

# To Prevent Oil Spillage Study Begun On Containers

Texas A&M is initiating a broad-based research program to develop techniques for containing oil spillage such as occurred earlier this year off the coast of Santa Barbara, Calif.

Engineering Dean Fred Benson said the university will conduct the project under a \$285,000 contract awarded by the U.S. Coast Guard to Wilson Industries, Inc., an oil-oriented firm based in Houston.

J. L. H. (Red) Rountree, general manager of Wilson Industries' Marine Systems Division, said the Coast Guard award covers a six-month period for the concept and model development phase of the overall project.

Subsequent phases, in which Wilson Industries and the university hope to participate, involve prototype development and tests at sea and, finally, construction of full-scale containment devices.

Benson said the first-phase contract calls for development of both lightweight and heavy-duty systems for oil spillage containment.

In addition to stopping the spread of oil resulting from rare seepage in offshore drilling operations of the Santa Barbara type, the dean said the system must also cope with incidents such as occurred when the tanker Torrey Canyon broke up off the coast of Scotland two years ago.

While the Coast Guard contract was awarded to Wilson Industries, Rountree emphasized both the firm and the university jointly prepared the proposal.

Rountree and Benson joined in citing the endeavor as a prime example of university-industry cooperation.

"It is extremely important and to the best interest of A&M and the industries of Texas, to engage in cooperative efforts to solve the problems of the state and nation," Benson noted.

"The educational world and industry should work much more together," Rountree agreed.

"We asked Texas A&M to do this project because it has necessary engineers, testing facilities and computer capabilities," he added.

Dean Benson said the project officially conducted through Texas Engineering Experiment Station, will be an interdisciplinary effort involving at least 30-member university team, including 17 staff members, 13 graduate students, as well as several undergraduates.

Investigators will be Dr. B. Herbich, head of the Civil and Ocean Engineering Division of the Civil Engineering Department, and Dr. Harry Sweet, associate professor of mechanical engineering.

Benson said the proposal is coordinated by Dr. Charles Rodenberger, professor of space engineering, who also will participate in the research.

Other fields represented in the project, the dean noted, will be petroleum engineering and geology.

He said the researchers will use a variety of university facilities, including wave tank material testing laboratories in the Data Processing Center.

# Film, Songsters At Coffee Loft

The feature length cartoon version of George Orwell's "Animal Farm" will be shown at 8 p.m. Friday in the Coffee Loft at the North Gate.

One in a series of film to be shown by the United Campus Christian Fellowship (UCCF), "Animal Farm" was filmed in Great Britain in 1954 and follows the pattern of Orwell's book, depicting a society of animals who have overthrown their masters (people) and set up a socialistic society.

At its conclusion, a panel consisting of Dr. Russ Thompson, Bernie O'Neil, and Pat Decker, each with an economics, political science or English background, will discuss the film and their reactions to it.

Following the film and discussion, will be a performance by The 3rd Generation, folk balladeers. They will sing traditional folk music, from the Civil War to love; as well as contemporary folk music, from a man who only 25 minutes left to a man who doesn't like airplane rides.

Admission for the evening will be 50 cents to help defray rental cost of the film.

Other films planned are "Olive Trees of Justice," on Friday, Jan. 9, and "The Golden Age of Comedy," on Friday, Jan. 10.

In "The Olive Trees of Justice" a simple man's dream of handing on the heritage of his past to his sons is mercifully contrasted with the reality of Algerian Colonial War. A panel discussion on the film and reaction it brings will also take place at the conclusion.

The film, "Golden Age of Comedy," brings back to life the of the silent era, Mack Sennett and Hal Roach, Laurel & Hardy, Will Rogers, Ben Turpin, and Harry Langdon.

Evenings begin at 8 p.m. at the location of the Coffee Loft, 501 University Drive at the North Gate of the campus.

# 7 Members to Faculty Panel Chosen; One to be Elected

Seven representatives have been elected to fill vacancies on the Faculty Evaluation Committee of the Faculty Development Leave Program.

An election for the one at-large member is currently in process. The ballot deadline is Dec. 18.

Elected to the committee by their colleges were Alan L. Stacell and Carroll D. Claycamp, architecture and environmental design; Donald G. Barker and Linus Dowell, education; Wilbourn E. Benton, liberal arts; George Krise, science, and Charles L. Boyd, veterinary medicine.

Candidates for the at-large position include R. H. Ballinger, English; A. R. Burgess, industrial engineering; David W. David, curriculum and instruction; Charles F. Hall, veterinary microbiology; R. M. Hedges, chemistry; Charles Hix, building construction; Walter S. Manning, accounting; Worth Nowlin, oceanography, and John K. Riggs, animal science.

Academic Vice President H. R. Byers noted the person receiving a plurality of votes will be declared a winner. The committee term is three years.

All faculty members, instructor and above, can vote by secret ballot, except those having

# Perez Announces Chess Champions

Domingo Perez, physics graduate student from Puerto Rico and Doug Burnett, freshman physics major of Big Spring, reign as A&M's chess champions.

They will wear the mantle until the Memorial Student Center Chess Committee's spring semester tournament, the second of three two-division club championships to be decided in 1963-64. The third comes next summer.

Perez took the championship division and first prize, a chess clock. Runner-up and winner of a chess set was Dr. Dusan Djuric, Meteorology Department professor.

Rudy de la Garza, chairman of the 35-member committee, noted the club also annually sponsors the Brazos and San Jacinto Tournaments. He pointed out that membership is open to all interested A&M students and faculty staff members. Committee meetings are held each Friday in the MSC.

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