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TMA Cadet Describes 'Dorm' Life On Clipper

By Tony Rose GALVESTON — Cadets of A&M's Texas Maritime Academy are now living aboard ship the entire year. Previously, TMA's Texas Clipper, a 15,000 ton converted freighter, was used exclusively for summer voyages. This fall, however, it has become a floating dormitory for more than 100 ca-

dets. Living on board the Clipper is, in some ways, like living in the dorms on a college campus. The crowded facilities, the search for a quiet place to study, and the never-ending bull sessions should be familiar to any Aggie.

But there are differences too. More is demanded of the cadets. Not only are they responsible for the general order and cleanliness of their quarters, they are also responsible for the overall security of the vessel. Student watch officers are on duty almost around the clock.

Special attention is paid to the danger of fire and high winds. The last may seem a little far-fetched, since the Clipper is tied securely to Pier 19, but no ship is ever really safe from the vicissitudes of the weather. If the Clipper broke loose—and a really high wind might do it—the result

could be disastrous. Another cause of concern is the refrigeration system. Failure for any length of time would mean that tons of meat stored in the "reefer" boxes would spoil. Several times this semester alert engineering students, notified by cadets on watch, have made emergency repairs to the system.

To insure the safety of the Clipper, or for that matter of any ship, proper discipline must be carried out. Therefore, the Maritime Academy is operated on a military basis, with cadets adhering to an established set of regulations for conduct. While not as rigorous as those of the Cadet Corps at A&M, these regulations must be followed. Morning formations, daily room inspections, and the wearing of prescribed uniforms are all a part of the cadets' life aboard ship.



FROST AND PUMPKIN TIME

A trio of Dayton, Va., area youngsters, who know that autumn is the time of "frost on the pumpkin," begin hauling in their potential pumpkin pies and jack-o-lanterns. A fall sunset silhouettes them between a pair of cornshocks. (AP Wirephoto)

UT Students Out On Limbs After 27 Treed, Jailed

AUSTIN (AP) — University of Texas students piled limbs of trees cut to make way for a bigger football stadium against the main door of the Administration Building Wednesday after police jailed 27 demonstrators.

It was the third day of protests against cutting the trees.

Campus police said they locked the front doors of the building, to keep the protestors from dragging the 10-foot limbs into President Norman Hackerman's Office.

Dist. Judge James Meyers issued a temporary restraining order against further tree cutting, but the trees had all been cut by the time the order reached contractors clearing the site.

Among the trees to fall were immense live oak and cypress trees along the bank of Waller creek.

Campus and city police pulled demonstrators out of trees and

bushes so bulldozers and workmen with chainsaws could go ahead with the clearing operation. Twenty-seven were arrested on charges ranging from disorderly conduct to abusive language.

Some officers had to climb as high as 50 feet to pluck protestors from the trees, and a fire truck with an extension ladder was brought in to help with the job.

Frank C. Erwin Jr., chairman of the board of regents, personally waded workmen on as trees were cleared of students, many of them hippie-types with beards and long hair.

As soon as a tree was cleared of demonstrators, the bulldozer operator would begin knocking it over.

As the bulldozer toppled trees, the protestors sang: "God Bless America."

Many of them carried signs, some reading "Save Our Trees

and Water," "No Bulldozing Here," "Trees Are Irreplaceable," and "Don't Rape Mother Nature."

FRESHMAN

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dents make up 7.4 per cent of the student body, while other graduate students comprise 13.3 per cent of the enrollment.

The College of Engineering comprises 25.2 per cent of the total enrollment or 3,536 students. Other colleges and their percentages and enrollments are: Agriculture, 17.8 per cent with 2,499 students; Business Administration, 12.1 with 1,704; Science, 10.6 with 1,481; Education, 9.3 with 1,307; Liberal Arts, 8.9 with 1,245; Veterinary Medicine, 6.7 with 934; Architecture, 5.7 with 803; Geosciences, 2.8 with 388; and Texas Maritime Academy, 0.9 with 137.

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the club are freshmen, and there is a great need for this organization."

The purpose of the organization, as stated in its constitution, is to "foster social, cultural and academic interests of black students on the campus of Texas A&M."

The club is also interested in "unifying black students in constructive endeavors, instilling positive self-identification and stimulating participation in university activities."

"We really want to become a part of activities on campus," Giles said, "but we don't participate because we can't identify. At the present time there is no outlet for black attitudes on campus, and that's all we really want."

"I'm convinced that this is not a group of militants," Davenport said. "Their interest is in making blacks Aggies. The militants want to be separate from the rest of the university so they can keep the blacks angry. I'm very hopeful that we can meet the university's objections, because this is a way to relieve some of the tensions on campus."

"The university has told us that it has a 'color blind policy' and that we are regular students," Giles said, "but if we are regular students, we'd be meeting on campus. I can see no other reason for not being on campus than that we're black."

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