Biplane ready for duty

United Press International ALBANY, N.Y. — If John Manis an get his propeller repaired in time, he plans to fly a replica World ional gro ar I biplane from Albany to adena, Calif., to use in mercy ssions by a Christian pilots'

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Manis, 55, of Houston, plans to while, 50, 61 Houston, plans to op in his hometown on the way to shibit the one-seat Sebring A-5, a par-fifths replica of the World War ghter, at an antique aircraft show.

The retired Navy pilot took the iplane on a test flight in Albany uesday afternoon, but the craft early flipped over on landing. Just after he touched down on the

bumpy, grassy airfield, the plane's nght brake failed, causing it to veer to the left, Manis said. The biplane illips get it some tall brush and tipped forvard onto its nose

Manis was not hurt, and only the peller was damaged.

Manis said the plane would be sed by the Christian Pilots Associaon for mercy missions. The group, which he is a member, last year ew hospital supplies from Texas to to and Guatemala

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amateur archeologist has discov-

red the 2,500-year-old grave of a

Even if it takes forever

I'm gonna get my tickets if I have to stay out here all night'. . . and all night it took for Bill Blue of Dallas, as hundreds of Aggies camped out last weekend outside of G. Rollie White Coliseum for tickets to the Saturday Texas

A&M-Houston game in Houston. Blue was second in line, but being one of the first in line did not guarantee him good seats. He ended up on rows three and four in the Pavillon section of the Astrodome.

A&M prof 'digs' site Mayan center found

Anthropologists from three universities are finding that adage to be true in the rain forest jungles of Be-lize. Their research has discovered evidence of a civilized Mayan center which specialized in stone tool craftsmanship and remained virtually unchanged for 1,800 years until A.D. 800.

The project, co-directed by Dr. Harry Shafer of Texas A&M Uni-versity and Dr. Thomas Hester of the University of Texas at San Antonio, also involves anthropologists from Italy and the University of California at Berkeley.

"We have every reason to believe we are on the threshold of one of the most important Mayan sites ever found," said Shafer. "The data we're collecting will provide insight into an aspect of Mayan society the world knows little about: the middle class.

The site covers 3.5 square miles in Belize (formerly British Hon-duras) and has been described by archaelogical experts as "one of the most important lithic (stone) sites in

"The remains these Indians left behind were all stone," Shafer said. "We're able to get a more complete picture of their lives simply because

the material hasn't rotted away. 'That's one of the big problems

said. "The rain forest does a pretty good job of decomposing anything

So far, anthropologists have un-covered more than 1,000 stone chips and pieces of tools, Shafer noted.

discovers Celtic royalty remains "Of course, there are a lot of questions we want to have answered through our research," Shafer stressed. "We want to know if the area was a Mayan craft center from the very beginning, or if it evolved that way.

"We also want to know if they were specialized in producing flint tools and if they exported any of

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The French have a saying: "The more things change, the more they stay the same." their work," he added. "And if they did export any tools, we want to discover what they received in trade." A project of this size takes a lot of

time, money and people to come up with all the answers. Besides the data collected, Shafer will eventually serve as part of Texas A&M's graduate field school.

"The Mayans were a bunch of perfectionists," Shafer said. "They threw away things they could have used, but didn't.

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That's why there is a lot of material left for us to uncover," he said. "The chipped, broken or imperfect pieces they threw away are like pieces of a puzzle to us."

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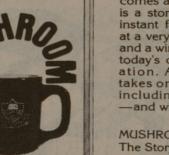
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