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DAYTON, Ohio, April 24, 1972 — The anthropology division of the Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work at the University of Dayton is a steadily growing, unique academic discipline, offering such study opportunities as the role of women, war and human aggression, and communal living, and dealing with man, his environment and culture over the centuries until the present.

The discipline fits into modern educational thinking, too, because it seeks knowledge on the roots of man and affords the student an opportunity to travel and study in the field. According to Dr. John Bregenzer, professor of anthropology, "The study of anthropology is important because it seeks knowledge on all people at all times in history, and so offers a keen and basic understanding of peoples. You don't have to have aspirations to be an anthropologist to find the program a compelling one."

Professor Bregenzer is typical of the anthropologist who takes his knowledge and skill into foreign fields, thereby bringing the program abroad where much of ancient history is there for the studying. His primary research project takes him and a team of students to Eleuthera in the Bahamas. He and the six students from school in the Dayton-Miami Valley Consortium will spend three months on the island this summer.

"We will," he says, "rescue some ancient material from the bulldozers in an area which used to be plantations and will be a housing development eventually. We will be studying current changes in the area, thanks to the developers who are funding the project."

The students will be compensated for the summer and spend the following school year analyzing their work and discoveries. Dr. Bregenzer says the island is a prime area for study because the people are just beginning to feel the effects of technological advancement. It is hoped that the findings will apply to many other developing areas.

Other departmental projects broaden the scope of its work. In recent years, students have accompanied professors to Europe on three occasions, twice to study urban development, new towns, and social work, and once to study tourism.

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