



AAA Short Courses

The first in a series of short courses for college teachers on a broad range of subjects will be presented at Field Museum on October 28 and 29, sponsored by the American Association for the Advancement of Science. The opening courses are Thermodynamics and Biology and Human Affairs. Other courses will be offered in two-day sessions in November and December.

Supported by the National Science Foundation, the program is open to college teachers in the natural and social sciences, mathematics, and engineering from two or four year degree-granting institutions. It is offered at twelve field centers throughout the country. The courses consist of an initial session of two days of intensive lectures and discussions, followed by approximately three months for individual study, and a final two-day session in February and March, 1972.

For further information contact the Museum's Department of Education.

de la Torre Appointed Head of Mammals

Dr. Luis de la Torre has been appointed curator and head of the Division of Mammals in the Museum's Department of Zoology. Prior to this appointment he was professor in the Department of Oral Anatomy at the University of Illinois Medical Center, but he has also been associated with our Division of Mammals for twenty years. Dr. de la Torre's research has covered such diverse areas as chromosome and DNA analysis and descriptive taxonomy.

Young Visitor



Nine-year-old Kevin Dye, who managed to survive during the 11 days he was lost in the Wyoming wilderness, came to Field Museum recently to see the animals and birds in the collections. He is shown with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Dye of Casper, Wyoming, as they visited Malvina Hoffman's sculpture of the Vedda Man from Ceylon. Kevin was in Chicago for a week of testing by medical specialists.

Brenton Reported Missing

Francis Brenton, who soloed the Atlantic three times, twice in dugout canoes, has not been heard from since leaving on his latest venture. The writer-photographer sailed from Portsmouth, Virginia on March 22 bound for Portsmouth, England. His craft was a catamaran, the *Sarape*, made of two decked-over dugout canoes. The U.S. Coast Guard has called off the alert for him because of the time that has elapsed.

Brenton returned from South America early this year with more than 100 artifacts collected for the Museum while exploring the jungles along the Amazon and Orinoco Rivers.

In 1967, after a 107-day voyage that had begun at Trepassey, Newfoundland, he was unwillingly rescued by a Russian ship, just 30 miles from his destination, the African coast.

Resourceful Brenton has made it successfully through many difficult situations in the past. When necessary, he existed on a diet of barnacles and seaweed during long voyages. He is an excellent sailor.

We hope that we have news that he is safe and well soon.

Backyard Safari

Field Museum, the Chicago Board of Education, and WBBM-TV are cooperatively producing a 39-week series of natural history television programs for young Chicago viewers. "Backyard Safari" can be seen each Sunday, 8:00 - 8:30 a.m. on Channel 2. The programs focus on the natural history of the Chicago area and encourage viewers to enjoy studying natural history "in their own backyard."

Program host is Dr. Leonard Reiffel, CBS science consultant. Appearing on the show each week with Dr. Reiffel are a special guest—often a Field Museum scientist—and two science students from Chicago schools.

\$25,000,000 Capital Campaign

Field Museum has launched a three-year capital campaign to fund a \$25-million major improvement program. These funds are needed to maintain and modernize the Museum's fifty-year-old building, revise and renovate exhibit areas, install new and relevant exhibits, and improve visitor service and educational facilities. The full story of the capital campaign is told in "More About Field Museum, or Why We Need \$25,000,000" beginning on page 9 of this issue of the *Bulletin*.



Field Museum's Women's Board members are busy planning a gala Jade Ball on November 5 to inaugurate the soon-to-open "John L. and Helen Kellogg Hall," housing the Museum's famous collection of Chinese jades. Mrs. Edward F. Swift, vice-chairman of the decorations committee, and Mrs. Thomas E. Donnelley II, chairman of the Jade Ball committee, unpack some of the beautiful Chinese lanterns just received from Singapore and Hong Kong that will be part of the exciting setting for the event. Tickets are \$50 per person and reservations may be made by phoning or writing the Women's Board.

**Jade Ball
November 5**



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