

time in the Lawrence area. The building was put up at a cost of \$75,000.

Since this beginning Dyche Museum has been in the news numerous times. In 1932, December, the Museum was closed down due to the fact that it was judged unsafe, the floors of the structure were found to be too weak to further support exhibits and repairs would require a lot of funds which weren't available at the time. This was to begin a very critical period for the Museum and the displays. A period of eight years was to begin, during these years the Museum was mostly closed, improvements were made, work was often stalled due to lack of funds.

Numerous articles appeared when the museum was closed down urging the necessary repairs, " We are wondering what is to be done about Dyche. Dyche has long been recognized as one of the foremost campus museums in the United States."<sup>2</sup> New floors were put in to support one-hundred pounds of pressure per square inch and the fourth floor was also put in at this time at a cost of \$34,000.

Then work was suspended due to rising costs. But another personal exhibit was installed. This exhibit was to depict pre-historic animals, the Dioramas in the basement were done by Bernard "Boco" Frazier, a former student and member of the track team. Mrs. Frazier painted the background for the exhibit.