

Ross Volunteers to help dedicate new state park

by Michael Raulerson
Battalion Reporter

A group of 110 Ross Volunteers will participate in a Veteran's Day dedication ceremony of the Adm. Chester Nimitz Museum and State Park in Fredricksburg on Friday.

Organizers from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and The Nimitz Foundation wanted a Veteran's Day military style parade so the loss Volunteers came to mind, Marty Katerly, an organizer for the museum, said.

The Volunteers, the oldest student organization in Texas, will lead the parade, and be guests of the Nimitz Foundation at the barbecue luncheon, Ross Volunteer adviser

Rob Robison said. The group also may be involved in other dedication activities, but Robison said the final plans have not yet been completed.

The ceremony will be an exciting experience for the juniors, Robison said, as it will be their first public appearance as Ross Volunteers.

Other groups which will be present at the parade are: the Navy ROTC Drum and Bugle Corps from the University of Texas, the Gary Job Corps Drill Team from San Marcos, the Navy Junior ROTC from Marshall High School in San Antonio, the First Cavalry Band and Horse Platoon from Fort Hood and an official U.S. Navy Ceremonial Band from New Orleans. Sen. John Tow-

er will be the main speaker.

The museum and park is being dedicated in honor of Adm. Chester Nimitz, the senior Commander of the Naval Fleet in the Pacific and the senior U.S. representative at the surrender of the Japanese in World War II. He grew up in Fredricksburg and later went to the Naval Academy.

Nimitz received 15 decorations from foreign governments and many more from the United States. He also has been awarded 19 honorary degrees from universities including Notre Dame, Columbia, Harvard, Princeton, Syracuse and Tulane.

The Ross Volunteers, cre-

ated in 1887 under the name of the Scott Volunteers, consists of 144 Corps of Cadet members, 72 seniors and 72 juniors. However all of the seniors are not active, Robison said. The name was changed in 1891 to the Ross Volunteers in honor of Lawrence Sullivan Ross, a former Texas A&M president and governor of Texas. The Volunteers are expected to keep at least a 2.3 grade-point ratio and have a record of contributing to the University both in and out of Corps activities, Robison said.

Robison said the Volunteers strive to be a "composite role model of leadership for the Corps of Cadets and the University."

New modes of ocean exploration discussed

by Julie Ennis
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Dr. Walter Munk, a professor at the Institute of Geophysics and Planetary Physics at the University of California at San Diego, will discuss new modes of exploring the ocean tonight in the Memorial Student Center.

Munk, who has been with the institute since 1947, is the second in a series of lecturers sponsored by the University Lecture Series.

Dr. Donald McDonald, director of the University Lecture Series, said Munk is highly recognized in the scientific and physical science circles.

Munk is a member of the Royal Society of London, an ancient physical and scientific organization, and of the National Academy of Sciences.

The University Lecture Series plans four lectures for each school year, McDonald said. Each year, four colleges participate in the lecture series. They are chosen in an alphabetically rotating order according to the college name. This year the College of Engineering, the College of Geosciences, the College of Liberal Arts and Texas A&M will participate in the lecture series.

A University committee made up of one representative from each college and three student representatives nominate individuals to participate in the University Lecture Series.

The first lecture sponsored by the University Lecture Series

and the College of Engineering was Dr. Ralph Landau.

On Nov. 15 Dr. Charles Halton will lecture at the request of the College of Liberal Arts.

There is no charge for the program, which will begin at 8 p.m. in 224 MSC.

Theater arts' new play brings passion, heartbreak to stage

by Bonnie Langford
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The Texas A&M theater arts program "Summer and Smoke" opens tonight. The play, by Tennessee Williams, will be presented at 8 p.m. today through Saturday and again Nov. 17 to 19 in Rudder Forum.

"Summer and Smoke" centers around two young people in a small town of Glorious Hill just before World War I. They are in love, but can't seem to make any concessions to make their love work.

Wendy Pesek plays Alma Winemiller, the preacher's daughter. She is approaching the age of a spinster, but wants to

marry someone she loves. The young Winemiller is saddled with the responsibilities of her parents. Her mother, played by Joyce Hayes, has slipped into permanent childhood. Her father, played by Marc Gessner, is an Episcopal preacher. She leads a drab life because she always must keep good company and only go to nice places.

She is in love with Dr. John Buchanan's son. The doctor has given up on his son, who is drinking, gambling and seeing a disreputable woman, and is threatening to throw him out. But Winemiller manages to convince the doctor, played by Peck Phillips, to give his son a chance

to get his life straightened out.

The demands on the preacher's daughter prove too much for Dr. John Buchanan Jr., played by Richard Strayer. He is in love with Alma, but is afraid of her soul just as much as she fears his body.

Becky Hernandez plays Rosa Gonzales; Guy Culbertson plays her father. Rosa also is in love with the young doctor and her father wants desperately to make his daughter happy. The young Buchanan already owes Gonzales for a large gambling debt and agrees to marry the girl. The senior Buchanan comes home to find a party going on. He fights with Gonzales and

is killed. This death finally brings his son into responsibility. But it is too late for Alma, she becomes a shell of her former self.

The young doctor later marries Nellie Ewell, played by Judy Redding.

Holly Anderson and Robin Bernstein play the two children in the prologue and Patrick Berret plays the traveling salesman.

Tickets are \$3 for students and \$4 for others.

Police beat

The following incidents were reported to the University Police Department through Wednesday:

THEFTS:

- A silver 10-speed bicycle from the front of Puryear Hall.
- A red 10-speed bicycle from the Commons bike rack.

BURGLARY:

- Change was stolen from a juke machine in the Academic Building. University Police found nickels on the floor near the machine.

ARREST:

- A person was arrested for stealing a 100-pound sack of beans from the Horticulture & Forestry Building. The person was taken to Brazos County Jail.

OTHER:

- University Police found a person driving a 1964 Dodge van with fake license plates. The police removed the plates before towing the vehicle.

- University Police found that a passenger window had been broken on a silver Chevrolet Monza. The vehicle was parked in the student lot west of Wofford Cain Pool.

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