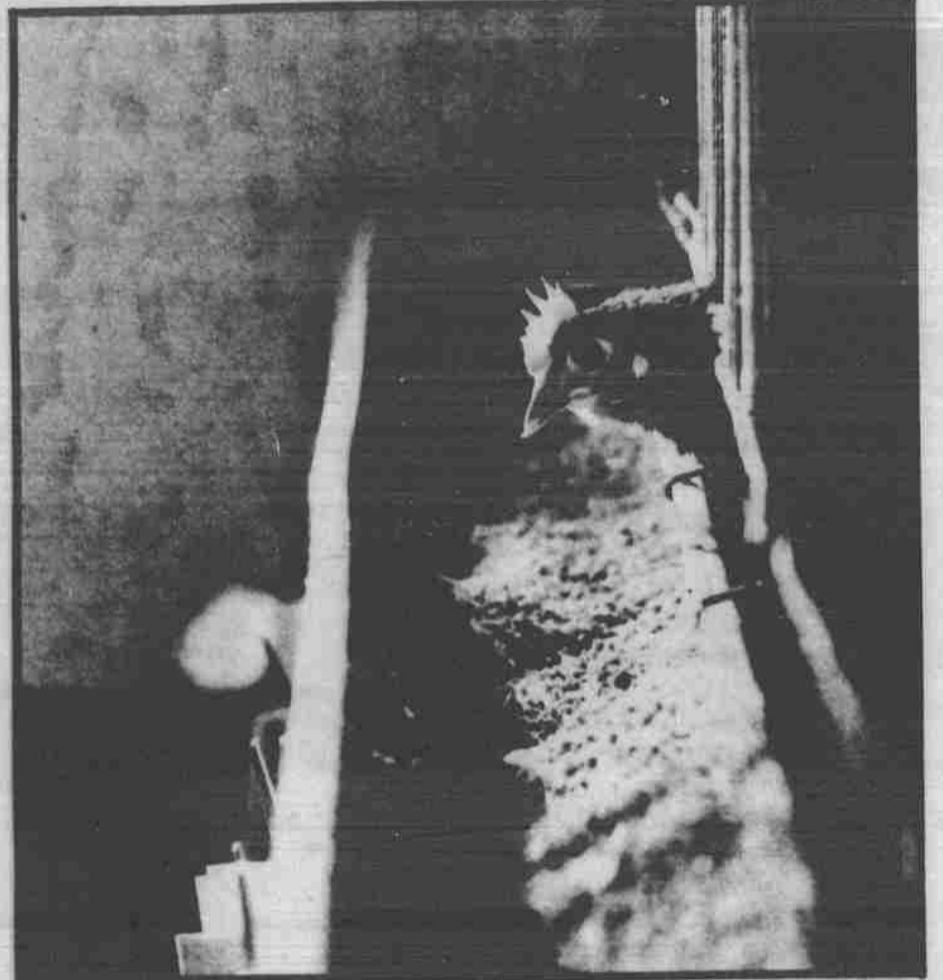
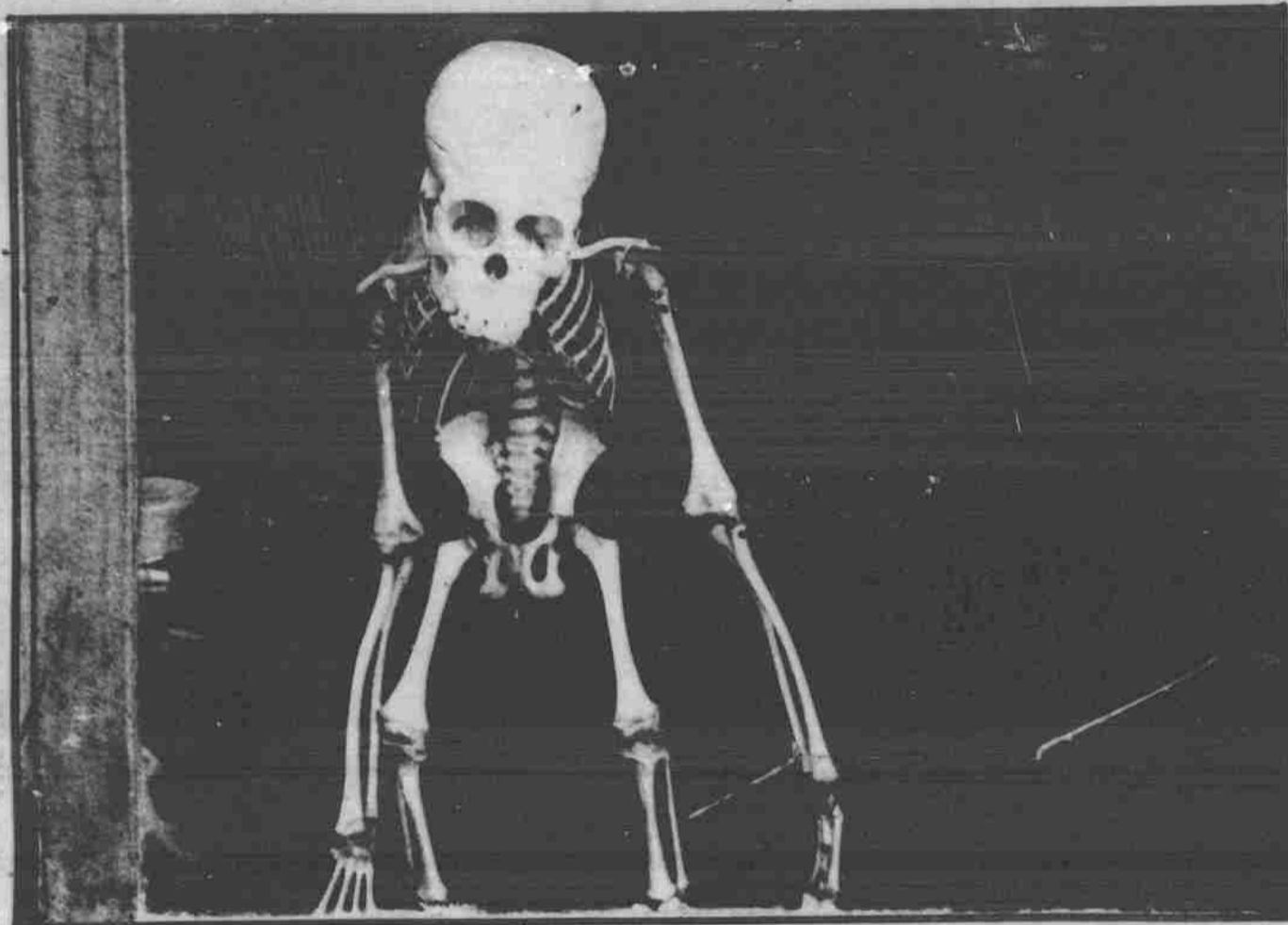


61-year-old Bessey needs updating

When Robert Pazderka, NU Capital Construction coordinator, told a group of NU administrators and NU Board of Regents members that Bessey Hall needs to be brought into this century, he apparently was not too far off target. The life science building was built in 1916 and has "pretty much stayed like it has through the years," according to Duane Burham, chief design engineer of the NU Physical Plant. Burham said the brick building has had no additions or renovations in its 61-year history. Gov. J. James Exon's budget recommendations

did not include the \$350,000 requested by the regents for improvements to Bessey Hall. Bessey Hall was about the 16th building on the UNL campus, Burham said. Buildings older than Bessey which still stand include Architecture, Temple, Richards and Avery Halls and the Former Law Bldg. The building's namesake is former acting NU chancellor Charles Edwin Bessey. He served as acting chancellor from 1889 to 1907. Bessey also was a botany professor and dean of the school of agriculture at NU.



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