

Millions Of Years Worth Of Fossils Trace State History In Morrill Hall

It seems probable that if you were told the person sitting next to you in English class was 70,000 years old, you would turn and look at him.

Yet many students pass by the fossils in Morrill Hall without seeming to notice — and many of these fossils are many times older than that.

Nebraska, it seems has enough fossils for all who are interested in digging for them. And many choice specimens have been excavated and placed on display in the University State Museum.

The fossils trace an interesting history of Nebraska before man came to live here. The museum is devoted primarily to the collection of remains of former inhabitants of Nebraska. This state has produced no native dinosaurs or mummies, although a visit by a dinosaur was arranged several years ago.

The largest fossil on display in the museum is almost a baby when compared in age with some of its fellows. It is the skeleton of a mammoth that must have weighed seven or more tons when alive.

Credit for discovering the mammoth really belongs to a flock of chickens (anonymous) who attracted the attention of their owner when they appeared to enjoy feeding on the limey remains of the giant.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Karriger, who owned a ranch in Lincoln County in the 1920's, dug the rest of the mammoth out of the ground and started displaying it at county fairs and at the State Fair at 10

cents a look. The trouble was — not enough people wanted to see a collection of bones at that price even if it was the remains of an animal 70,000 years old.

The Karrisers were willing to part with the mammoth if they could get expenses out of him. Hector Maiben, a farmer near Palmyra, provided funds for their time and the mammoth came to make its home in Morrill Hall.

A Colorado museum was interested in dickering for the skeleton, but withdrew when it learned that Nebraska wanted the mammoth. It's a gentleman's agreement among scientists that the state in which remains are found should have prior claim.

Although it may seem disallowing to those engaged in trying to improve the breeds of present-day hogs, the hogs that roamed Nebraska 16 million years ago were as large as present-day cattle. One skeleton of a giant hog found at Agate Springs is on display in the museum. Many states have staked out claims at Agate Springs and may keep anything they find on those claims.

The oldest fossils in Nebraska come from the Pennsylvania starts which dates back about 250 million years. The most important deposits scientifically are those from the "Tertiary" period. About 40 million years of this period are represented in deposits found in Nebraska.

The entire area of Nebraska was covered by ocean 60 million years ago. The Rockies began to push up and drain the swamps around the edge of the sea. Millions of years were necessary for the sea to drain away from Nebraska. In the last 40 million years the ocean basin has filled up with sediments washed in from the mountains to the west. This sediment preserved the world most complete story of the development of the camel, rhinoceros, horse, giant sog, beaver, dog and

Morrill Hall Plans For Large Visits

32,000 School Children Expected In 4 Months

The University Museum is preparing to entertain more than 32,000 school children in the next four months with its natural history displays.

Last year, from Feb. 1 to June 1, 27,534 children in supervised groups toured the museum. This total was below the past five-year average of 30,000, because of the spring flooding of the Missouri River, preventing Iowa children from reaching Lincoln.

The only other natural history museum in the midwest comparable to the University's is in Chicago and for that reason the Museum has become a focal point for a seven-state area, Dr. C. Bertrand Schultz, Museum director, said.

James McGee of Lincoln, official guide, reported that in a single day last year 52 different schools descended upon the Museum, but because of the large numbers not all received conducted tours. Dr. Schultz advises school teachers to write in advance to the State Museum, Room 101, Morrill Hall.

States represented last year, besides Nebraska, were Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Minnesota, South and North Dakota.

The museum, which places particular stress on specimens native to Nebraska and the Great Plains, consists of eight divisions: anthropology, entomology, geology, herpetology and botany, health sciences, invertebrate paleontology (fossils), vertebrate paleontology, and zoology.

Monroe Show To Honor NU Set Monday

By MARILYN TYSON Staff Writer

Vaughan Monroe, leader of one of the nation's top bands, and his Camel Caravan will present a one and a half hour show twice Monday in the Union ballroom.

Performances will be at 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. One of these shows will be a national broadcast honoring the University. The Union is the sponsor.

Tickets for Monroe's show are on sale in the Union office. Student admission is \$1 and general admission is \$1.50.

Not more than 1000 seats will be available for either show because of limited space in the ballroom.

Monroe, an unknown factor in the entertainment world a few years ago, has risen to a top place among music maestros of the nation.

This band leader, whose "Racing with the Moon" theme song has become famous with the country's popular music lovers, began his musical activities in high school with the trumpet. Although the trumpet seemed to be his main interest, Monroe really wanted to sing. To fulfill this dream he enrolled in the School of Music at Carnegie Tech.

However, he was forced to give up this ambition at the end of his sophomore year and in the next few years, he played with various bands.

In 1940, he organized his own band. The combination of Monroe's baritone and his band's musicianship attracted attention and RCA-Victor signed the band to a recording contract.

His recording hits include "Let It Snow, Let It Snow," "Ballerin' in the Rain," "Riders in the Sky," and "Sound Off."

Monroe's popularity on records brought him a radio show and later, a television show. His band also completes about 200 one-night shows a year.

Added attractions to his shows are the Moonmaids, a girls' quartette and the Moonmen, a men's quartette. These two groups add to Monroe's recordings with all the qualities of a full choir.

Regents Re-issue Policy Statement

The Board of Regents policy statement, issued in 1949, against subversive textbooks and activities in the University has been "re-distributed" according to a report in a Lincoln newspaper.

The 1949 policy statement was circulated "following remarks by State Senator Terry Carpenter that he might introduce a resolution in the Unicameral to investigate any possible Communist influence in the University," according to the report.

In the statement, the Regents resolved their "stand against political communism" and their "insistence that our state-supported institutions be free and remain free, from subversive and un-American influences."

IN LINCOLN

New Governor's Pet Dog Recovering From Sunday Strychnine Poisoning

"Prince," pet dog Gov. Robert Crosby's son, is reportedly "coming along fine" at an animal hospital after suffering from strychnine poisoning.

The pet was found near the Governor's mansion suffering from convulsions early Sunday morning. Crosby gave the dog to his son for a Christmas present a year ago.

Crosby said that the dog hadn't been out of the house over half an hour and he was certain it hadn't strayed more than two blocks from his residence.

Burnett Opens Race For Mayor

Earle M. Burnett Sr., real estate and insurance agent, became the first candidate to file for Mayor of Lincoln.

Lincoln will elect a mayor and councilmen in city elections scheduled next spring. A petition backing him for candidacy for the Mayor's post has been filed in the election commissioner's office. In his acceptance statement filed with the petition, Burnett asserted the petition was circulated as a volunteer movement, and without his previous knowledge.

Auditorium Parts Reapportioned

Materials for construction of a new Municipal Auditorium in Lincoln will not be available at one time, according to Congressman Carl Curtis.

Curtis reported that steel, copper and aluminum allocated for the building will be re-apportioned over the second, third and fourth quarters in 1953 and the first quarter in 1954.

Mayor Victor Anderson said that the City Council will ask the architects to begin work on plans for the building. The Council probably wouldn't be able to ask for bids until mid-summer, he said.

Chinchilla Show Held At Hotel

About 224 chinchillas, with an average value of \$670, were registered at a five-state Chinchilla breeders show at the Lincoln Hotel.

The \$150,000 worth of fur bearing animals were entered in a show sponsored by the Nebraska Chinchilla Breeders Association. The show included chinchillas from Colorado, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska.

Exam Schedule

Laboratory classes meeting for several continuous hours on one or two days shall meet for examinations as follows:

Classes meeting on Monday and Tuesday shall be examined on the date scheduled for the first hour of their laboratory meeting; Wednesday or Thursday classes on the second hour of their meeting; Friday or Saturday classes on the third hour.

Unit examinations have been scheduled for all sections in the following subjects: (1) Business Organization 3, 4, 21, 141, 147, 190; (2) Civil Engineering 219; (3) Economics 11, 12, 103, 115; (4) Education 61, 62; (5) Electrical Engineering 134, 198, 236, 237; (6) English A, B, 1, 2, 3, 4, 100; (7) French 11, 12, 13, 14; (8) Home Economics 41, 42; (9) Mathematics 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 41, 42, 105, 106, 107; (10) Mechanical Engineering 1, 6; (11) Spanish 52, 54. If students have regularly scheduled examinations conflicting with the above specially arranged schedule, arrangements to take such specially scheduled examinations at another time should be made with the department concerned on or before Jan. 12. For example: If a student is scheduled for an examination which conflicts with a specially scheduled examination in French, arrangements should be made with the French Department to take such French examination at another time.

SATURDAY, JAN. 17

1 p.m. to 3 p.m.—All sections in English A. (This examination is given at this time in order that students making sufficiently high scores may take the examination in English B for credit).

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 21

9 a.m. to 12 m.—Classes meeting at 8 a.m., Tues., Thurs., Sat., or any one or two of these days.

2 p.m. to 5 p.m.—Classes meeting at 8 a.m., five or four days, or Mon., Wed., Fri., or any one or two of these days.

THURSDAY, JAN. 22

9 a.m. to 12 m.—Classes meeting at 10 a.m., five or four days, or Mon., Wed., Fri., or any one or two of these days.

2 p.m. to 5 p.m.—All sections in English 2.

2 p.m. to 5 p.m.—All sections in English 3, 4.

2 p.m. to 5 p.m.—All sections in Economics 115.

FRIDAY, JAN. 23

9 a.m. to 12 m.—Classes meeting at 9 a.m., Tues., Thurs., Sat., or any one or two of these days.

2 p.m. to 5 p.m.—Classes meeting at 4 p.m., five or four days or Mon., Wed., Fri., or any one or two of these days.

2 p.m. to 4 p.m.—All sections in English B, 1. (Coliseum)

2 p.m. to 5 p.m.—All sections in Civil Engineering 219.

2 p.m. to 5 p.m.—All sections in Business Organization 100.

SATURDAY, JAN. 24

9 a.m. to 12 m.—Classes meeting at 3 p.m., Tues., Thurs., or either one of these days.

9 a.m. to 12 m.—All sections in English 100.

9 a.m. to 12 m.—All sections in Mechanical Engineering 1 & 6.

9 a.m. to 12 m.—All sections in Home Economics 41 and 42.

9 a.m. to 12 m.—All sections in Business Organization 21. (Coliseum)

9 a.m. to 12 m.—All sections in Business Organization 141. (Coliseum)

9 a.m. to 12 m.—All section in French 11, 13.

9 a.m. to 12 m.—All sections in Spanish 51 and 53.

9 a.m. to 12 m.—All sections in Elec. Engineering 134, 198, 236, 237.

2 p.m. to 5 p.m.—Classes meeting at 1 p.m., five or four days, or Mon., Wed., Fri., or any one or two of these days.

MONDAY, JAN. 26

9 a.m. to 12 m.—Classes meeting at 11 a.m., Tues., Thurs., Sat., or any one or two of these days.

2 p.m. to 5 p.m.—Classes meeting at 2 p.m., five or four days or Mon., Wed., Fri., or any one or two of these days.

TUESDAY, JAN. 27

9 a.m. to 12 m.—Classes meeting at 4 p.m., Tues. and Thurs., or either one of these days.

8 a.m. to 10 a.m.—All sections in Mathematics 11, 16, 41, 105. (Coliseum)

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.—All sections in Mathematics 14, 15, 17, 42, 106, 107. (Coliseum)

2 p.m. to 5 p.m.—Classes meeting at 8 a.m., Tues., Thurs., Sat., or any one or two of these days.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 28

9 a.m. to 12 m.—Classes meeting at 1 p.m., Tues. and Thurs., or either one of these days.

9 a.m. to 12 m.—Classes meeting at 3 p.m., five or four days, or Mon., Wed., Fri., or any one or two of these days.

9 a.m. to 12 m.—Classes meeting at 5 p.m., five or four days, or Mon., Wed., Fri., or any one or two of these days.

9 a.m. to 12 m.—Classes meeting at 5 p.m., Tues. and Thurs., or either one of these days.

9 a.m. to 12 m.—Classes meeting at 7 p.m., Mon., Wed., or Fri., or any one or two of these days.

9 a.m. to 12 m.—Classes meeting at 7 p.m., Tues. and Thurs., or either one of these days.

2 p.m. to 5 p.m.—All sections in Economics 11 and 12. (Coliseum)

2 p.m. to 5 p.m.—All sections in Economics 103. (Coliseum)

THURSDAY, JAN. 29

9 a.m. to 12 m.—Classes meeting at 9 a.m., five or four days, or Mon., Wed., Friday, or any one or two of these days.

FRIDAY, JAN. 30

8 a.m. to 10 a.m.—All sections in Business Organization 147. (Coliseum)

8 a.m. to 10 a.m.—All sections in Education 61, 62. (Coliseum)

10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.—All sections in Business Organization 3, 4.

2 p.m. to 5 p.m.—Classes meeting at 11 a.m., five or four days, or Mon., Wed., Fri., or any one or two of these days.

SATURDAY, JAN. 31

9 a.m. to 12 m.—Classes meeting at 12 m., five or four days, or Mon., Wed., Fri., or any one or two of these days.

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