

'Clipper' begins her voyage home

GALVESTON — The "Texas Clipper," Texas Maritime Academy training ship carrying 128 students, began its voyage home Saturday, sailing from Palma in the Balearic Islands.

Arrival back in Galveston from the two-month 13,000-mile Mediterranean cruise is scheduled Aug. 6 after a visit to the Canary Islands and courtesy stops at New Orleans and Freeport.

Radio conversations between the ship and TMA offices in Galveston indicate all aspects of the cruise have been highly successful, including a visit to Split, Yugoslavia. That visit reportedly represented the first time an American training vessel had docked in the Communist country since World War II.

In addition to 63 TMA cadets fulfilling summer training requirements, the "Clipper" has aboard 65 recent high school graduates participating in A&M's "Summer School at Sea." The ship also carries a 34-member crew and staff.

Registration headquarters transferred

Registration headquarters, formerly located in the basement of the YMCA Building, has been moved to Room 203 of the Old Cushing Library.

Willis S. Ritchey of the Registrar's Office said that the present setup includes three or four offices and a foyer. The move was made Monday and is effective immediately. The phone number, 845-7117, remains the same.

Ritchey said it was important for everyone to keep the new location in mind when giving directions to students attending freshman and transfer student orientation sessions.

Dr. Sweet says

More schools offer continuing education programs

Continuing education programs of some form or another are offered by nearly all member institutions in the 11-state Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Dr. Gordon Sweet said it is an expanding educational service that an increasing number of schools are getting into it in a variety of ways.

"Continuing education often

enrolls more people than regular degree programs," the Southern Association executive secretary said.

"We're talking about education at any time in a man or woman's life. It picks a person up at one point and takes him to another. This excites me," Sweet told participants in an Academic Administrators Seminar at A&M. The exciting thing, he re-

marked, is that colleges and universities are attempting to learn where individuals outside the traditional school age bracket are located educationally.

Termed "outreach" programs in education circles, continuing education provides learning opportunities in a variety of areas through foreign travel-study, independent study programs, non-traditional degree programs, cul-

tural-enrichment programs and televised and broadcast courses, among others.

"A theological seminary offers outreach for parish priests and ministers who could not finish their degrees earlier, when requirements for being ordained were less strict," Sweet explained.

The school and college accrediting organization official intro-

duced by A&M President Jack K. Williams said the Southern Association is attempting to keep pace of such changes in education.

The association is a voluntary non-governmental organization of accredited institutions from Texas to Virginia. Its purpose is the improvement of education in member institutions, by establishment of accrediting stand-

ards. Accreditation is achieved through institutional self-involvement, and on-site peer evaluation. Dr. Sweet indicated that continuing education has "talked about in the Southern Association for years. It suddenly has caught fire a few years ago."

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