

WALKING DISTANCE

Rhythm & Reviews' weekly feature on art, entertainment or cuisine near campus



Site allows browsers to reconstruct celebrity faces

www.web-usa.com/faces

Ever wonder what George Clooney's hair, Bob Dole's eyes and Pamela Anderson's mouth would look like all on one face?

Well, now you can find out with the "Faces" web site.

Through the use of frames, you can combine the facial characteristics of 20 politicians and celebrities. The site even features pre-made "formulas."

Did you know that Bill Clinton + Hillary Clinton + Halle Berry = Grace Jones?

Museum of Natural History proves pleasant, interesting

REVIEW

Museum of Natural History

★★★
(Interesting exhibits)

■ **WHERE:** 1680 E. 15th Avenue

■ **HOURS:** Noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday

■ **COST:** Free; donations accepted

■ **BEST BET:** "Backyard Birds" and "Living Traditions"

Museum browsers can explore various exhibits and learn a little bit about campus and local areas

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Most of the time, when college students think of fun, they don't think of visiting a museum. But it is often surprising how enjoyable a quiet afternoon at a museum can be.

Located at the edge of the Bean parking lot, the University Museum of Natural History is easily overlooked. It's quiet, it's unobtrusive and there's not a lot of activity around it. In fact, a lot of students have probably forgotten it's there.

Upon entering the museum, you might think it's extremely small, with only a couple of exhibits. However, as you move deeper into the building, exploring the various exhibits, you realize it's actually a bit bigger than it seems. Not much, but a little.

The first exhibit browsers encounter is "Backyard Birds." This display features life-size models of local bird species set

against beautifully painted backgrounds, with information on the birds and how they have adapted to their habitats.

The fun part of this exhibit are the activity stations, where browsers can challenge their knowledge of birds and their guessing abilities. Matching birds with their meals, songs and feet are among the interactive displays. There is also a mirror that allows people to check out how they'd look in a beak.

Another exhibit, "Living Traditions," features detailed models of the various dwellings of Native Americans in North America. These models range from a large cut-away replica of a mat house that browsers can walk through to a small replica of an igloo. This display also includes a video, *Tule Technology: Northern Paiute Uses of Marsh Resources in Western Nevada*.

"What's That Tree?," a guide to tree identification that includes campus trees, and "Clues to an Unknown Culture," a collection of Pre-



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The Museum of Natural History is located in the Bean parking lot.

Columbian ceramic sculptures from West Mexico, are other notable exhibits. The museum also has several smaller displays, including the vertebra of a blue whale and the skeleton of a saber-toothed cat.

Altogether, the museum is interesting, and many of the exhibits include pamphlets that direct browsers to off-campus locations and activi-

ties that may be of interest. Admission is free, but donations are accepted.

A visit to the Natural History Museum won't make for an wild and exciting date or anything, but then it doesn't promise to. What it will do is pleasantly occupy an hour or so of free time and provide an interesting, and maybe even educational, afternoon.



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