

Vacancies Remain On Spanish Trip

Three vacancies still remain on the 9-man bus for the Spanish Club field trip during the Easter holidays.

Students of Latin American history and economics and members of the Spanish Club will leave for a sight-seeing tour to Monterrey

and Saltillo, Mexico, March 29 and return April 2, according to Dr. J. A. Dabbs, associate professor of the Modern Languages Department.

A \$25 deposit is required to cover travel and room expenses, he said. Meals will be extra.



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Bonfire Work Not All Muscle, Oceanography Uses Brains

By MARK SMITH

Last Nov. 23, while thousands of college students and friends were dreamily watching the annual Texas Aggie bonfire consume itself in multi-colored waves of burning gases, several men were busy at work near it. The men, headed by an alert young scientist, were making a very important scientific discovery.

While the bonfire roared upward, sending waves of smoke and heat into the air, the men drove a panel truck onto the drill field where the blaze was located. Attached to the back of the truck was an odd-looking trailer, consisting of a frame of small pipes. When the hinged mast was raised into the air it towered 20 feet above the nearby curious spectators. Connected to the weird contraption were small half-spheres which whirled around so fast they were a blur.

The scientist in charge was Dr. Arnold H. Glaser, Assistant Professor of Oceanography at A&M. Dr. Glaser and his men were test-

ing the various temperatures and wind currents coming from the raging bonfire.

Their studies are carried on under the Department of Oceanography, which in turn receives aid for certain projects from the Air Force Cambridge Research Center of the Air Research and Development Command.

The mobile micrometeorological unit travels throughout the Southwest in search of wind and temperature data, but usually stays within Brazos County.

Dr. Glaser and his associates collect data about wind velocity and temperature for use by agricultural agents, the U. S. Air Force, and various other groups.

The information obtained during the burning of the bonfire was of importance to tornado research experts who want to know more about the conditions that produce whirls like the dust devils that spring from the bonfire.

Working on airport runways, where hot air will lengthen the takeoff run of a plane, Dr. Glaser has made tens of thousands of temperature measurements with the mobile unit. He finds that, contrary to expectation, air temperature above a runway is usually cooler than that over surrounding terrain.

"The air doesn't know its own temperature," he said.

The traveling lab also gathers information important to agriculture, and has conducted experiments with irrigation research. Evaporation and transpiration problems can often be solved by the use of data obtained with the small-scale laboratory. E. R. Lemon, a soil physicist, works with Dr. Glaser in most agricultural experiments.

Singing Cadets

The Singing Cadets, under the direction of Bill Turner, will present a concert in Guion Hall Sunday afternoon.

The concert will start at 2:30 p. m. and will be open to the public with no admission charge.



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Mrs. C. C. Doak Chosen Best Speaker

Mrs. C. C. Doak, wife of Dr. C. C. Doak of the Biology Department, was chosen best speaker at the third weekly meeting of the A&M Speechmasters Group last night in rooms 2A, 2B of the Memorial Student Center.

Her speech, entitled "Social Protocol," presented information which future speakers need to know about etiquette at meetings and banquets.

Toastmaster for the meeting was Eddie Thorpe and general evaluator of the meeting was Bill Yates.

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