

Anchors away for A&M training ship

Texas A&M University's training ship, Texas Clipper, is bound for deep water again. Officials have announced the 1978 itinerary for the 14th annual Summer School at Sea Program.

The Clipper will be home to more than 200 students, faculty and crew of Texas A&M's Moody College during the nine-week Central and South America cruise. Ports of call include Peru, Panama, Mexico and Martinique.

The 473-foot vessel sails from Galveston June 10 and returns to its home port Aug. 6, said Moody College President William H. Clayton.

Included in the cruise will be a select group of 1978 high school graduates enrolling in the Texas Maritime Academy, a part of the Moody College. Known on board as prep cadets, the young men and women will be assisting in ship-board maintenance and operation, work in food services and take part in cadet activities.

The 58-day cruise is also part of the required training for cadets pursuing U.S. Coast Guard licensing in the Merchant Marine.

Prep cadets also earn up to six college credit hours during the trip. Students may choose English, history or math as their course of study.

Clipper scheduled stops include Dry Tortugas; Norfolk, Va.; Fort de France, Martinique, and Balboa, Panama Canal Zone. Callao, Peru, is the furthest point south the sea school will dock.

Return ports are Cristobal, Panama Canal Zone; Vera Cruz, Mexico; Tampa, Fla.; Beaumont, and finally Galveston.

Vet says therapy for aging pets causes problems

Old pets are usually special to their owners but veterinarians should avoid radical therapy to merely prolong the life of an aging dog or cat, Dr. Neil Van Stavern of Texas A&M University told veterinary students from around the nation Friday.

Severe treatment and unnecessary hospitalization may do more harm to both the owner and geriatric pet than results warrant, Van Stavern warned representatives of the country's 23 veterinary colleges.

"In this type patient, the cure is often times impossible. Our aim should be to control problems and do everything we can to make the animal more comfortable. Avoid stressing the animal with unfamiliar surroundings and severe therapy, because stress can cause decompensation," he said.

Prolonged and unusual treatment of old pets can also work a financial hardship on owners, although they are usually prepared to help their pets remain in as good as health as economically feasible.

Geriatric care of animals will be the most challenging to the skills of the young veterinarian, said Van Stavern, because biologic change means loss of functional reserve in organs, loss of normal regenerative ability and loss of adaptability.

A final word of advice was to be considerate of the owner of the geriatric pet, since the animal may serve as a link between them and someone who has died or left home.

Registration for driver's ed ends today

Registration for an adult driver education program ends today at Texas A&M University.

Classes begin on March 21.

The program, offered by Texas A&M's Continuing Education Office, gives students hand-on instruction using multiple car, simulation and behind the wheel experience.

The Safety Education Program will furnish all vehicles and equipment necessary for instruction. All licensed drivers are eligible to attend.

To register or receive further information about the program, contact Dr. Maurice E. Dennis at 845-3019.

United Fund helped by Corps

The Wings and Saber Society of the Texas A&M University Cadet Corps presented \$1,400 to the Brazos County United Fund Friday.

The check was presented to Stanley Sommers, president-elect of the area United Fund, by Terry Stanislav, a senior geophysics major and president of Wings and Saber.

The money was raised from tickets sales to the Elephant Bowl, an annual corps football game. It features seniors from the Army, Navy and Marine Corps units of the Corps of Cadets playing against the seniors from the Air Force and the Texas Aggie Band. Air Force lost this year's game 27-20.

Last year the Wings and Saber Society donated more than \$1,500 to the Brazos Valley Rehabilitation Center.

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