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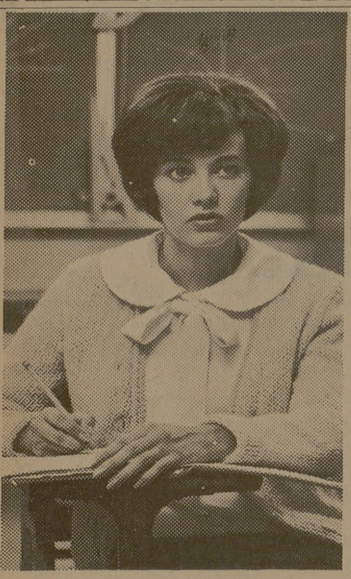
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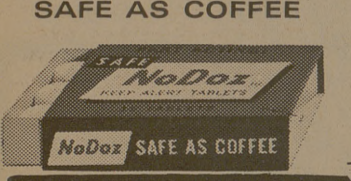
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Aggies Learn To Snorkel In SCUBA Driving School

Oceanic subjects don't necessarily have to be taught in the ocean. Neither do marine students need webbed feet.

"Landlubbers" of varying dimensions are being taught snorkeling and diving techniques at Texas A&M, at least a 100-mile crow's flight from the briny deep.

Among the flatlanders enrolled is Ernest Knowles of Ogden, Utah, an arid city nearly 1,500 miles from the Pacific.

Knowles actually is more of a "Sea Dog" than many people who grew up near the wharfs. He spent five years in the U. S. Navy, three as a gunnery officer on a destroyer.

Students in the 10-week course range from fish-like to brick-like swimmers, chief instructor Don Walsh notes. SCUBA diving is application of self controlled breathing apparatus in the water.

"Those who complete the course are not to be compared with Lloyd Bridges (of TV "Sea Hunt" fame)," Walsh grinned. "They learn basic safety, potential dangers of diving and limits of SCUBA equipment. The sea is darker and temperatures vary more than in a heated pool.

The 30-hour non-credit diving school is designed for oceanography and biology students who need the training in their profession. Except for knowledge which could someday save their lives, students receive only a wallet-sized certificate as basic SCUBA divers.

The serious work often produces humor. An instructor gave a hand slash across the throat signal underwater to his "buddy," indicating an empty air tank. Usually, the "buddy" pulls a reserve valve on the tank to provide extra air. This time, the student quickly squelched the air completely.

"Everything worked out all right," Walsh chortled, "but it would have been embarrassing in 130 feet of water."

Students find "ditch and don" training most difficult. In the exercise, swimmers remove their equipment underwater, then put it on again.

Twenty-eight persons in the course include two husband-wife teams: Rick and Shary Brown, Fred and Molly Boles, and a solo fem, Paula Forst, wife of oceanography student Ron Forst.

"All the women are doing well," Walsh commented. "They are not strong swimmers, but they learn fast and work hard. Fifty to 60 pounds of equipment gets heavy."

Walsh, a Navy lieutenant commander on active duty to study physical oceanography, is coholder of the world record for deepest ocean dive in the Bathyscaph Trieste.

Students use their own flippers, divers masks and snorkeling gear. Oxygen tanks are provided.

Walsh promotes enrollment with this blurb: "All the water you can drink for \$15."



HERE'S HOW
... Donald L. Durham gets a tip on clearing water-clogged ears from instructor Martin Every.

Campus Briefs

A&M System Receives Grants

Two schools in the Texas A&M University System have been awarded grants from the Robert A. Welch Foundation in Houston to purchase \$78,300 in research equipment.

The 10 projects were announced Monday by foundation trustees.

Texas A&M received \$59,300 for eight chemical research investigations. Prairie View A&M was given \$19,000 for two projects.

Principal researchers at A&M include Dr. J. M. Prescott, Dr. Ralph A. Zingaro, Dr. Alfred Danti, Dr. Richard M. Hedges, Dr. Carl M. Lyman, Dr. John A. McIntyre, Dr. Dwight C. Conway and Dr. A. D. Suttle Jr.

Prairie View's researchers are Dr. C. T. Stubblefield and Dr. Charles E. Urdy.

All funds will be used to purchase new test equipment.

Prof To Teach In Pakistan School

Architecture professor Robert F. White will teach landscape architecture this summer at the East Pakistan University of Engineering and Technology.

School of Architecture Chairman Edward J. Romieniec will visit the university for three weeks in July to study possible short-term assistance by A&M in the architectural program.

Alpha Pi Mu Chooses Officers

Alpha Pi Mu, the national honor society of the Department of Industrial Engineering, began preparation for next year with the election of officers.

The new officers are Mike Barnes, president; Jim Talley, vice-president; Stan Suigita, corresponding secretary; Gary Carey, Treasurer; and Sidney Brown, recording secretary.

Prof Presents Science Paper

Dr. Ronald Darby of the Department of Chemical Engineering presented a paper at a national meeting of the Electrochemical Society.

The assistant professor's paper, titled "Bubble Dynamics," concerned principles of bubble nucleation, growth in nucleate boiling and at gas-evolving electrodes and systems comparisons.

Range Club Elects Officers

Billy M. Hood, a range science major from Tyler, has been elected president of the Range and Forestry Club for the 1966-1967 school year.

Dan Henard, Jr. of Wellington was elected vice president and

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Laredo Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Brooks Room of the YMCA.

Deep East Texas Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Art Room of the Memorial Student Center.

El Paso Hometown Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. at Wehrman's Cafe.

Supervision Seminar Slated May 23-27

A general supervision seminar May 23-27 is expected to attract 25 persons.

Chief Instructor W. B. Mansfield of the Engineering Extension Service said his staff will teach principles, working with people, effective communication, methods improvement and employee training.

The course is designed to help supervisory personnel in all management levels to carry out responsibilities more effectively, Mansfield said. It will be taught in the Memorial Student Center.

Ag Professor Joins Faculty

Dr. Edward A. Hiler, formerly of Ohio State University, has joined the Department of Agricultural Engineering as an assistant professor.

Dr. R. E. Patterson, dean of agriculture, said the new staff member will research and teach primarily in water management control.

Hiler received his BS, MS and PhD degrees from Ohio State. Research for his doctoral program, under National Science Foundation sponsorship, was on "Electrokinetic Removal of Colloids from Suspension."

Part of the engineer's research in Ohio was with the Robert A. Taft Sanitary Engineering Center in Cincinnati and involved problems in measuring organic contaminants in river water. He later worked at Wooster with Dr. Ross Brazeo at the Pioneering Research Laboratory on Physics of Fine Particles.

Collegians Enter 17th Aggie Rodeo

Around 150 contestants will compete in the 17th annual Texas A&M Rodeo at 8 p.m. Thursday through Friday in the Aggie Rodeo Arena.

The collegiate rodeo will present competition in bareback bronc riding, bull riding, girls barrel racing, calf roping, saddle bronc riding, ribbon roping, girls goat tying and steer wrestling.

Tickets may be purchased for \$1.25 for adults, \$1 for students, and 50 cents for children. They are on sale at the MSC, the Duncan dining hall, North Gate and in front of the post office.



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... Ernest Knowles rests during diving instruction.

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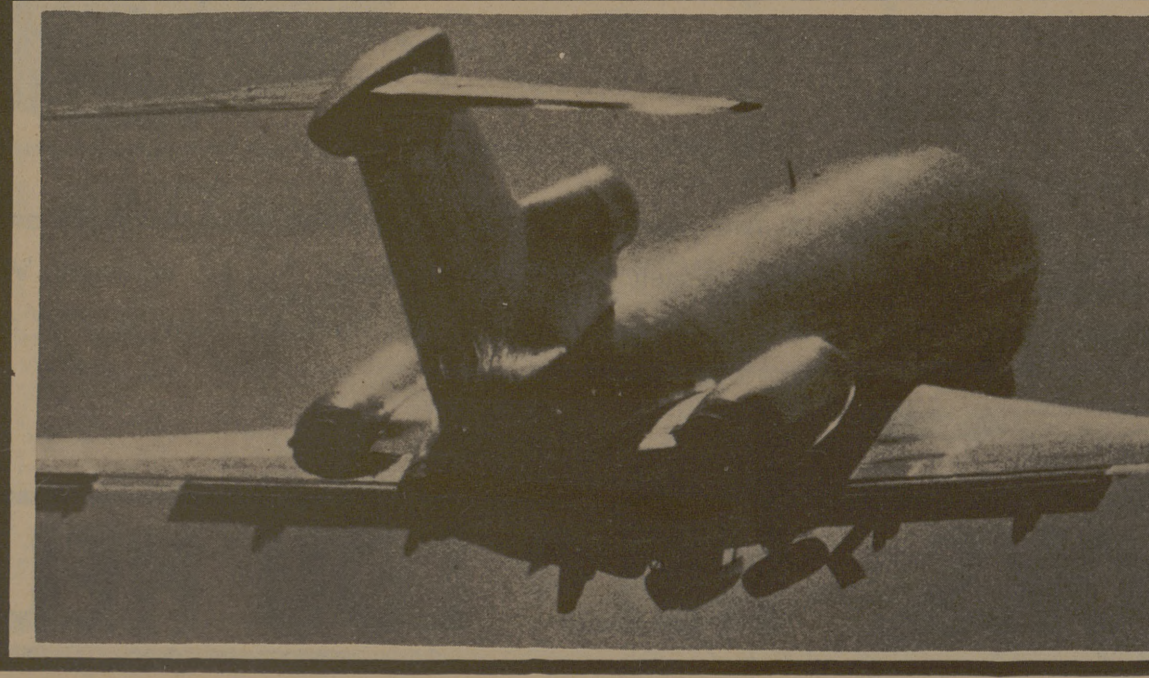
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