the annual student poultry judging contest held on Ag campus last week when he was picked the winner in all divisions from a field of 51 entrants.

Members of the Cornhusker Poultry Science club sponsored the event, third of its kind to be held and the largest the club has sponsored. There were two divisions, the senior for men trying out for the university judging team, and the junior for those who had had no poultry judging work in college. Rupp was entered in the senior division.

Stanley Tryon, freshman, surprised all by placing second in the entire contest and winning the junior division. William Adam, another freshman, was third in the entire contest and second junior. Dexter Haws, senior entrant, was fourth in all classes, and Norman Stevens, another junior entrant, was fifth.

Rupp received a dressed chicken for first prize and a dozen eggs went to the second place winner. Ribbons were awarded to those who placed in other classes.

Pharmacists seek varicose vein cure

Chemical research on a drug which may be successfully used in the treatment of varicose veins will be promoted in the pharmacy department this year.

The problem is to break the drug down into a single pure element, according to Dr. Paul J. Jannke, new pharmacy instructor, who says the completed process gives promise of a valuable chemical that may be highly effective in the treatment of swollen veins.

Difficulty of the experiment is to find an animal whose veins appear in the outside of the body as do human's. The problem could be solved if it were possible to produce a varicose vein on a rat. Unfortunately, the rat's veins never appear on the surface.

Other experiments, too.

Dr. Jannke also plans to investigate a new and more efficient method of analyzing tincture of iodine. The present method is only moderately accurate and requires a day's work. The pharmacist hopes to perfect a technique that will require less than an hour's time.

Dr. Jannke became a member of the Nebraska faculty last fall, coming from the Kremers-Urban company, pharmaceutical manufacturers of Milwaukee. He was with the company one year as research and control chemist.

His work at Nebraska will be mainly in the pharmaceutical chemistry field. He will teach both beginning and advanced courses.

NU doctor gets research grant

Dr. Harald G. O. Holck of the college of pharmacy has received \$150 from the American Medical association, the third grant within three years, to continue research on the relation of sex to the action of sodium pentobarbital (Nembutal) and certain other hypnotic drugs which are widely used today as pain deadeners, especially in maternity cases and preparatory to operations.

From his extensive experiences with rats, Dr. Holck and his assistants found that male rats can stand greater dosage and more prolonged administration of these drugs than females. Pregnancy, however, produces a definite change in the animal so that tolerance to pentobarbital develops ten times more frequently than in adult virgin rats.

In other university researches on the relation of sex to drug action, Dr. Holck has observed that in the case of Ouabain, a cardiac drug, females are the more resistant.

To teach in Boston

Dr. W. R. Werkmeister of the department of philosophy will teach at Boston University during the 1940 summer session. He will offer courses in logical positivism, the history of modern philosophy, and the philosophy of science.

Hargreaves elected

George W. Hargreaves, who received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Nebraska, has been elected secretary of the conference of chemistry teachers of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy.

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