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Photo by Steven Scher

Tyrannosaurus Rex he's not but...

His name's Little Stanley and he could have been your brother, or your grandmothers' brother. The webbed fingers of the salamander once had archeologists believing it was an ancestor of man lost in the flood, so they gave it the scientific name *Homo Deluvians*, or man-fish. But, marching on, Science realized its error. What they had was just the Chinese giant salamander, *Andrias davidianus* species, which has been hiding in the streams of China unchanged for 30 million years. Little Stanley, conservatively estimated at 50 years old, is three and a half feet long, and still growing. The species can reach up to five feet in length but some reports in Chinese literature exaggerate them to 10 feet long. Purchased in a meat market in Hong Kong (where the beasts are probably used for medicinal purposes), Little Stanley is the pet of Stanley Sessions, a research assistant in Biology at the University. Little Stanley is kept in the Toadery in Science II, where he plays with his rock and bites.

'Meet the Prez' Students invited to drop in

Ever feel like there's something you'd like to tell University Pres. Boyd, but you didn't think he'd have time or give you an appointment for it? Soon you'll have no excuse.

Boyd plans in the near future to hold a two-hour weekly student drop-in session in his office, 110 Johnson Hall. "I can't guarantee it will be the same block of time every week," he said but stressed there definitely will be two hours per week set aside for students.

Boyd has only one anxiety about the sessions: "I don't want it to look like now for the first time, students will be able to see the president. Any student with busi-

ness appropriate to this office can make an appointment with me."

Students will be able to come by for any reason. Time limits will be set according to how many students show up.

Boyd isn't sure how well the program will go over, or how many students will show up weekly. He speculated it might be popular for awhile, but thought eventually the numbers would drop off.

Regardless of how many people show up, Boyd figures he'll be "the principle gainer over a long period of time. Every time a student comes into my office, I learn something new about the University."

Boyd, Feldman form issue group

University Pres. William Boyd and ASUO Pres. Gary Feldman have formed a new group to discuss relevant issues in each other's areas.

"We'll have a monthly meeting combining a group that Gary now meets with, and a group I meet with monthly," says Boyd. Group members come from every facet of University affairs. Besides Boyd, administrative members include the Administration and Finance Vice-President, Student Affairs Provost, the Executive Dean, the Management and Budget Director, the University Relations Director and the Affirmative Action Director.

Members from ASUO will be Feldman, and another ASUO-designated person, the IFC Chair, the EMU Board Chair and the Student University Affairs Board Chair.

Boyd says they will meet "sometimes with a formal agenda, sometimes just to find out what problems there are" in each area.

"All these people have important functions in the University, so the meetings should be full and productive."

The first meeting has not yet been scheduled, but probably will just be procedural and informational.

University Senate approves abolition of two committees

By MELODY WARD
Of the Emerald

The University Senate approved three motions Wednesday and will recommend them to the University Assembly at its meeting next week.

The University-wide Committee on Committees (COC) proposals to abolish the Academic Distinction Committee and the Educational Opportunity Committee were both passed quickly.

The Academic Distinction Committee was established in 1971 to select students for special academic recognition. Maradel Gale, who presented two motions, said that now academic distinction is determined by the individual departments and schools.

The Education Opportunity Committee was created in 1969 to advise University faculty and administrators on the development

of programs for the disadvantaged and minority groups. But Gale said the COC was informed that its duties overlapped with the newly formed Minority Education Council.

The Senate also approved, after an extended discussion, a motion from the Academic Requirements Committee to revise a section of the grading system. Under the proposal, courses indicated in the university catalog offered solely on the pass/no-pass basis may satisfy the graded hours requirements for majors, provided they're required for the major within the department.

Robert James, department head of fine arts, said the motion would apply mainly to transfer students in education, CSPA and architecture, who often need only to take the required courses in their major when they come to this university.