

"Oasis in Space" to be presented

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Water is the subject of a program combining films, a slide show, music and a lecture to create an entertaining and evocative event called "Oasis in Space," to be presented at 8 p.m. Thursday, May 24, at the University of California, San Diego.

The multi-media lecture, to be held in the Mandeville Auditorium, is a Cousteau Society production presented by Bill Macdonald, a diver, photographer and coordinator of special events for the Cousteau Society. Macdonald discusses the beauty and the importance of the world's water supplies, particularly the oceans, and the critical need to protect the natural resource before it is too late.

Whales, dolphins and other marine animals are featured in spectacular films of the Cousteau diving teams. A film of the Cousteau expedition to the Mediterranean Sea is another highlight of the program. On the trip, the crew studied the quality of the Mediterranean Sea and the slow destruction of the sea and its coastline.

Macdonald was involved in the 1976 "Celebration of the Whales" tour of musicians David Crosby and Graham Nash, and the film used on that tour will also be shown at the UC San Diego lecture.

Admission to the event is \$1.50. Tickets are available at the UCSD Central Box Office, 452-4559.

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