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A&M awarded contract to study problems of Water Quality Board

A \$250,000 contract has been granted A&M to provide facts, review standards and analyses of

problems of the Texas Water Quality Board (TWQB).

This was announced Wednesday by Fred J. Benson, dean of the College of Engineering. He said the overall program involves nine specific research projects dealing with water quality problems and analytical and laboratory support for District 7 of the TWQB field program. The area includes the counties of Harris, Fort Bend, Brazoria, Montgomery, Austin, Waller, Chambers, Galveston and Liberty.

The Texas Engineering Experiment Station (TEES) is responsible for carrying out the terms of the contract; TEES will utilize several departments and laboratories in the College of Engineering.

Of the total grant, \$176,642, will be utilized for research and \$73,358 will be utilized for analytical laboratory support. The program will make extensive use of A&M's three water quality research vessels, the Duet, Mariner and Excellence. In addition, the

field laboratory at Morgan's Point and the water quality laboratories of the Civil Engineering Department will be utilized.

In the overall TWQB program, the dean said three projects will provide information and technology for use by regulatory officials in setting, revising and upgrading water quality standards which are required in the decision process. Three more projects will deal with water quality problems in specific areas: temperature, conservative materials, organic materials and others, such as phosphates. Two projects will deal with the measurement of pollutants.

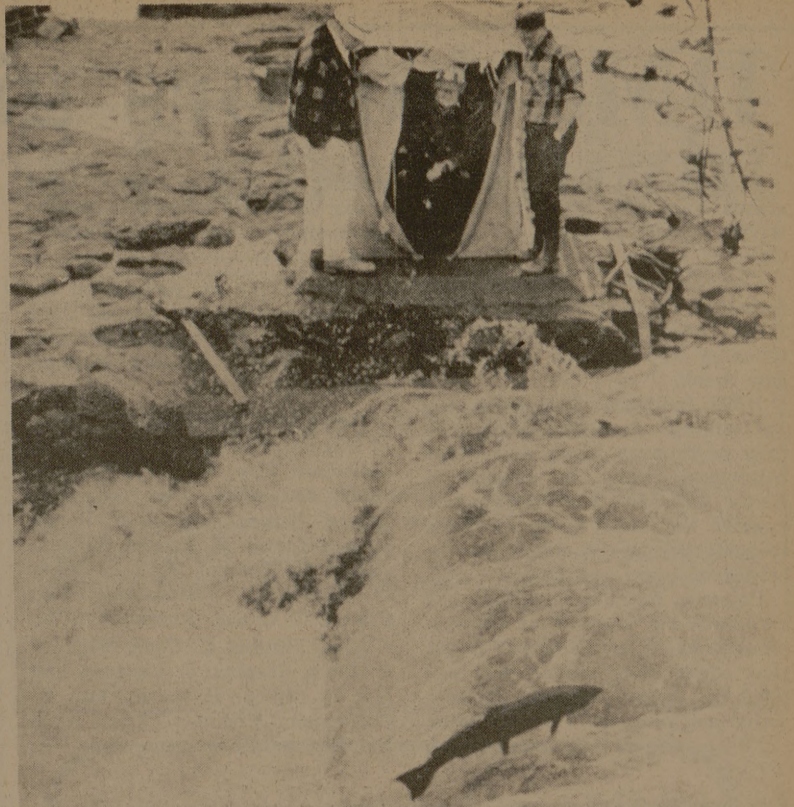
The ninth project, Benson said, will specifically evaluate current standards and provide factual data for development of improved standards regarding effluents from waste water treatment facilities.

In several cases, the projects parallel ongoing research to bring considerable additional effort and resources to bear on given prob-

lems. In summing up the total program, Benson added:

"The subjects of air and water pollution have become foremost in the minds of Texas citizens. This emphasis is new and to some extent emotional. Frankly, little is known about the whole subject. For example, the discovery of mercury in fish has triggered much activity, perhaps justified, perhaps not. The important point I wish to make is that the problem of pollution should be approached with solid facts. What are the pollutants? What quantities are harmful to people, wildlife, and other things? What is the real source of pollution? What are the economics of the situation?"

"TEES has worked in this area for some years. We feel we have some capability and understanding of the problems and look forward to supporting the Texas Water Quality Board in its efforts to provide realistic standards and to help improve the quality of water for the people of Texas."



A WILLAMETTE RIVER salmon starts up a fish ladder completed in 1970 as part of a \$3.5 million fishway at Willamette Falls. Oregon Fish Commission researchers kept watch on the ladder from nearby rocks but now have an electronic system to count the kinds and numbers of fish moving up the river. (AP Wirephoto)

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Treasure hunters discover ingots in Oklahoma

LAWTON, Okla. (AP) — Two Lubbock, Tex., treasure hunters say they have found metal ingots bearing cross and crown symbols and buried two feet deep in a cave in the Wichita Mountains.

The ingots have been shipped off for testing and analysis, but the Texans believe they may have discovered a buried treasure of silver or other precious metal.

The men are Bill Ferrell, 43, a service station operator, and Don Cagle, 25, both members of the Lubbock Treasure Hunting Club.

They said they dug up the ingots Friday in the rear end of a cave west of Meers. The metal

bars are about an inch thick, small enough to fit in the palm of a man's hand, and weigh several pounds each.

Ferrell said he and his companion found some adobe-like molds also buried in the cave.

The metal bars could be from the early 1900s, Wichita's prospecting era, or possibly could be of Mexican origin, said Steve Wilson, librarian at Museum of the Great Plains, and an authority on Wichita's mining history and treasure legends.

An examination by experts might reveal the origin of the symbols on the bars and reveal their age, type of metal and com-

mercial value.

Ferrell showed two ingots to reporters. He said "no comment" when asked how many ingots he had found. He declined the offer of a Lawton metallurgist to test the ingots. He said he wanted to go no further in describing the site or discussing his find until he has looked into state and national antiquity regulations, had the metal assayed, negotiated with the land owner and consulted his lawyer.

He expressed fear that other treasure hunters might stampede to the site if they knew the location.

The ingots are dark in color but are of a rather soft material that shines brightly when scratched by a knife.

Ferrell said he made his discovery while using a flashlight and a metal detector in a cave that has an entrance about six feet wide and seven feet high and that is 70 to 80 feet deep.

"I detected metal under the sand near the back of the cave," Ferrell said. He said he and Cagle used a small shovel and pick and a small icepick for probing, and discovered the metal bars about 24 inches under the cave's floor.

The symbol on the ingots is a crude cross, and a crown or half moon topped by several small dots or blobs of metal. All the symbols are of raised metal protruding above the level of the rest of the metal bars.

Farrell said they "stumbled onto the cave" after climbing in the mountains about three hours. He said it was the first time he had hunted treasure in that area.

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The dance will feature Paul Rabbit of Austin, Texas.

Tickets will cost \$3 for couples, \$2 for stags and \$1 for women. SAM members and their dates will be admitted free.

Tickets will go on sale in the Memorial Student Center near the Post Office beginning Friday, Oct. 15. They can also be purchased on the first floor of Francis Hall.

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