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Crises have become a pervasive element in the American society. As a result, A&M and two state agencies have joined to present the 49th annual Administrative and Instructional Leadership conference using the theme, "Leadership Strategies in Crisis Management.

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The conference will be June 19-21 in the J. Earl Rudder Center sponsored by the Texas Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development in addition to TAMU

Dr. Harold Hawkins, department head of educational administration, said, "Crisis has become an element in the school community, as well as in the nation, although hopefully the worst is over. Administrators, as well as teachers, are confronted with a variety of crises resulting from conflicts with teachers, students and portions of the community. We believe that getting successfully through any crisis is based on systematic study and planning. "Educational leaders have to un-

derstand and deal with the differing opinions, needs and ideas of school and community groups," Hawkins continued. "As a result effective communication becomes a critical element in the process. While poor communication may produce more conflict, good communication may resolve it.

"Becoming successful in crisis management doesn't happen overnight," he pointed out. "It includes development of organizational structures to prevent or alleviate

Egypt eyes research from A&M

TAMU oceanographers are being eyed by Egypt to help conduct a survey of the Red Sea.

The Egyptian overtures come on the heels of Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's efforts to improve relationships between the U.S. and the Mideast nation.

We understand the project has the backing of Dr. Kissinger," noted Dr. Richard Rezak, who along with Dr. William R. Bryant, would head TAMU's phase of the program.

Rezak and Bryant, both professors of oceanography, just returned from Cairo and Alexandria where they met with governmental officials and scientists to determine interest in the study.

"The Egyptians are all for it," Dr. Rezak said

The survey cannot start until the Suez Canal is again open to provide access to the Red Sea, the TAMU professor explained. The Egyptians expect to have the canal cleared by March

TAMU's new research vessel, the

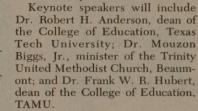
conflict. It's a slow and arduous task that today's school leader must master in order to insure a good educa-This year's conference will in- the Rudder Theater. Discussion clude a pre-conference orientation for new superintendents for the first time. The reason, according to Hawkins, is because of the number

of new school administrators across the state. There were more changes this year than for many years prior. Presiding officers for the general sessions include J. D. Carlisle, president of the Texas Association of School Administrators, and Dr. James L. Williamson, president of the Texas Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.

clude a golf tournament, the orientation for new superintendents and a general assembly in the evening at groups on special topics are scheduled Thursday with a smorgasbord and assembly that night. Friday morning brings a final general assembly.

Dr. Robert H. Anderson, dean of the College of Education, Texas Tech University; Dr. Mouzon Biggs, Jr., minister of the Trinity United Methodist Church, Beaumont; and Dr. Frank W. R. Hubert, dean of the College of Education,

Wednesday's program will in-



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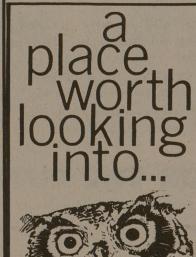


R/V Gyre, would probably be used during the early phase of the pro-ject, Rezak added.

Under the current concept, TAMU's portion of the study would involve the geological aspects of oceanography, but some of the Egyptians expressed hope of expanding it to include biological, physical and chemical oceanog-

raphy. The Red Sea survey is part of an overall Mideast geological project, Rezak pointed out, and the coordinators are interested in comparing a model of the "unstable" Red Sea with that of a more stable area, such as in the Morocco region.

In addition to providing new information about geological history, Rezak said the study should help the Egyptians in some of their problems involving engineering properties of sediments, coastal erosion, new sources of fresh water and exploration for hydrocarbons. The project may also involve some remote sensing operations to determine areas of high primary productivity.



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