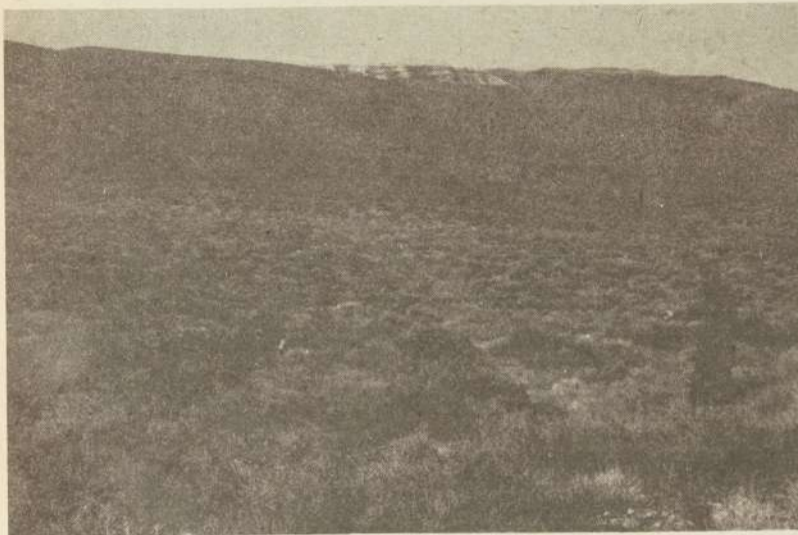
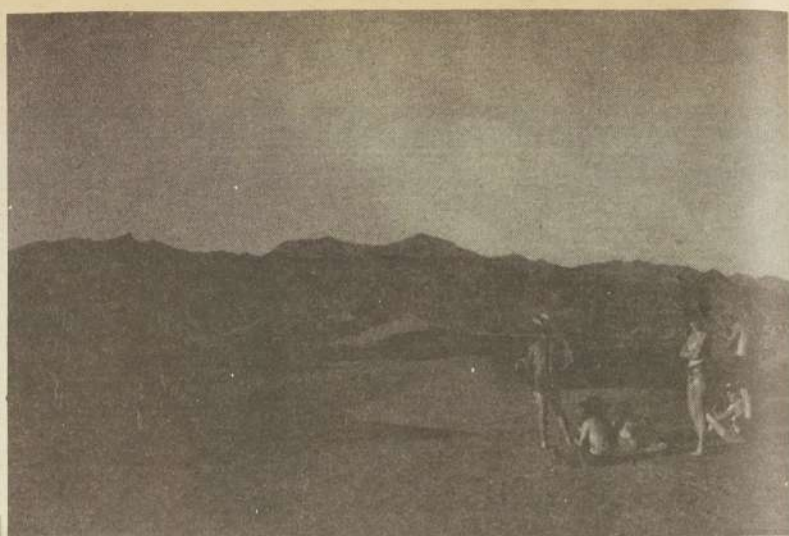


Death Valley scene

for class study

during vacation



HERE, DONKEY—Student persuades a wild burro to eat a snack from his hand. BELOW—Valley horizon creates a mirage effect of an ocean.



DUNES, DUNES AND MORE DUNES—Class gazes over Death Valley's enormous sand dunes and catches some sun rays. Photos courtesy of John Snively.

By James Rhoades
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While most of us sat at home looking for something to do over spring break, geology instructor John Snively led a group of 21 students into Death Valley for the class, "Natural History of Death Valley."

"We studied the ecology and geology of the area," said Snively. "There are some rocks there that date back 1.7 billion years."

"For the class, each student picks a topic involving Death Valley and the Sonora Desert, spends a term researching it and gives a talk or discussion on it while we are down there," Snively said.

One such student was Joan Frazee. "My topic was mesquite. It's a desert shrub that sends its long roots into the water table. It's a member of the pea family," she said.

Frazee said, "We got up at six o'clock every morning, rushed through breakfast, packed into the van and went to points of interest."

Scotty's Castle was one stop. "It's a castle built by Death Valley Scotty, who was a miner, supported by a rich guy back East who vacationed there. It is very ornate and has a waterfall running inside. We also went to the Devil's Golf Course, which is just a big salt flat. I enjoyed myself," Frazee said.

Daryl Hampton, College biology instructor, was also a student on the trip.

"We saw a lot of natural-history-type things. We saw the oldest rocks exposed in North America. My topic was on kangaroo rats and rattlesnakes. About two-thirds of us gave talks. When we saw a particular thing, we would stop and talk about it," Hampton said. "John kept us busy and working all the time. It was a wonderful experience, learning firsthand. I'd recommend it to anyone."

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Graduation

With graduation less than a

month away, plans are already taking shape for this year's commencement exercises, set for June 6 at 7 p.m. in Randall Hall.

Petitions for graduation are available at the Registrar's Office, and should be turned in as soon as possible by students in-

tending to graduate this term. Petitions will be evaluated to determine if the student is eligible to graduate.

Caps and gowns will be provided at no charge for graduating students. They will be distributed through the Student Activities office from

May 26 to June 6 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Honor cords for students with a grade point average of 3.5 or higher will be available.

Graduation announcements went on sale today in the College Bookstore.

A practice session for all graduating students and participants has been scheduled for June 5 at 3 p.m. in Randall Hall gymnasium.

A reception is being planned to follow the graduation ceremony.

Food survey

Students will have a chance to comment on the College

food service Thursday and Friday, when a questionnaire will be distributed in the cafeteria.

Jim McConnell, food service consultant, and John Cornyn of Restaurant and Lodging Consultants, devised the questionnaire "to solicit comments and suggestions from cafeteria patrons regarding the present and future College food service program," said McConnell.

The results of the survey will be used to plan for the cafeteria remodeling and expansion recently approved by the Board of Education.

Other community colleges in the area are being surveyed, McConnell said.

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