

A&M gets ok for new college

Establishment of the College of Marine Sciences and Maritime Resources at Galveston as an educational unit of Texas A&M was approved in July by the institution's board of directors.

A&M President Dr. Jack K. Williams said implementation of plans for the new college will be under way by Sept. 1.

The College of Marine Sciences and Maritime Resources will include the Texas Maritime Academy, Moody Marine Institute and the Coastal Zone Laboratory.

The Moody Marine Institute will consist of the Marine Laboratory and, later, teaching units for such fields as marine life sciences and marine economics.

The majority of the new college's activities will be conducted at Texas A&M's 100-acre Mitchell Campus on Pelican Island. The Marine Laboratory, however, will continue to be headquartered across town at Ft. Crockett.

The first two buildings on the Mitchell Campus are expected to be ready for use by Sept. 1. Williams said detailed plans are being compiled for the campus' first residence hall, which will accommodate nearly 200 students.

Master plans provide eventually for approximately 20 buildings on the Galveston campus.

Authority to create the new college was made possible through legislation introduced in the 62nd Legislature by Sen. A. R. Schwartz of Galveston and Rep. Bill Presnal of Bryan.

University officials said any new degrees or new courses offered through the new college will require approval by the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System.

Williams said establishment of the new educational unit is part of the university's continuing effort to lead the nation in marine-related activities.

University officials emphasized creation of the new college is an expansion of the institution's marine activities and will not reduce the level of marine-related activities here.

Earlier this year the university formed the Center for Marine Resources here. The center includes the institution's Sea Grant Program and provides an administrative framework for developing various marine-related programs.

Creation of the new college does not directly affect the university's Oceanography Department, which is part of the College of Geosciences, or the Coastal and Ocean Engineering and Environmental Engineering Divisions of the Civil Engineering Department.

The Oceanography Department's research vessels, however, are berthed at the Mitchell Campus.

A&M will receive first one of new Navy ship class

Texas A&M has been selected to receive the first of a new class of oceanographic research vessels to be built for the Navy.

Each ship is expected to cost about \$3.5 million, including scientific equipment.

A&M President Dr. Jack K. Williams said delivery of the ship is expected in the winter of 1972. The craft will be berthed at the university's new Mitchell Campus on Pelican Island in Galveston.

The University of Hawaii also will receive a ship built under the Navy's new program. Texas A&M will be responsible for outfitting and installing scientific instrumentation aboard the Hawaiian vessel, with the work to be done at Galveston.

Texas A&M, the state's only

institution of higher learning with seagoing capabilities, currently operates three oceanographic vessels, in addition to three craft used for water pollution research in bays and estuaries. The university's Texas Maritime Academy also operates a converted oceanliner as a training ship.

Dr. Richard A. Geyer, head of the Oceanography Department, said the new ship will be 165 feet long and accommodate 28 persons, including scientific party and crew.

The twin-screw steel-hull craft will cruise at 12 knots with a range of approximately 8,000 miles.

Geyer said the new ship will be used for long-duration cruises, such as currently assigned ex-

clusively to the 180-foot R/V Alaminos. The department's two smaller vessels are used for studies in coastal waters.

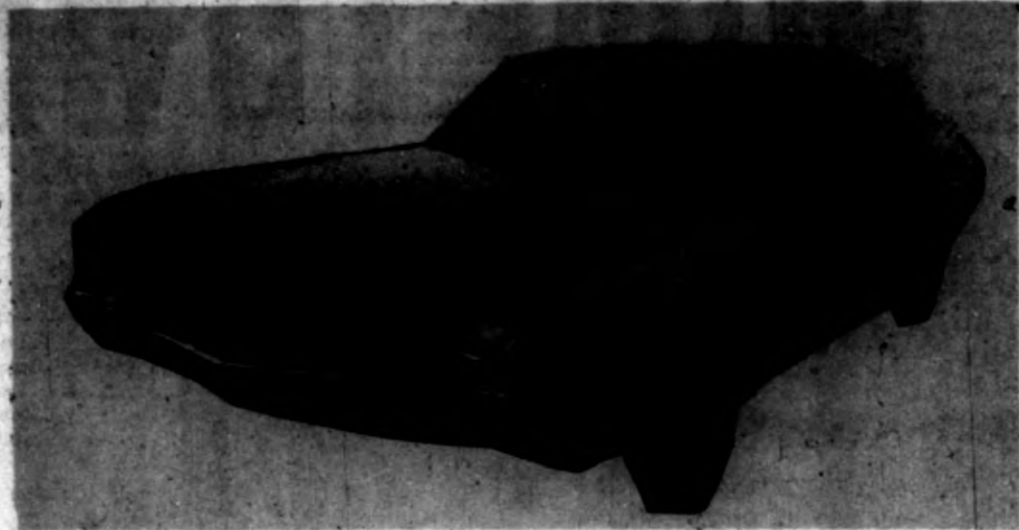
"This new vessel will greatly enhance our capability to conduct a comprehensive program as we continue to expand our deep-water programs in the Gulf of Mexico, Caribbean and Atlantic," Geyer said.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

- Sept. 3 — Dust and Ashes Concert
8:00 p.m. Bryan Civic Auditorium
No Admission Charge
- Sept. 4 — Dust and Ashes—in a coffee
3:00 p.m. house setting for students
A&M Methodist's Fellowship Hall
- Sept. 5 — Dust and Ashes leading a
10:50 a.m. contemporary worship service

WEEKLY EVENTS

- Sunday — 7 p.m. — Evening Worship
- Tuesday — 7 p.m. — Program Night
- Wednesday — 12 Noon — Sandwiches & Study
- Work projects, Musical groups,
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