

Researchers To Play Crusoe To Collect Reef Specimens

Two A&M University researchers plan to become Robinson Crusoes in the Gulf of Mexico with the goal of collecting a wide variety

of specimens from a small reef off the Yucatan Peninsula. The youths hope to spend 10 days on the speck of sand and coral about 90 miles from the Mexican coast and 700 miles south of Galveston.

Brian F. Pasby, whose interest is the coral reef biochemistry, and Norman G. Vick, whose interest is marine ichthyology, will be the Robinson Crusoes.

They will be aboard the Department of Oceanography and Meteorology Research Vessel Alaminos when she sails from Galveston.

"This whole thing should be classified as exploratory, we may not be able to get off on the reef," Vick said.

PLANS CALL FOR LOWERING from the Alaminos, if the entrance to the reef and other conditions are satisfactory, a 20-foot boat containing Pasby, Vick and 1,300-pounds of carefully chosen equipment and supplies including all of their drinking water for the 10 days.

The Alaminos then will proceed on another portion of her cruise.

Pasby's special interest is collecting coral to see if there are differences from specimens taken last year when he and Vick studied a reef in the Florida keys below Miami.

The National Science Foundation sponsors research to analyze the main lipids or fats in organisms that go to make up the coral. PASBY'S DOCTORAL STUDIES

concern a hypothesis about the place of coral in possibly forming oil pools.

Vick's special interest is collecting specimens of all sizes of sailfish, barracudas and, if any are found as they migrate, black-fin tuna. Tissues of adult specimens will be sent to the University of Alabama Medical Center's Division of Rheumatology for the continuing study which may lead to clues of benefit to human beings.

Marionettes Plan Area Performance

The Nicolo Marionettes once again visit the Bryan-College Station area this Feb. 29 presenting a 25th anniversary show, "The Emperor's Nightingale." They will appear at the A&M Consolidated auditorium sponsored by the American Association of University Women. Curtain time will be 9:30 a.m., 1:30 and 3:30 p.m.

This latest production by the Marionettes, based on a story of Hans Christian Anderson, has been acclaimed by critics as a provocative and fulfilled experience in children's theatre, a credit to this nationally known organization.

The newest methods of lighting and sound techniques will be used to make this classic repertory the most elaborate in the history of the American puppet theatre.

The children in the audience will be asked to help solve the problems encountered, and will share in the final triumph of the humble kitchen maid, the Emperor, and the Nightingale.

Admission will be 50 cents for children and 75 cents for adults. Tickets are available from all AAUW members and will also be sold at the door. Dr. Alice Stubbs, Department of Home Economics, is in charge of the event.



Dancing Indian Style

Mrs. Sunder Kamat helped the Indian Association celebrate the 14th anniversary of the Inauguration of the Republic of India, by performing a Radhika Dance. The anniversary fell on the week of exams and was postponed until Feb. 15.

AMONG THE PROFS

English Prof Gets Exec Council Seat

Dr. John Q. Anderson, head of the Department of English has been named southern regional representative on the national executive council of the American Studies Association.

The announcement was received here from Dr. Gordon Mills of the University of Texas, who formerly held the position.

Eleven members make up the executive council with each one representing a region of the United States.

Anderson is president of the American Studies Association of Texas which is a part of the southern region. He has been a member of the association since 1956 when he served as a member of the steering committee that organized the Texas Association.

The professor of English and department head has served in other state association posts and was program chairman of the annual meeting held here last fall.

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Dr. R. E. Patterson, dean of agriculture, is the new vice president of the Association of Southern Agricultural Workers.

His election came during the association's recent annual meeting in Atlanta, Ga.

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Associate professor Karl E. Elmquist of the Department of English, is author of a review in the latest issue of "Arizona and the West," a quarterly journal published by the University of Arizona press.

The review is of E. Bagby Atwood's "The Regional Vocabulary of Texas."

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Dr. Lawrence S. Dillon, biology professor at A&M, has been invited to make two talks at Baylor University.

The professor, an authority on evolution, will give a graduate lecture on "Cytological Evolution" at 4 p.m.

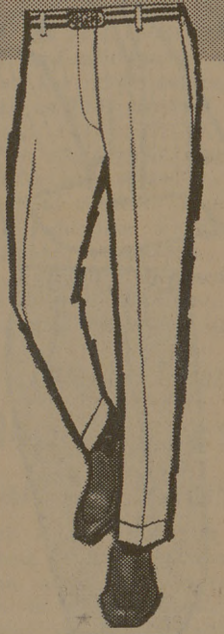
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