

A&M to receive oceanographic research vessel

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Contract has been let for a new class of oceanographic research vessels being built by the Navy, the first ship to be presented to A&M.

Admiral J. E. Snyder Jr., oceanographer of the Navy, said the first two vessels of the AGOR(U) class will be built at Haltermarine Services, Inc., in New Orleans. Delivery is scheduled in about 14 months.

Admiral Snyder said the basic cost for construction of each vessel will be about \$1.8 million. Each will be outfitted with oceanographic equipment valued at approximately \$800,000.

The second vessel goes to the University of Hawaii, the admiral said. Both ships will be outfitted by TAMU's Oceanography Department at its new marine logistic support facility on Pelican Island in Galveston.

AGOR(U) class ships will be 172 feet long and accommodate approximately 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.

"The AGOR(U) can easily satisfy Texas A&M University's forecast requirement for 260 ship-operating days per year in the 1974-to-1978 time frame and should offer significant improve-

ments in capability, reliability and economy of operations," noted Rear Adm. C. O. Holmquist, chief of naval research and assistant oceanographer for ocean science.

TAMU currently operates three oceanographic research vessels, in addition to three craft used for water pollution research in bays and estuaries.

"This new vessel will greatly enhance our capability to conduct a comprehensive program as we continue to expand our deep-water activities in the Gulf of

Mexico, Caribbean and Atlantic," emphasized Dr. Richard A. Geyer, head of TAMU's Oceanography Department.

Funds to assist in operating the new ship will be provided by the Office of Naval Research and the National Science Foundation, Dr. Geyer added.

Capt. Henry Rowe of the TAMU Oceanography Department will serve as the university's liaison in New Orleans during construction. He also will be in charge of outfitting both vessels.

Roger Knight wins Amoco pet engineering scholarship

Roger B. Knight of Houston has been selected for the Amoco Production Foundation undergraduate honors scholarship in petroleum engineering at A&M. Knight was selected for the 1972-73 award by TAMU officials. He was announced as the recipient by C. F. Bedford, Amoco Foundation vice president, and Dr. W. J. McGuire,

scholarship chairman of the Petroleum Engineering Department.

The scholarship will pay \$700 for Knight's freshman year, and \$800, \$900 and \$1,000 in succeeding years dependent on the recipient's maintaining at least a "B" average.

Spring Woods High School, where Knight graduated this spring, also will receive a \$200 Amoco Foundation grant for purchase of scientific equipment. At Spring Woods, Knight was a National Merit Finalist, National Honor Society member, listed in "Who's Who in High Schools" and the 1971 outstanding chemistry student of the American Chemical Society. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene S. Knight, 1643 Crestdale, Houston.

Bedford noted the foundation is placing 18 freshman scholarships in geology, geophysics and engineering at 16 universities this fall. The foundation was created and is supported by Amoco Production Co., the U. S. exploration and production subsidiary of Standard Oil Co. (Indiana).

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