

## grad students to study reefs

Texas A&M oceanography graduate students will sample marine plant and animal life in the southern Gulf of Mexico next month.

Ten students supervised by Dr. Thomas J. Bright will dive to coral reefs off the east coast of Yucatan during the three-week trip. The expedition also will involve Miss Maurine Downey, starfish specialist of the Smithsonian Museum in Washington, D. C.

Bright, who recently partici-pated in the Tektite II project in the Virgin Islands, said the graduate students' work will be part of an Oceanography Department problems course.

"It will give them a chance to get acquainted with the marine environment and examine organisms found on coral reefs," the oceanography professor said.

The group of nine oceanogra-

## ON Wednesday, July 29, 1970 Oceanography A&M commended University set for officer grads

Texas A&M's ROTC program, the Corps of Cadets and 1969-70 General George F. Moore Awardwinning company has been commended by a U. S. Department of Defense official of Washington, D. C.

"The Department of Defense takes pride in commending Texas A&M for the outstanding officer graduates who have entered the military departments of the United States," stated George C. S. Benson of the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense in a letter to A&M President A. R. Luedecke.

Benson, deputy assistant secretary for education, said the record of A&M graduates "is a long and distinguished one" and the corps "is held in high regard and deserves all of the praise it receives."

The Pentagon official also extended congratulations to members of Company F-1, commanded last year by Cadet Maj. Richard

The company, to be commanded this fall by Charles D. Nelson of Columbus, will be wearing the all-white shoulder cord signifying the Moore award for the second straight year.

Secretary Benson emphasized that the dependability of the Texas A&M corps and ROTC program is known and appreciated in Washington, D. C. circles.

"While we note a decline in ROTC enrollment among many of our colleges and universities," he said, "the military services can always turn toward College Station to 'Gig Em Aggies'."

The latter was in reference to activities in a closed door U.S. Senate hearing on Defense Department appropriations last December.

Senator Richard B. Russell (D-Ga.) employed "Gig Em Aggies" orally in a discussion of ROTC student attitudes and remarked, that A&M furnished more officers to the Army in World War II

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The university will host the eighth annual Right of Way Educational Seminar Aug. 5-7, announced C. J. Keese, director of the sponsoring Texas Transportation Institute.

The program will be presented by Region 2 of the American Right of Way Association. Featured speakers include As-

sistant Secretary of Interior Leslie L. Glasgow.

Dr. Glasgow, who earned his Ph.D. in wildlife management here, will be the lead speaker for an opening-day panel discussion entitled "Environmental Considerations: Land-Water-Air." The former director of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission will discuss the land aspects. Other panelists are Hugh Yan-

tis of Austin, executive director of the Texas Water Quality Board, and T. R. Samsell of Washington, D. C.



