

TRAPPED IN ICE

Biological Oceanographer Returns From Antarctica

Spending the final days of 1963 on an Argentine icebreaker trapped in the ice off of Antarctica was one of Dr. S. Z. El-Sayed's experiences as a A&M University biological oceanographer on a 40-day voyage to the frozen conti-

nent. El-Sayed resumed his duties here this week after returning with enough samples and specimens to assure months of laboratory work. The findings hold great promise for this first biological ocean-

graphic cruise made into the Weddell Sea, a vast expanse of frozen sea on the South American side of Antarctica.

"The Weddell Sea is noted in all of the oceanographic textbooks, as the least known sea in the world," El-Sayed said.

HIS TRIP SOUTH was the sixth for A&M scientists in a continuing study of primary marine resources off of Argentina and southward into the Antarctic. The National Foundation sponsors the project which has the "closest cooperation" from the Argentine Navy's hydrographic office.

Dr. Enrique Mandelli, an Argentinian who has done considerable work on the A&M campus, left early in December and returned recently also.

They boarded the Argentinian icebreaker General San Martin Dec. 9 and sailed southward from Buenos Aires, taking samples of sea water and making observations each six hours around the clock. A total of 105 stations, pinpoints on the nautical charts, were occupied.

SOUTHWARD THE ICE-BREAKER sailed along the coast of Argentina, allowing additional observations in the continental shelf area, and then the expedition crossed the stormy Drake Passage beyond the tip of South America.

YMCA Secretary Reports

Almost 20 Christian dominations, plus the Jewish, Moslem, Buddhist and other religious faiths are represented by A&M University students, J. Gordon Gay reports. He is executive secretary of the campus YMCA and coordinator of religious life.

The denominational preference cards completed by the more than 7,100 students indicated 1,565 Baptist "preferences," 1,400 Methodists, 1,128 Catholics, and 1,116 students either did not provide this information or have no preference.

classification are the 473 Presbyterians, 364 Episcopal, 331 Church of Christ, 303 Lutherans and 168 Christians.

Forty-nine students completed cards indicating the Jewish faith or preference; 30 Moslems and 5 Buddhists.

"There are a lot more Hindus and Buddhists and they apparently failed to show this preference," Gay said.

Represented by some 20 students are the United Church of Christ, Assembly of God, Mormon and Unitarian Churches.



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Chemists Hold Grad Course

The Department of Chemical Engineering is conducting a graduate extension course in heat transfer for industry personnel in Corpus Christi.

The course is part of an off-campus program begun several years ago by the department.

Dr. P. T. Eubank is conducting the heat transfer course for three hours once a week at the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co. The sessions began earlier this month and will continue through May.

Dr. L. D. Durbin, assistant professor in the department, has just completed a 17-week graduate extension course in Corpus Christi. His lectures dealt with chemical process dynamics and control, a rapidly developing field of automatic control or instrumentation of chemical plants, oil refineries, and similar processing plants.

Durbin said there were about 20 students in the class, most of whom came from Pittsburgh Plate Co. and the Celanese Corp. of America.

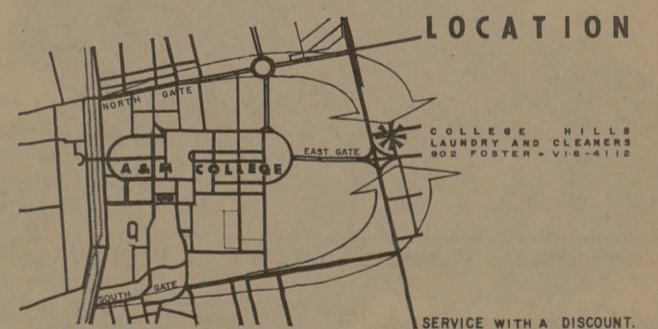
The graduate extension programs are self-supporting, with the cost coming from the students and their companies, Durbin pointed out.

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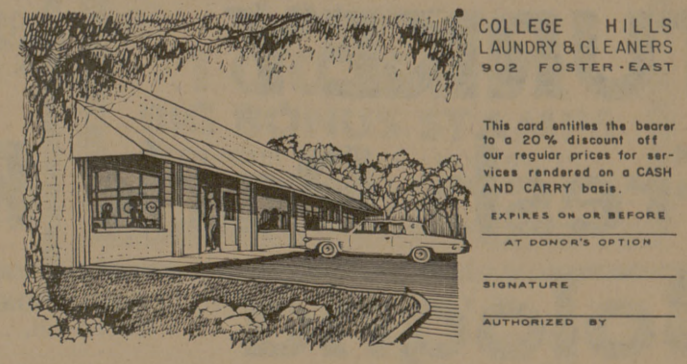
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