

A&M's Oceanography Department is tentatively scheduled to receive two new research vessels as part of a ship-building program proposed by the Navy's oceanographic division, announced Dr. Richard A. Geyer, department head.

Dr. Geyer said Rear Adm. O. D. Waters, oceanographer of the Navy, notified him the Navy tentatively plans to build six oceanographic ships for lease to private and university oceanographic research laboratories in the early 1970's.

A&M is scheduled to receive the program's first ship in June, 1971, and a second in October, 1972. Geyer said the two ships will cost approximately \$2 million, including equipment.

Other institutions scheduled to receive one vessel each are

Scripps Institution of Oceanography, Lamont Geological Observatory, University of Hawaii and Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution.

GEYER SAID the ships will be approximately 165 feet long, have 950-ton displacement for 300 gross tons, cruise at 14 knots and have a range of approximately 5,000 miles.

A&M, the state's only institution with sea-going capabilities, currently operates the R/V Alaminos, a 180-foot vessel laden with research equipment. Geyer said the Alaminos will be retired following delivery of the new ships.

A&M also operates the 15,000-ton Texas Clipper, a converted oceanliner primarily used for training by the university's Texas Maritime Academy.

Geyer said addition of the two new ships will enable A&M to intensify its research work in the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean.

"NOW THAT we have 18 faculty members and 74 graduate students," he observed, "it's hard

for everyone to get adequate research time at sea with only one ship."

A&M's Oceanography Department, organized in 1949, is the nation's fourth-oldest academic department of oceanography. It has devoted more than \$13 million to research and awarded 160 advanced degrees.

Earlier this year, A&M was one of six institutions in the nation selected by the National Science Foundation for Sea Grant Institutional Support. The university received a \$475,000 grant for first-year operations to develop a marine resources program along the Gulf of Mexico.

LAST MONTH A&M dedicated its Mitchell Campus at Galveston, a 100-acre site which will house the Texas Maritime Academy, Marine Laboratory and other oceanographic installations. All A&M ships will be berthed at the new facility.

The worldwide printing industry turns out 2,000 pages of books, newspapers, periodicals and reports every 60 seconds.

## At The Movies

by Mike Plake

### "Anyone Can Play"

Starring Ursula Andress, Virna Lisi, and Claudine Auger, this film had too little talent, acting, direction, production, dubbing and sex appeal. The type of production that uses outdated film to save money spent on getting Andress and Lisi.

Ties "The Stranger Returns" for "Lousiest Movie Ever Made."

"The Boston Strangler"

Herein lies the strange, terrifying story of Albert DeSalvo, self-confessed murderer of at least 13 women, notoriously called the Boston Strangler.

Tony Curtis plays DeSalvo, a quiet, ordinary furnace-repairing family man, whose ego crept out into consciousness, took hold, and sadistically raped and murdered.

Curtis plays the most dramatic role of his career. His performance surpasses Rod Steiger's in "No Way to Treat A Lady" and he (Curtis) will, I predict, win an Academy Award for his trou-

ble.

George Kennedy, who played opposite Paul Newman in "Cool Hand Luke" and won an Academy Award, is a realistic-enough-looking Boston police detective investigating the murders committed by DeSalvo. Henry Fonda plays the man who took the reins of the Strangler murder cases, and who eventually watched the withdrawal of DeSalvo as the Boston Strangler, self-confessed murderer of at least 13 women, notoriously called the Boston Strangler.

There is no real plot or screenplay to this film, as it follows the events chronicled by Gerold Frank in his best-selling non-fiction work, "The Boston Strangler." So there is no surprise in the end, as we have come to expect from so many big-money sophistications. DeSalvo is chased and caught as his passion for women finally is unleashed and what little control was in him vanishes.

Two news magazines discredit this effort to record a bad piece of Boston homicidal history. And it would be easy enough to pan it, I guess, if all you considered was the way it strayed periodically from the straight black-and-white of Frank, or the tools used to hold suspense during a non-fiction work, or even, yes, even the way it depicted the hackneyed newsman and nitty-picky newscasters. So be it, if they want to pan it.

BUT THEY'VE either missed or disregarded the warning at the beginning of the film, which says it is based on fact. They apparently did not see or don't acknowledge the extraordinary performance by Curtis as a real schizophrenic, a tender, pitiable, human being, ripping to thin mental shreds on the screen.

As film and cameras are perfected through lens refinements and editing and developmental techniques, so are movies which include the improvements. So it is with the "Strangler." Split-screens provide multiple, separate images by which the viewer is made to concentrate on the happening. Split screens were used in "The Thomas Crown Affair" with Steve McQueen to show five different approaches to a bank robbery. In "The Strangler," the technique uses a particular part of the screen to focus on

one motion, then leads you to another at the proper time. Fantastic.

For Profs and Young Marrieds: it's worth the money for a babysitter and the ostracism of the campus to see it.

"Coogan's Bluff" Hot Doggies, it's The Man With No Name back, this time in his second big American movie, after three Italian westerns that made him famous: "A Fistfull of Dollars," "For a Few Dollars More," and "The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly."

While still waiting for his first major American western, "Hang 'Em High," and after watching the DeSalvo epic, we caught this one in a sneak.

Clint Eastwood is the biggest discovery since Hud and Tarzan. He's the mythical, tall, hard, handsome stranger, Arizona-Texas deputy sheriff, rolled into one. He walks brown-booted and mean into this movie, based on plainsman, dusty-type, Stetsoned, deputy who is given the task of extraditing a prisoner from New York City.

SAYS COOGAN, of the whole smoggy scene: "All this used to be woods and plains and rivers, until people came along and messed it up."

So, as a kind of primeval revenge, and in an attempt to save face and prisoner, Eastwood and the lanky Coogan starts messing the city-types up.

I mean, he raises Cain, Abel, and LSD with the hippies, shooting pool in the fashion needed to protect his handicap. His handicap being that he's the greatest thing since Cheerios and Paul Newman in the action-adventure flicks, and exudes so much sex appeal that women cut out his movie ads and paste them on their respective vanities.

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