

Arab countries, A&M plan joint study in oceanography

Three Texas A&M University oceanographers have been invited to visit five Arab countries as a prelude to a cooperative research program in the Red Sea. Drs. Sayed Z. El-Sayed, Richard Rezak and Thomas J. Bright will lecture, tour facilities and meet with government officials and oceanographers in Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Sudan, Kuwait and Jordan to discuss plans for cooperative research programs between those countries and A&M.

"These countries have a great deal of interest and investment in the Red Sea, which is similar to the Gulf of Mexico where Texas A&M has conducted much of its research activities," explained El-Sayed. The areas of cooperation would include, in addition to a research program in oceanography, an exchange of faculty and students.

"We hope to encourage students from that part of the world to come to Texas A&M to study oceanography and marine affairs," he added. "The similarity between the Red Sea and the Gulf of Mexico puts us in a unique position to assist these countries in conducting research in these areas. It will also give a good chance for our own students to gather research material for their theses and dissertations."

Another hope is that A&M's research vessel the R/V Gyre, and the submarine, Diaphus, can be taken to the Red Sea early next year for research on various aspects of biological, geological and chemical oceanography in the northern part of that body of biological, geological and chemical oceanography in the northern part of that body of water. The A&M oceanographers also hope to expand their research effort, for a

program of five or more years, which would include most of the Red Sea and the Arabian Gulf.

"We'll be presenting these ideas as possibilities for areas of joint research and will try to design them to meet the countries' needs," explained Rezak.

Rezak, a first generation American Arab, and El-Sayed, born in Egypt now a naturalized U.S. citizen, will be working with the Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization which has established priorities for research in the Red Sea.

The organization has already invited the A&M scientists to present their findings at its "Symposium on Ecological and Environmental Conditions in the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden" which will be held at the University of Alexandria, Egypt in March, 1979.

Liberal Arts to institute program

The College of Liberal Arts at Texas A&M University will begin a cooperative education program this fall, said Dean W. David Maxwell. Through the program, undergraduate and graduate liberal arts majors may alternate periods of study at the University with work periods at a private firm or government agency.

Twelve Gulf Coast and Central Texas employers — including petroleum companies, government agencies, banks, manufacturers and retailers — have tentatively agreed to participate in the co-op program. The goal for the first year is to place 35 to 40 students. Some are already in similar arrangements, but were not placed through the college-wide program.

The project is designed to allow students to complete their academic

program in the usual four or five years, according to Dr. Henry D. Pope and Dr. Merrill D. Whitburn, who were responsible for developing the program. Pope is continuing education coordinator for the College of Liberal Arts, and Whitburn is an assistant professor of English.

They said work periods are not substituted for academic credit unless the student's department approved such an arrangement.

University officials begin screening interested students in their sophomore year so they may begin co-op experience by the start of their junior year. Transfers and students of other classifications are assessed individually.

A co-op student works full-time at a wage comparable to his or her starting scale with such an employer. Students are required, however, to return to school after each work period (usually a long semester or two summer terms) for further career counseling and in-depth assessment of work experience.

Interested students may inquire about the co-op program through departmental advisors, or by contacting Pope or Whitburn.

For co-op consideration, students are required to have a 2.5 grade point average and must have completed 60 hours of credit when entering the program.

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JURY selection for wealthy heir Cullen Davis' murder trial may take two months because of the businessman's prominence and publicity about the crime, said Davis' defense attorney, Phil Bursleson of Dallas, who in 1963 defended Jack Ruby against charges he killed Lee Harvey Oswald. Davis is charged with the murder of his 12-year-old stepdaughter at a secluded, million-dollar mansion.

TOLL revenues have been used by the members of Texas Turnpike Authority to attend conventions in Europe, said Rep. Doyle Willis, D-Fort Worth. Willis has introduced legislation to abolish the turnpike authority and to make the two tollroads it operates free roads.

A PROPOSED state energy policy statement which recommended state funding of an energy conservation project was debated in a meeting yesterday by the Governor's Energy Advisory Council. Agriculture Commissioner John White said the cost of such a project should be paid by utility companies and not by

the state.

LAST YEAR'S drought in Europe and the vicious winter in the East have accelerated experimentation with the Galveston port as an exporter of potatoes. Freezing potatoes and problems with railroads getting cars through the weather in the East have caused exportation of Northwestern potatoes through the Port of Galveston this month, said John Neil, representative of American Potato Exporters Inc.

National

AS A RESULT of spending the last 4½ years teaching sign language to a gorilla in Denver, Francine "Penny" Patterson, a Stanford University doctoral student, is beginning to question the belief that the chimpanzee is the most intelligent of all nonhuman primates. Miss Patterson told an American Association for the Advancement of Science symposium yesterday the female gorilla, Koko, now has a sign language vocabulary approaching 300 words.

RETURNING from his six-nation Mideast tour, Secretary of State Cyrus Vance says the leaders he talked to are "desperate" for peace. He now is laying out a diplomatic campaign, which will begin in early March with a steady stream of Middle East visitors to Washington.

SPENDING 24 hours lost in a cave in Smithville, Tenn., won't keep four young Nashville men from spelunking again, but next time "we'll be prepared and know the cave," they said. A rescue party, including members of the Nashville chapter of the National Speleological Society, found the four explorers about 4 p.m. yesterday as they sat in a 30-foot room in the cave, about 1,600 feet from the entrance.

A MOVE certain to bring protest from dairy farmers, President Carter today endorsed a Ford proposal to cut spending on milk subsidies for school children. The program cost \$154 million in the current fiscal year but would get only \$35 million under the budget proposal for the year beginning Oct. 1. Carter simultaneously reversed another

proposal asking Congress to continue a popular \$190 million farm conservation subsidy program in 1978.

World

UGANDA President Idi Amin has invited all governments to send delegations to Kampala to investigate the controversial deaths of the country's Anglican archbishop and two government ministers. Uganda said the three died last week in an auto accident while trying to escape custody. Tanzania charged in its government newspaper yesterday the archbishop, Janani Luwum, was killed personally by an enraged Amin who shot him twice in the chest after the clergyman refused to confess to a plot to overthrow him. Nairobi's Daily Nation newspaper, which has the largest circulation in East Africa, said in an editorial today, "Independent Africa is in danger of losing any right she may have in attacking countries like Rhodesia and South Africa over issues which pale into insignificance when compared with the widespread killings that have been reported from Uganda."

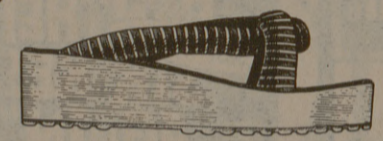
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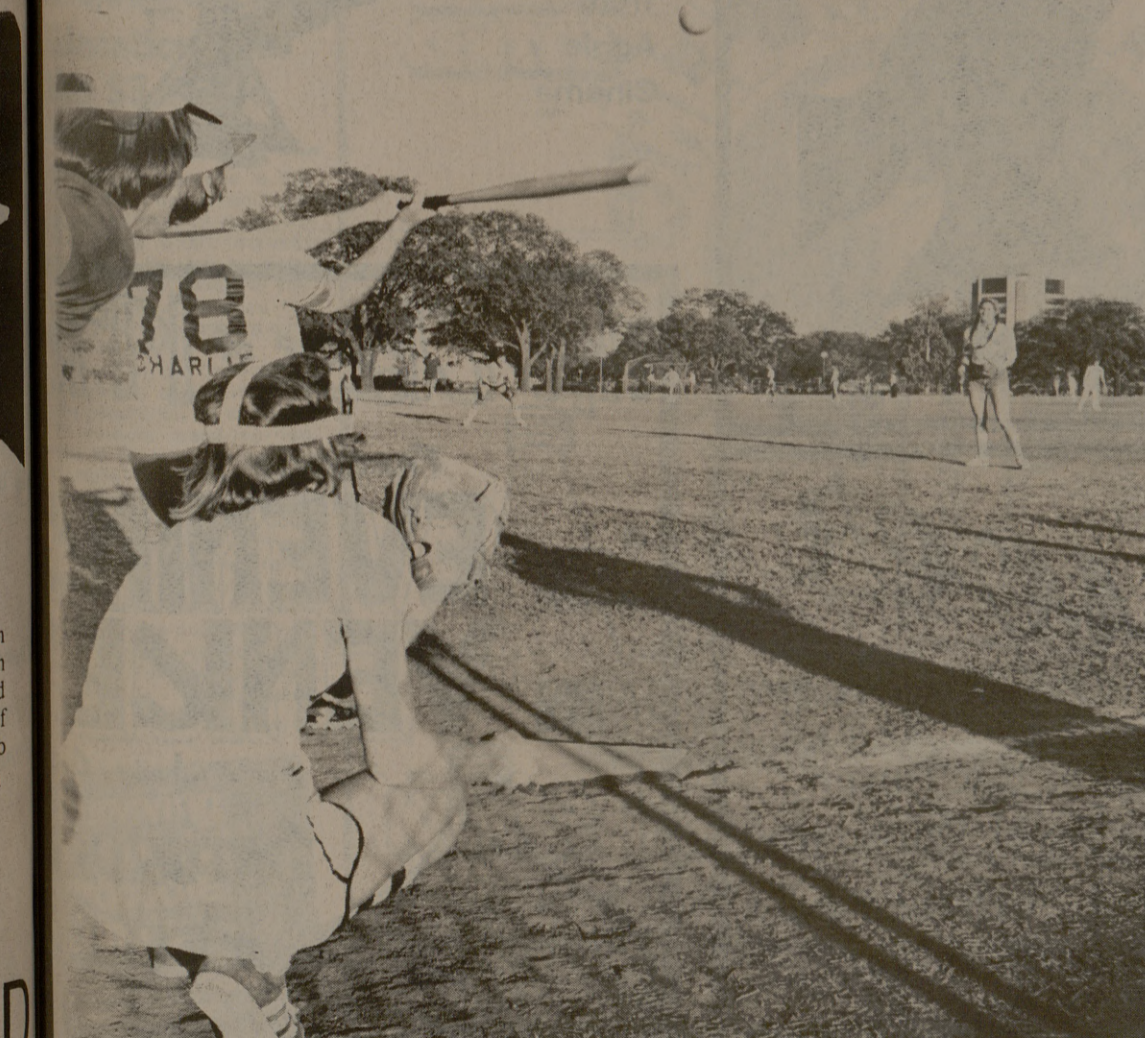
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Bridge, Fencing, Staff Softball Closing Soon

The first annual IM Bridge Tournament will be held beginning the week of March 7 with entries closing on Tuesday, March 1 at the IM Office. Team entry forms are required and the competition is open to all students, faculty, and staff members. Teams will consist of four members and anyone who would like to play but cannot find partners or teammates should leave their name and phone number with the IM Office and they will try to team you up with someone.

This is a first for Intramurals at A&M so come on out whether you are a novice or a pro and represent your dorm, apartment complex, club, department, or just yourself.

Entries will close on March 1 for the Faculty, Staff, and Spouse Softball Tournament which will be held on a Saturday and Sunday in the near future. The competition will be round-robin with a single elimination play-off. ASA Rules with AMU Co-Rec exceptions will be used and teams are to be made up of 5 men and 5 women. Teams should be entered under departmental names and there will be a mandatory meeting for all team captains on Thursday, March 3 at 5:15 p.m. in room 267, G. Rollie White. Schedules will be handed out and all questions will be answered at this meeting. All of this competition will be Class C or "play for fun".



From left to right; James Heller, Randy Urvan, James Drost, and Mike Haas prepare to play a round of IM Handball Doubles held nightly in DeWare. Flickerball action is also going on nightly, on the practice field behind Kyle Field. Here, Ambrosia (dark jerseys) wallop the Pioneers, 15-9.



The springtime softball fever has now hit the campus and IM action can be seen daily across the campus on one of the many fields. In this game, the CQ Kids try to knock in homers against EPU. Their efforts were in vain, however, as EPU won 11-5. Basketball is still with us and competition is fierce with the finals coming up soon. Here Jim Umend (29) of Scooby Doo squares off with John Roberts (18) of Pikes 1 in Class B Men's Independent contest.

Officials: Take Note

Softball Officials will meet on Tuesday, February 22 at 7 or 8 p.m. in room 267, G. Rollie White.
Basketball Officials will meet in room 267 at 7 or 8 p.m. or at 7 a.m. at the IM Office on Thursday, February 24.
All Softball managers will meet at 5:15 on Thursday, the 24th in room 267 also.

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