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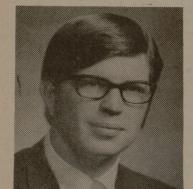
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A BROKEN HAND'S NO FUN — Tim Robertson, Bryan native aboard the "Texas Clipper," didn't let his cast-enclosed broken hand interfere with satellite data-gathering.



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## Trip Enjoyable Despite Injury

GALVESTON—A broken hand is no fun anytime, especially during a 14,000-mile ocean voyage. At least that's the way Tim Robertson, 1964 graduate of Bryan High School, feels.

Robertson served as electronics technician and equipment operator for experiments conducted aboard Texas A&M University's "Texas Clipper" during the total eclipse of the sun July 1 off the coast of Africa.

He was preparing to go ashore at St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, the last port of call for the "Clipper" before reaching U. S. waters, when the mishap occurred. He slipped on a ladder going to the main deck of the training ship and fell, breaking a small bone in his right hand.

The broken hand was placed in a cast, requiring a good deal of time Robertson could have spent exploring the tropical paradise.

To make him feel better about it, crew members aboard the "Clipper" painted the cast grey, stenciled a martime emblem on it, and topped the whole thing off with some fancy knot work that only men who go down to the sea in ships seem to be good at.

THE BATTALION

Robertson said the voyage was one of the high points in his life, excluding, of course, his broken hand.

"The trip was just fantastic," he said. "The eclipse was indescribable, and the ports we called on were really something to see.

"I guess my favorite port was Barcelona, Spain. We were there four days, and I really got in some good sightseeing. I really enjoyed myself, and I only wish something like this had been available when I graduated from high school."

Robertson was referring to Texas A&M University's "Summer School at Sea" program, in which freshmen entering college are given an opportunity to take first-year courses in English, math and history. The "Clipper" returned to Galveston last Sunday.

day.

The Bryanite operated complicated receiving equipment and sensors for NASA and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration experiments during the

eclipse.

He said all the data recorded during the eclipse would have to be analyzed before any conclusions could be made about the success of the experiments, but he noted that preliminary investigations showed the the informa-

tion looked good.

Robertson, whose mother, Mrs. F. E. Robertson, lives at 603 E. 29th in Bryan, plans to attend TAMU this Fall to study electrical engineering. He attended classes at the university a short time before interrupting his studies for military service.

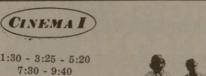
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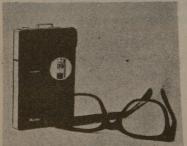
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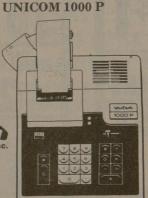
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