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Show features A&M ship explorations

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Battalion Reporter
The Institute of Nautical Archaeology will focus worldwide attention on Texas A&M University in a television program to be aired Tuesday.
"Ancient Mariners" documents exploration of three sunken ships in the Eastern Mediterranean led by Dr. George Bass, a Texas A&M geography and anthropology professor. The show will be broadcast by KAMU-TV at 8 p.m.
Bass, who is also INA president, led the study of the shipwrecks, assisted by other Texas A&M faculty and students, near Liman and Yassi Ada in Tur- and Kyrenia, Cyprus.
The program will be the first in a 15-part Public Broadcasting Service series entitled "Odyssey." It has been slated for European broadcasting by the British Broadcasting Corp. It is one of the few

BBC purchases of material originating in the United States, INA graduate assistant William A. Bayreuther said.
"Buying 'Ancient Mariners' was rare for the BBC," he said. "They have a tendency to want to stick to their own (productions)."
"I think it will be a nice tool for the administration to illustrate the productivity of the University's research," he said. "And of course it is good exposure for INA. Perhaps it will stimulate others to learn more about nautical archaeology."
INA, a non-profit scientific organization funded through donations and private grants, is housed near Highway 21 between College Station and Caldwell.
Bayreuther said that INA's main objective is to discover new information about ancient ship construction, trade routes and warfare. Digs are typically done over the summer.

The sites seen in "Ancient Mariners" were discovered by sponge divers, Bayreuther said. Information was collected over a period of years after permits to investigate the shipwrecks were obtained from the Turkish government. All artifacts collected are being kept in the Bodrum Museum in Turkey.
Bayreuther said he hopes an artifacts display in the Memorial

Student Center might eventually be arranged, but nothing has been planned yet.
The field of nautical archaeology is "tremendously expensive," Bayreuther said, since locations are often far away and all exploration encounters problems under water. National Geographic magazine has sponsored several INA digs.
INA is the only organization in

the Western Hemisphere that offers a graduate degree in nautical archaeology, Bayreuther said. Israel and Australia also have institutes which offer degrees.
The Institute, founded in 1972, was formerly known as the American Institute of Nautical Archaeology. "The 'American' was removed as an indication of its international scope," Bayreuther said.

Retired poultry prof honored

A retired Texas A&M poultry sciences professor will be honored with a reception Tuesday.
The reception will be held to present Dr. Cecil B. Ryan with a plaque commemorating a scholarship established in his name. The \$1,000 annual schol-

arship will be awarded to students in the poultry science department.
Ryan has received numerous awards for his teaching and research in poultry science.
The reception will be held in the faculty lounge — 126 Kleburg — at 4 p.m.

Airtight homes could be deadly

By GWENDOLYN HAM
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Building an energy-efficient home could save money — but a Texas A&M architecture professor says homeowners might not live to enjoy the savings.
Larry Degelman, professor of architecture and building construction, said people are becoming so concerned about energy efficiency that they go to extremes. Using too many air infiltration barriers — not to be confused with insulation — traps poisonous gases and germs inside homes.
"Air infiltration barriers such as ethylene sheeting and foil applied around the house before the windows are put on, can cut down the rate of air exchange to .5 an hour," he said. This means that the air inside the home is replaced by outside air only once every 12 hours.
"There haven't really been any problems yet in the United States in some European countries, where air tightness standards are used, sickness and even deaths have resulted," Degelman said.
"This slow rate of air exchange is dangerous levels of radon gas, released naturally from soil and some building materials, and carbon monoxide to

build up," Degelman said. "The gases aren't usually dangerous but when contained, can be deadly."
"The house is getting plenty of oxygen but there is a level of indoor pollution building up," he said.
"Also, when someone in the house catches a disease, the germs are trapped inside and sickness spreads much faster and infects others."
It would probably take years for someone to die because of radon gas in their home but only days for someone to catch the flu, he said.
So, what do you do if you're concerned about conserving energy and saving on high utility bills?
"You should go to efforts to caulk all joints around windows and the sole plate," Degelman said. "Or you could use some kind of foam rubber cord. These methods would pretty well assure a safe rate of one air change per hour."
"Putting dampers in all vents — fireplace, kitchen and bathroom would also help," he said. "But much more than that, like totally wrapping the house, might be something to get concerned about."
"Just don't get to the point where you make your home a thermos bottle," he said.

Forensic squad places third in speech tourney

Competing against 25 schools from four states, the Texas A&M Forensic Squad placed third in the Southwest State University Individual Forensic Speech Tournament Sept. 27-28.
Texas A&M Director of Forensics Wayne Kraemer said sophomore Kellie Sanders, a journalism major from Amarillo, was ranked first, second and third respectively in impromptu, informative and extemporaneous speaking. Junior Mike Hutchison,

a finance major from Kingsville, ranked fourth in persuasive and impromptu speaking.
Junior Jill Ellis, a pre-law major from Lincoln, Ill., and freshman Michael Jackson, a landscape architecture major from Pasadena, also participated.
The squad ranked behind teams from San Antonio's Trinity University and Cameron University of Lawton, Okla.
On Oct. 2, the squad will compete at Oklahoma Christian College in Edmund, Okla.

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