

Falling down on the job

ERSTWHILE chainsaw-abusers Archaos have always been known for their liberal interpretation of health and safety regulations, but the French circus's tour of Scotland looks set to prove its most accident-prone yet.

Already three members of the troupe have been flown back to Paris with badly broken legs — one was run down in the show by a driverless cab and another fell off a pole before being hit by a motorbike — while the Fishman, who appears on all the posters for the circus, cracked his skull and could not face rejoining the company.

Despite these problems, the company seems to be bearing up well, as four performers demonstrated when they were invited to review the Tattoo for the BBC's *The Late Show*.

The Archaos members



Archaos artiste Philippe Rey

unaccountably grew bored with the Tattoo and in the middle of a splendid canine act they could contain themselves no longer — they stood up and began chanting: "No more dogs. We want women." For the rest of the show they were placed under guard.