



Local

Aggie fleet gains two new vessels

Two additions to the Aggie fleet Saturday were christened in traditional fashion — with champagne.

The R/V Excellence II and the R/V Quest were formally commissioned following their purchase by the Texas Engineering Experiment Station, the engineering research arm of the Texas A&M University System.

The vessels will be used primarily in environmental engineering programs supporting the federal government's Strategic Petroleum Reserve Project. Other activities in which they may be involved vary from oceanographic research to water sampling and oil spill control and training.

The R/V Excellence II is a 72-foot steel-hulled vessel similar in appearance to a shrimp boat. The \$325,000 craft was built by John Collins of Alvin, who made a donation to cover part of the construction cost. The R/V Quest, a 48-foot converted yacht, is valued at \$200,000 but was made available to TEES at a reduced cost by the University of Texas Marine Science Institute.

The new ships join five other Aggie vessels — ranging from the R/V Gyre, which will be involved this summer in attempts to locate the Titanic, to the Texas Clipper, the converted oceanliner used as a training ship by the Texas Maritime College — in operations from docks at the Mitchell Campus of Texas A&M University at Galveston.

In his christening address, Texas A&M-Galveston President

William H. Clayton compared marine and oceanographic studies to efforts put into the space program.

"We're all still basking in the afterglow of the highly successful shuttle shot and our future is indeed bright in space," he said, "but I am confident that we have even more to reap and gain from the ocean, and we will do it through efforts such as made possible by the addition of these two vessels to our inventory."

"While funds for such efforts will apparently be more difficult to obtain in the future, particularly from federal sources, we must not despair but rather intensify our ingenuity and determination to progress."

Dr. Roy W. Hann Jr., Texas A&M professor and head of the TEES Environmental Engineering Division, noted that for the past 14 years his group has carried out a program to evaluate the environmental impact of engineered works and products on the coastal zone of Texas.

"During this period, we have studied pollution problems in the Houston Ship Channel and almost every other major industrialized channel and port in Texas," Hann said. "Other investigations have focused on environmental modifications such as new and enlarged channels, ports and canalled communities, offshore deep-water ports, ocean dumping, oil spills, and more recently, the brine discharges from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve Program in Texas and Louisiana."

What's Up

MONDAY

PHI THETA KAPPA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION: Meets to elect officers at 7 p.m. in 104B Zachary.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS SOCIETY: Meets at 7:30 p.m. in 305 Fermier

CATHOLIC STUDENTS ASSOCIATION: Night Prayer will be said at 10 p.m. in St. Mary's Church.

MSC HOSPITALITY: Open meeting for all prospective members begins at 7:15 p.m. in 301 Rudder.

SOIL CONSERVATION SOCIETY: Has a picnic and elects officers at Hensel Park at 6 p.m.

ACCOUNTING SOCIETY: All juniors are encouraged to attend this meeting on resume and interviewing information. 7:30 p.m. in 110 Harrington.

TAU BETA PI: Tickets for the steak fry, which will be held May 4, are on sale through Friday, May 1, in the dean's office in 204 Zachary. Tickets for members are free. Dates will pay \$4 at the door.

TUESDAY

FOOD SCIENCE CLUB: Meets to discuss I.F.T. travel arrangements at 6:30 p.m. in 127 Kleberg.

MSC SCONA: All persons interested in working on SCONA 27 are encouraged to attend this meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m. in 206 MSC.

SOCIETY OF AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERS: Dr. Cuton of the Mechanical Engineering Department will speak at this last meeting of the spring semester. 7:30 p.m. in 127-B Zachary.

TAMU COLLEGIATE HORSEMAN'S ASSOCIATION: Meets to elect officers at 7:30 p.m. in 115 Kleberg Animal & Food Sciences Center.

A&M MILITARY & LIVING HISTORY SOCIETY: Meets at 7:30 p.m. in 107 Heldenfels. All persons interested in experiencing the life of a Civil War soldier are invited to attend.

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY ENGINEERS: Meets to elect officers at 7:30 p.m. in 342 Zachary.

BIOCHEMISTRY SOCIETY: Meets at 7:30 p.m. in 113 Heep. Dr. Moore of the Biochemistry Department will discuss "Protein Chemistry & Enzymology: Onward and Upward."

PHI ALPHA THETA, HISTORY DEPARTMENT, TAMU HISTORICAL SOCIETY: Dr. Robert A. Divine, professor of diplomatic history at the University of Texas in Austin, and a Pulitzer Prize winner, will deliver a graduate lecture entitled "The Cold War Revisited." 7 p.m. in 204 Harrington.

Drum majors picked to lead Aggie Band

By RUTH M. DALY
Battalion Reporter

RECALL, STEP OFF ON HULLABALOO.

That's Jason Clark's line, and it's enough to get the largest military band in the world ready to march.

Clark has been selected to be the 1981-82 head drum major for the 300-member Fightin' Texas Aggie Band. An engineering technology major from Hereford, Clark was chosen from among 13 band members to lead the group along with Scott R. Sloan and Rodney Kret.

Sloan, an engineering technology major from Fort Worth, will be the infantry band drum major, and Kret, a petroleum engineering major from Refugio, will lead the artillery band.

Tryouts lasted two days, with a 15-member committee choosing the drum majors. The committee was comprised of Lt. Col. Joe Haney, band director, Maj. Joe McMullen, associate director, and 13 band members.

The three drum majors were selected on the basis of baton control, clarity of voice while issuing commands in the band room and on the field, whistle commands, posture, military bearing and confidence, Clark said.

The head drum major serves as the band's liaison between the band and Haney, Clark said.

The other two majors assist the head drum major, Sloan said, and keep the marching roster — who will march at each game — up to date.

Sloan said there are 350 to 370 men in the band, but only 300 march during each halftime performance. Sloan and Kret will have the responsibility to see that everyone gets to march at least once, Sloan said.

On the field the head drum major executes flourishes, the different patterns of the drill, while the other two drum majors direct the band, Sloan said. He said it's important for band members to be able to see the two drum majors because sometimes the crowd is so loud, band members can't hear the music.

Both Clark and Sloan said they came to Texas A&M University to be in the band.

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