

Lawmakers Tour Alaminos

HOUSTON—National and state lawmakers headed dignitaries who participated in a familiarization cruise Friday on A&M's oceanographic research ship, the R/V Alaminos.

Congressmen Olin E. Teague of College Station and Bob Casey of Houston and State Rep. Ray Lemmon, also of Houston, were in the group riding the 180-foot sister ship to the USS Pueblo from Galveston to Houston.

"People of the state are just now becoming aware of this valuable oceanographic program at A&M," Casey said. "The work done in conjunction with training oceanographers is not only beneficial from a scientific standpoint but now is being translated into economic benefits as well."

"Texas A&M has an excellent oceanographic program," Teague added. "Away from the State of Texas, I have heard more about the program than any other part of the University."

State Rep. Lemmon called for more support from Texas to aid the A&M efforts.

"If it weren't for our good friends in Congress, we wouldn't be getting along as well as we are," he contended.

Joining in the six-hour cruise up the channel was Bob Alderdice, member of the Texas House of Representatives Interim Committee on Oceanography headed by Lemmon.

Other guests included Dr. James M. Sharp, president of

Gulf Universities Research Corp., and Capt. Henry Rowe, head of the Marine Science Department at Galveston Community College.

Texas A&M officials included Clyde H. Wells, president of the board of directors of the Texas A&M University System; Texas A&M President Earl Rudder; Dr. John C. Calhoun, vice president for programs; Dr. Richard A. Geyer, Oceanography Department head, and Dr. Sammy M. Ray, head of the Marine Laboratory at Galveston.

The ship just returned from its first cruise of the 1970-71 season, a five-day geological expedition under the direction of Dr. Arnold H. Bouma, chief scientist.



EXAMINING CORE SAMPLE

A&M President Earl Rudder, Congressman Olin Teague, A&M Board President Clyde Wells and Congressman Bob Casey look over the shoulders of Texas A&M oceanographers examining core sample taken during familiarization cruise Friday aboard A&M's research ship, the R/V Alaminos.

Ex Gives A&M Collection Of Former Students' Rings

James Bedford Sterns of Corpus Christi celebrated his 92nd birthday here by presenting a priceless collection of former students' rings to the university.

Accompanied by his wife of 65 years, one of the school's oldest living alumni gave the Texas A&M College rings to the Association of Former Students in memory of all former students who attend A&M before it was officially named a university.

Classes of 1899 through 1964 will be represented in the 14 by 24 inch display, with 54 of the 66 rings already mounted on purple velvet and white satin.

Twelve class rings are missing but expected to be added shortly.

Sterns, a member of the class of 1899, first got the idea for the project in September, 1963, when he learned the name college would be changed to university.

Over the past three years Sterns has written more than 4,000 "ring letters" to collect the 54 rings. Missing class rings include 1901, 1902, 1904, 1906, 1920, 1940, 1948, 1953, 1954, 1959, 1960 and 1961.

"Most Aggies would rather give you their left leg than their ring," Sterns quipped. However, included in the collection are rings from distinguished businessmen, military heroes and 10 from widows.

Sterns was born in Harris County "way out in the country about five miles from the courthouse."

"I never went to high school. But, I didn't care. I just wanted

to play football at A&M," he recounted.

The school's oldest living letterman was captain of the 1897 football team. He broke his ankle in the Thanksgiving game with Texas that year and returned to Houston.

When the class of 1899 graduated Sterns left with them, dropped from the college for being what he called "a hell raiser."

He worked for railroads for a couple of years and returned to A&M in 1902 to play on the first Aggie team to beat Texas. He graduated in 1903 with a degree in civil engineering.

"I'm probably the first Aggie to receive seven letters," he maintains. "Three in football, one in baseball, one in track, one in hell raising and one in faculty destruction."

INDIAN FIRST
BOMBAY, India (AP) — Kishore Kumar, noted Indian film star was sentenced to two months in jail for income tax evasion after being convicted for failing to declare \$21,000 of his 1961-62 income. The conviction was believed to be the first of its kind in modern Indian history.

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