

A&M Ph.D. Candidate, Son Return From Jungle Hunt

A Texas A&M Ph.D. candidate earned the title "doctor" in the jungles of Honduras by giving emergency care to natives. Jerry Mankins of Susannah, Calif., recently returned from eight months in South Africa where wildlife research was interrupted to deliver babies, suture wounds and set broken bones. Mankins became the "doctor" after he helped deliver a baby in the bush. "The first time I helped deliver a baby was pretty much an emergency," Mankins explained. "I went to see a man to locate

some deer. He said his wife was in severe pain, so I took a look and found she was ready to give birth. Her sister was supposed to come to help, but she didn't arrive, so I delivered the baby. After that the word got around that I was a doctor as well as a batman," Mankins continued.

Mankins had previous experience as a hospital laboratory technician in California, but had little knowledge of obstetrics.

The language problem gave Mankins little trouble since he speaks Spanish, the accepted language in Honduras. Finding suitable transportation proved to be a major problem since roads were almost non-existent.

With the help of his 15-year old son, Dick, Mankins collected specimens of agoutis, grison, prehensile-tailed porcupines, gophers, o'possums, margay, squirrel, anteaters and a specimen new to the A&M collection, a 7-banded armadillo.

"We obtained what is probably the largest collection of one species of agoutis (rabbit-like animals) from Roatan," Mankins reported.

The researchers were bitten and

scratched by bats and margay, but didn't bother to take shots, he said. "A dab of iodine here and there and we were ready to continue," Mankins commented.

The Mankins learned to live off the land. Agoutis were the main meat dish and mangoes, bananas, zapotes, and squash were plentiful. Sugar and coffee shortages were apparent, they felt.

Heavy rains caused them to spend a lot of time digging the station wagon out of mudholes. Storms blew their camps down.

Mankins, who hopes to make his home in Central America someday, earned a Master of Arts degree in biology at Chico State College in California and a Bachelor of Science degree in wildlife technology at the University of Montana.



AN AGOUTIS? SO'S YER OLD MAN!
Jerry Mankins, who recently became A&M's "great white doctor" in Honduras, holds a pet Agoutis for his son Dick to inspect. Mankins collected the specimen while doing research for his Ph.D. degree in the Central American jungles.

Archives Move To New Location

Plans to move the University Archives from Cushing Memorial Library to Room 103 of the Academic Building have been announced by archivist Ernest Langford. He said the move should be made next week.

The University Archives later will be moved into the planned new library building which will provide "excellent space" for the collection, Langford said.

'Texas Clipper' Sails Atlantic; Due In Copenhagen Next Week

The Texas Clipper with 120 Texas Maritime Academy cadets aboard is sailing the North Atlantic and due in Copenhagen, Denmark July 22. The ship was in Halifax, Nova Scotia, last weekend as the first port of call for the training cruise which ends at Galveston Aug. 22.

"All hands are looking forward to the next port of call — Copenhagen. Arrangements are being prepared by the United States Embassy for the entertainment of the Texas cadets," Capt. Bennett M. Dodson said. Superintendent of the maritime academy, he commands the Texas Clipper.

Plans call for the TMA cadets and 40 others aboard the ship to visit Denmark, Edinburgh and Southampton in the British Isles and Bermuda before returning to homeport.

The Texas Clipper sailed from Galveston to Halifax, a distance of 2400 miles, in a little less than seven days, Capt. Dodson reported.

"Refreshing weather" with temperatures in the fifties to low seventies and a dance aboard ship for young ladies from colleges

of the Halifax area were among highlights of the visit to Nova Scotia.

Some 30 TMA cadets also were honored with invitations to the annual black-tie dance of the Royal Canadian Navy.

Captain Dodson said the Texas Clipper averaged 14.25 knots on the Galveston-Halifax run with the throttle "kept down in order to break in all bearings and other machinery which had recently been overhauled."

Cushing Library Requests Contributions To Collection

Early volumes of the "Texas Almanac," Texas A&M publications and other materials pertaining to the Lone Star State are among the types of publications needed to boost Cushing Memorial Library's growing collection of Texana materials.

A milestone in the program begun early in 1964 will be marked once the Texas A&M library is in its new building. Included in the building plans are "special accommodations" for a Texas Collection.

An "exhaustive collection" of materials pertaining to Texas A&M and "a good, general collection" of other Texana are broad objectives, Miss Clara McFrancis said. She heads the catalog department of Cushing Memorial Library.

"A count of holdings in the Texas Collection shows 328 volumes," Miss McFrancis said. More than 900 other volumes of Texana are elsewhere on the library shelves.

Rare items including a number from the Asbury Collection are included in the Texas Collection. S. E. (Doc) Asbury willed his collection to the Texas A&M Library. Asbury came to the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station in 1904 and retired 40 years later. His interests included music, poetry, drama and Texas history.

The Asbury Collection has helped fill gaps created by the loss of virtually the entire library when Old Main burned in 1912.

The extremely limited library resources available in earlier years also were cited by Miss

McFrancis.

Duplicate copies of newly-published Texana now are acquired with one copy reserved for the Texas Collection.

"The goal is to make our current additions exhaustive," Miss McFrancis said.

NSF Announces \$46,000 Grant

The National Science Foundation has announced a more than \$46,000 grant to Texas A&M to be used at the university's discretion for improvement of science activities, Congressman Olin E. Teague notified A&M President Rudder.

The institutional grant is expected to be administered by Dean Wayne C. Hall.

BA School Limits Grad Student Quota

The limit of graduate students this September in the School of Business Administration has been reached, Dr. John E. Pearson announced. He said no more students will be accepted unless vacancies develop.

The quota of 70 graduate students was announced early this year. Students seek the Master of Business Administration degree.

Texas A&M thus became possibly the first university in Texas to establish a limit upon graduate enrollment in business. The quota was described as necessary "to assure a quality graduate program with the resources available." Hopes are to increase the quota in the future, Pearson said.

Among the 70 students are 26 who already started studies. The 44 new students were chosen from more than 115 applicants with additional applications still arriving. In the School of Business there also are some 20 special students preparing to meet requirements.

The 70 students accepted are "predominantly" Texan, Dr. R. M. Stevenson, graduate advisor, said.

"And about a third of the students are honor graduates," he pointed out.

The realigned Master of Business Administration program provides for study in four professional fields. These are organization and administration, statistics, computer science and accounting.

About 40 percent of the graduate students plan to concentrate in the computer science field. An equal number chose organization and administration. The others will study either account-

ing or statistics as their professional field.

The undergraduate majors of the students are varied. Among the majors represented in addition to business administration are agriculture, economics, engineering, the humanities and music.

2 Religion Courses Set Next Semester By Local Churches

Registration for either of two courses offered during the next six weeks by the interdenominational School of Christian Studies is underway. The courses are open to Texas Aggies, student wives, faculty or staff and other interested adults.

"The Meaning of Revelation," not to be confused with a study of the Book of Revelation, will be taught by Walter Allen of the First Christian Church.

"The Book of Job: A Case Study in Suffering and Faith" will be taught by Phil Kirby of the Methodist Student Center.

Classes will meet from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. each Thursday, July 22 through Aug. 19. The courses are offered cooperatively by several denominations. Classes meet at the Methodist Student Center, Church and Tauber Streets.

Registration details may be obtained by telephoning 846-6014 or 846-6639.

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