

'Ear-Bender' Relates Value Of Overseas Experiment

An ear-bending booth will be in operation in the Memorial Student Center post office area Feb. 11-13.

When Paul Scopel of Seguin goes on duty at the Experiment in International Living display, the ear-bending will get energetic.

An experimenter to Austria last summer, Scopel believes in the advantages of EIL.

"It gives a broader understanding of people," the junior mar-

keting major said.

"One of the reasons we have so many problems in the U. S. is that we fail to appreciate others' problems," he suggested. "One way to improve the situation is to learn another language."

The MSC Travel Committee chairman, who got started in German through EIL, also pointed out that many leading U. S. colleges and universities require a

semester of work overseas.

Based on the concept that it is best to learn to understand another people and their culture by living among them as a member of their family, EIL also offers opportunity for extensive travel.

After language training at Putney, Vt., and several weeks with his "family" near Vienna, Scopel and nine other Experimenters visited Northern Italy, Budapest, Hungary; Berschtsgarten, Germany, and Austria's major cities. He also spent three days in Czechoslovakia.

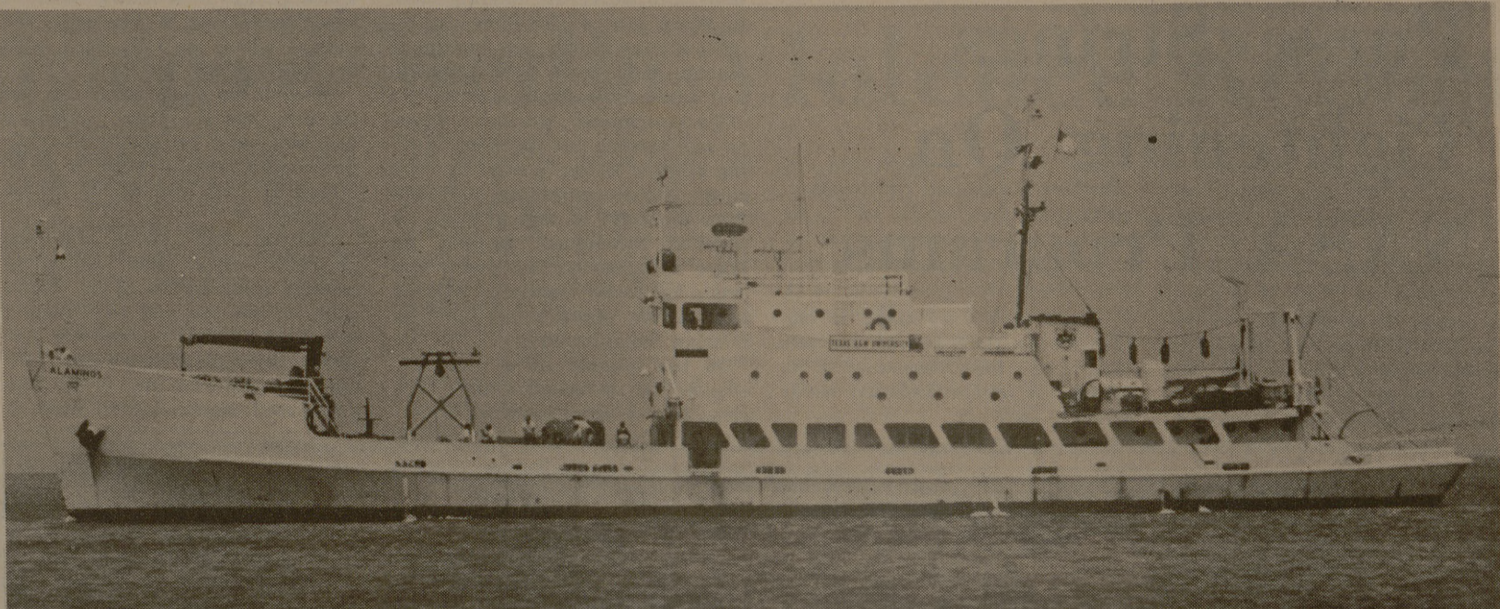
"The Czechs were more exciting, more emotional, more creative," he observed. "Hungarians, in comparison, were definitely subdued."

Scopel's father was Rudolf Jansza of Scheibbs, Austria, 60 miles west of Vienna, which "we visited five times." Jansza, representative in the Lower Austria government who also owned an accounting firm operated out of the family home, added Paul to his family of 22-year-old Ilse, Rudi 19 and Christa 16.

Active in the MSC as a director assistant, member of Great Issues and SCONA XV delegate, Scopel also serves on the University Traffic Committee and participated in the UT Model U.N. Conference.

EIL has caused Paul to bite off more, such as more courses in psychology and German.

THE BATTALION



HOUSTON VISIT THIS WEEKEND
The University's oceanographic research ship, the R/V Alaminos, will open for public tours from 2 to 6 p. m. Saturday and from 1 to 5 p. m. Sunday at the south end of the Houston turning basin, near 75th Street.

Gov. Smith Will Present Plan To Combat Oil Spillage in Gulf

By John Hotard
Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON, Tex. (AP) — Gov. Preston Smith will outline a plan to combat oil spills in the Texas bays and coast Wednesday at a hearing before the Presidential Water Pollution Advisory Board.

Smith will highlight the hear-

ing — which may run into Thursday — where representatives of industry, municipalities, state agencies and others will tell what is or isn't being done to abate water pollution in their areas.

Carl Klein, assistant secretary of the interior for water quality and research, chairman of the advisory board, will conduct the hearing.

Monday Klein took a helicopter tour of the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bay, calling the channel one of the worst polluted channels in the nation.

While he was making that tour, the members of the advisory board visited the Beaumont-Port Arthur-Orange area.

The board then flew to Corpus Christi for a boat trip up the Corpus Christi harbor to con-

clude two days of fact-finding along the Southeast Texas Coast and inland waters.

At Corpus Christi they learned about a contingency plan that city is developing to clean up any oil spill which may occur such as the one last summer off the beaches of Santa Barbara, Calif.

The nine members said they were impressed with the clean water and docks in the Corpus Christi harbor which contrasted to Monday's boat tour up the polluted Houston ship channel.

Klein said Tuesday night that the Houston Ship Channel Industries have some safety measures to prevent gross pollution, but there are no failsafe measures.

He pointed out that industry would have to bear the full brunt of any accidental spills.

Also, because of the nature of the raw and refined products of the petrochemical industry, there

is a built-in danger, he said.

The assistant secretary said that if a state does the job, then the federal government has no complaint and added that a combination of state and federal forces abating water pollution made a good team.

"Let's stop the studies and get the job done," he said.

Gordon Fulcher, chairman of the Texas Water Quality Board, told Klein that his board "can and will do the job down here."

Klein said his objective to abate water pollution was to hold the quality of the water where it is now and then enhance it.

The advisory board's visit is the first since the summer of 1967 when the board pointed out that the Houston Ship Channel was "grossly polluted."

In December Smith invited them back to the state to see what improvements have been made.

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R. A. Lacey, Registrar 5714

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Announcements will be taken from the University Calendar and offices of the Athletic Department, Commandant, Director of Civilian Student Activities and Student Programs. Weston said that additional announcements may be made by calling the YMCA at 845-1626 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. the day before the event occurs.

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