

Sea Cruise Awaits Maritime Cadets

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Development Fund Drive Near End

Contributions to the Development Fund Program of the Association of Former Students exceeded \$200,000 during the first week of September, according to

New Graphics Course To Open This Semester

A basic course in engineering graphics will be offered two nights a week during the fall semester. W. E. Street, head of the Department of Engineering Graphics, said the course will meet from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Monday and Thursday nights in the completely equipped drafting rooms of the Engineering Building.

Called Engineering Graphics 45, the course will be for two semester hours of credit.

Persons interested in taking the course should obtain college entrance application forms at the registrar's office immediately. Registration and enrollment will be held Friday and Saturday.

Care and use of drawing equipment and instruments, vertical freehand lettering, engineering geometry, view drawings, revolutions, auxiliaries, sections, engineering sketching, pictorials, dimensioning and working drawings will be covered this semester.

Additional information may be obtained from the registrar or by calling the Department of Engineering Graphics.

By RONNIE FANN
Battalion News Editor

In the early summer of next year, 50 A&M students will leave for ports in Europe in the first of several cruises they will take as cadets of the new Texas Maritime Academy.

This first cruise will climax a year of freshman studies and maritime training on campus, and will precede their transfer to the academy's own campus at Ft. Crockett in Galveston.

Capt. Bennett M. Dodson, former chief of staff of the Commander Service Force with the U.S. Pacific Fleet at Pearl Harbor, will be the superintendent of the new academy.

These will not be the first sea-going Aggies, but will be the first destined to become merchant marine officers. (The Department of Oceanography and Meteorology has been an ocean-going outfit for a dozen years now.)

Operates As Separate Unit
The new academy will operate on the campus as a separate unit of the corps under the direction of



CAPT. B. M. DODSON

Dodson, and will be housed with the new Marine unit, I-3.

"We have a limited enrollment of 50, but we still have some vacancies to date," Dodson said. "Entering freshmen and returning sophomores who would like to change their major to maritime training are requested to see me in the YMCA building if they are interested," he said. "This is not an ROTC program, but a Naval Science Department."

Graduates of the Academy will be eligible for Naval reserve commissions, and will be qualified officers of the U. S. Merchant Marine, prepared to serve as deck and engineering officers aboard merchant vessels.

Courses of Study
Two courses of study are open to the degree of Bachelor of Science in Marine Engineering and to the Coast Guard-issued license as Third Assistant Engineer, Steam and Motor Vessels, Ocean, Unlimited.

Marine engineering, which is closely related to mechanical engineering, emphasizes the design, operation and maintenance of maritime power plants and associated equipment.

The other course available is Marine Transportation. It leads to a degree of Bachelor of Science in Marine Transportation and to the Coast Guard issued license as Third Mate, Steam and Motor Vessels, Ocean, Unlimited.

This program is designed to familiarize cadets with ship operation and management and also emphasizes the economic and business aspects of the maritime industry.

Sea Training Required
Each sea-training period is a required, staff-supervised, educational term intended to insure necessary operational training periods and experience for all cadets.

The operational training period includes visits to five or six foreign ports. Different ports are selected each year to provide cadets



Maritime Academy Flagship
The flagship of the new Texas Maritime Academy stands waiting for the Aggies who will sail her after completing one year of instruction here. Maritime cadets will make two summer cruises to foreign ports.

with a wide range of experience. Ample liberty time is provided in each port, affording cadets the opportunity to visit places of cultural and historic, as well as maritime, importance.

Maritime Academy cadets will depart in company for the Port of New York, where they will report to the commanding officer of the "Empire State IV," the training ship of the New York State University Maritime College. Aggies will sail with the 450 New York cadets for ports in Europe.

for qualified men to serve in the merchant marine because of the increasing retirement rate of those who came in during World War II and the Korean Conflict." Dodson commented that career opportunities at sea for a well-educated and experienced young man are unlimited. A Third Officer may earn more than \$7,000 a year, and a Chief Engineer or Master may earn \$15,000 to \$20,000 a year with plenty of opportunities for overtime pay, he said.

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