



Skeletal staff includes . . . Karen Kreycik; museum director C. Bertrand Schulz, and Allen Griesemer, curator of education services at the museum.

Evolution in museum . . .

Hog replaces dinosaur

A giant paper mache hog will soon replace an old fossil dinosaur as the centerpiece of the State Museum's west gallery.

Stegosaurus, the displaced dinosaur, is being moved to a new exhibit on the Museum's second floor. It will join the remains of two allosaurs (meat eating dinosaurs), a plesiosaur, a mosasaur and several other fossils.

The new gallery, which will be glass-enclosed, "should present a more meaningful display for school groups and other museum visitors," according to museum director C. Bertrand Schultz.

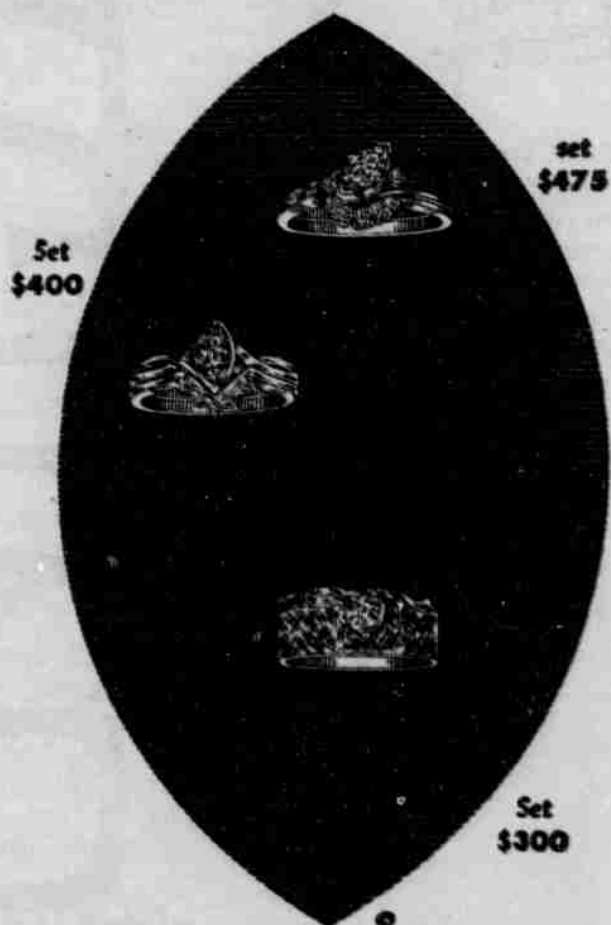
Schultz said the Stegosaurus has been with the museum for almost 20 years. It was acquired from a Pittsburgh museum in what Schultz called a "horse trade" — the dinosaur in exchange for a camel and a three-toed horse. The fossil was originally excavated in Utah during the early 1900's.

Museum preparators Karen Kreycik and Charles Messinger have been moving the fossil for about two weeks. The exhibit has metal bracing and comes apart in sections. Messinger noted that some sections were quite heavy. The pelvic area, though only about three feet long, weighs in at 700 pounds. It

was taken upstairs bodily by five men. Other pieces, like the ribs, come off separately.

Messinger also built the angle iron frame for the exhibit which will replace the Stegosaurus — a three dimensional model of a huge hog which roamed Nebraska in pre-historic days.

The hog display is being funded by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Behlen. It will be sculptured in paper mache over Messenger's iron frame. When finished it will join fossil mammoths, mastodons and camels from Nebraska as major features on the main floor.



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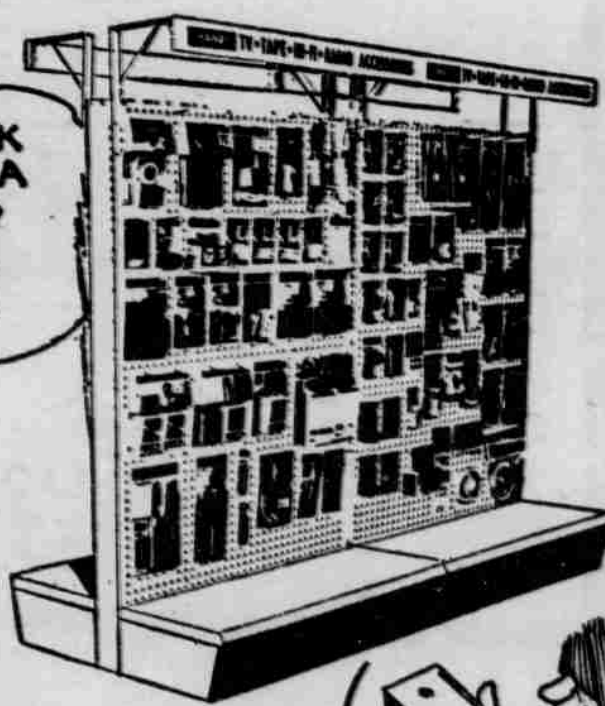
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