

# The Gateway

The Olympic Arts Festival has got it all — including Marianne Beausejour & Claude Caron. P6



## Neat bones on campus

by Kevin Stuart

Throughout our evolutionary history it has been to our advantage to recognize other life forms. They may be food, danger, or a potential mate. Also, being infantile apes, we are extremely curious. The combination of these traits is probably why we are fascinated by the wonderfully strange creatures of prehistory.

In the 1920's, Dr. John Allen, the former head of the Geology Department, established a museum to display the fossilized remains of these ancient life forms at the U of A.

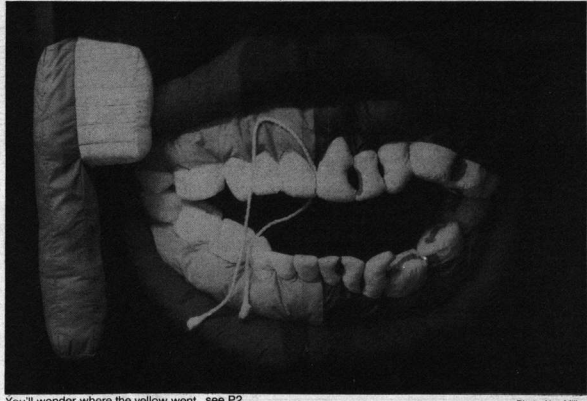
The fossils range in age from the Precambrian to the Quaternary. The oldest fossils are Precambrian stromatolites, which are formed by the actions of ancient algae. Paleozoic marine organisms are represented by the trilobites and crinoids, a relative of starfish.

The large collection of fish fossils is spectacular. There is a wide variety of reptiles, including turtles, the alligator-like champosaur, a marine ichthyosaur, and one of the world's best specimens of a *Pteranodon*, a furry, flying reptile. From the Quaternary are mammoth teeth and a tusk.

Although I was dared to ignore them, it is impossible to talk about a palaeontology museum without mentioning dinosaurs. Among the dinosaur fossils is a corythosaur skeleton that was found by the legendary fossil hunter Charlie Sternberg.

Most of the other large dinosaur fossils are skulls. Several of the skulls show bizarre anatomical features that some palaeontologists believe were used in the fierce competition for mates. The ceratopsian skulls have large horns that may have been used for fencing, the thick skull of a *Pachycephalosaur* is thought to have been used to butt heads in a fashion similar to the bighorn sheep of today. The smaller dinosaur fossils include skin impression, egg shell fragments, gastroliths (stomach stones), battle-damaged bone and coprolites (fossil feces).

The museum is currently closed for upgrading, but group tours can be arranged by calling the geology department at 432-3205. The museum plans to reopen by late May or early June. The summer hours are 8-4 and winter hours are 8:30 to 4:30. Everyone is encouraged to come.



You'll wonder where the yellow went. see P2

Photo Alex Miller

## Orientation for future students

by Ingrid Hiob

University Orientation Days will be taking place on campus during Reading Week to give prospective university students a look at university life.

Six thousand high school students have pre-registered to attend any three of fifty-one lectures that will be given by professors from the various faculties. The lectures are designed to give high school students an idea of what disciplines that they have not had any previous exposure to (such as philosophy or engineering) are like. There will also be about 70 displays from various academic programs and clubs set up in CAB.

The parents of interested students are also invited to attend a parent orientation in Tory Lecture. Tours of the campus and residences will also be given.

The main purpose of the orientation days is to provide prospective students with an idea of university

life and to help them make informed decisions regarding a post-secondary education, said Becky Purves, assistant to the Registrar and Orientation Days coordinator. The university expects approximately eight thousand people to attend the orientation days, with people coming from as far as BC and Saskatchewan. There is a high demand for information on the

traditional faculties such as science and arts, said Purves. Pre-registration for the lectures concerning law, business, and medicine have already been filled.

The Orientation Days are Feb. 25 and 26 from 9 a.m. till 3 p.m., so if you happen to be on campus then, watch out for hordes of high school students and try to look like you're having fun.

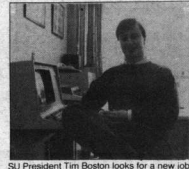
## CaPS helps job seekers

by Roberta Franchuk

Spring is the time when most students' thoughts turn to summer and jobs. In April, graduates will face the prospect of beginning a career, and almost everyone else will be looking for ways to occupy themselves over the summer.

To help students find career-related as well as summer jobs, the University runs a Career and Placement Services office. Opened in

July of 1987, the office is located on the fourth floor of the Students' Union Building, the space formerly occupied by the Canada Employment Centre. CaPS offers a range of services for students who need



SU President Tim Boston looks for a new job

help with their resumes or job search and interview skills, or who simply want to find out what jobs are available.

Students looking for part time, summer or permanent jobs can search the job listings sent in by employers. These are organized by type of job and faculty affiliation, and are located in binders in the resource room in the CaPS office. These listings are also available through the MTS computer system by the command 'run caps-jobs'. An average of 60 new jobs are added to the listings every week.

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What do you think of western civilization?  
I think it would be a good idea.  
Mahatma Gandhi



Dinosaur bones in the U of A museum

Photo Paul Menzies

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## CJSR must provide Airtight budget

by Roberta Franchuk

The future of the U of A radio station's music magazine *Airtight* is up in the air because of uncertainties over its funding.

"After this issue (February), we do not know when our next issue will be," said Lois Knight, station manager for CJSR.

The position of *Airtight* editor was dropped as of February 29 because of budget uncertainties. The Students' Union and CJSR are "looking at alternative ways" of keeping the magazine alive, said Knight. Possibilities include publishing every other month rather than monthly, and receiving more funding from sources off-campus.

The budget of the magazine has been under close scrutiny by the Students' Union, as *Airtight* has been losing money "almost since its inception," said SU VP Finance

Steve Twible.

According to Twible, *Airtight* is projected to lose \$4,076 this year, not including the \$4,800 salary of the editor. Last year, the magazine lost \$3,050, not including \$2,400 in salaries that were put on the CJSR budget.

"One thing they do to make *Airtight* look viable is they keep hiding the salary in the budget of CJSR," said Twible.

The magazine was originally budgeted to lose \$11,000 this year, including salaries. In December, the Students' Union Administration Board, which funds SU clubs and services, refused to approve this budget. Arrangements were made with Knight to reduce the deficit to around \$2,200 by various changes, which included putting the *Airtight* editor's salary back onto the budget for CJSR, a move Twible classifies as

a "misunderstanding."

"The SU sees *Airtight* as separate," explained Knight, "but we feel the *Airtight* editor is a CJSR position."

"We're subsidizing both CJSR and *Airtight*," said Twible, "and I don't think that's right. *Airtight* was originally set up to make money for CJSR."

Knight is unhappy about the handling of the problem. "They're supposed to have a hands-off policy," she said, "and now they're deciding who we axe and how we axe them."

"We have no right at all to say how *Airtight* is run," agreed Twible, but he added that it was the responsibility of the SU to spend its money carefully. "We'll not accept that kind of loss," he said.

As of the end of January, *Airtight* has lost \$2,948 "plus whatever salary has accrued," said Twible.