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## Drilling project to include A&M

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University News Service COLLEGE STATION — Officials of the National Service Foundation, the Joint Oceanographic Institutions and Texas A&M University announced Fuesday a long-term charter for the operation of a drilling ship capable of retrieving core samples from deep beneath the ocean floor.

The 470-foot vessel, owned SEDCO Inc. of Dallas and British Petroleum, will be operated by Texas A&M's Research Foundation on behalf of the oceanographic institutions' worldwide ocean drillling program. The project is funded by NSF and nine foreign coun-

'The ship will be used to retrieve core saples from the ocean floor at sites around the world," said Dr. William Merrell, associate dean of geosciences at Texas A&M. "Scientists of the cursosses to the scientific the august to the scientific the august to the scientific." cores for information on the ages and origins of the world's ocean basins and the sediments of the Scripps Insti-

the purely scientific value, the findings could also have important implications in the search for additional energy sources worldwide.

The 16,000-ton ship which has a crew of 52 and can accomodate 50 scientists, was built in Halifax, Nova Scotia in 1978 and has a computer controlled positioning system which can keep the vessel over a precise lo-cation wile drilling in 27,000

Operation of the ship will be managed from the program's headquarters at Texas A&M. The facility will include a repository for cores from the Pacific

will then be able to study the is the successor to the scientific

This SEDCO Inc. drilling ship will be operated by Texas A&M's Research

Foundation. The deck will b equipped with laboratories.

fornia from 1966 to 1983.

The National Science Foundation, which funds the \$30 million project, selected the Joint Oceanographic Institu-

10 major oceaographic institu-tions wich provides manage-ment support for international scientific research. The participants are Texas A&M, the Unitions to manage the drilling versity of Texas at Austin, Uni-project. JOI is a consortium of versity of California at San stitution.

Diego, Columbia University of Hawaii, U sity of Miami, Oregon University of Rhode

# Michael Jackson takes four Grammys

**United Press International** 

LOS ANGELES — Superstar singer Michael Jackson and his hit album "Thriller" won four of awards, but were beaten twice by the Police and their single Every Breath You Take," early

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in the Grammys show Tuesday

Jackson, the undisputed king of popular music, won Grammys for best male R&B vocal performance and best new R&B song for the smash single "Billie Jean," and best male rock performance for the hit "Beat It."

"Thriller," which spawned seven top-10 singles that dominated the airwaves throughout 1983 and has sold nearly 30 million copies worldwide, also won a Grammy for best engineered non-classical recording in awards given before the start of

But the ballad "Every Breath You Take" by the Police upset both Jackson singles in voting for new song of the year — the first award given on the air. "Every Breath" also won for best pop performance by a duo or group, downing Jackson and ex-Beatle Paul McCartney's joint effort on "The Girl is

and hoped to win eight to set a fiven by the National Academy record for most Grammys won of Recording Arts & Sciences. by an artist in a single year. Jackson was also nominate

lice, became a triple winner as he also won for best rock instrumental performance for his work on the "Brimstone and Treacle" movie soundtrack. The "Flashdance" sound-

track won two Grammys, for best album of an original score written for a movie or TV special and for best instrumental composition.

Chaka Kahn picked up three awards — for best female R&B performance, best R&B performance by a duo or group for "Ain't Nobody" with Rufus Kahn and best vocal arrange-ment for "Be Bop Medley" with Arif Mardin.

classical awards to give him a career total of 23, passing Henry Mancini, who has won 20 Grammys, as the all-time biggest winner.

The Police and Jackson were also competing for the two top Grammys — "Thriller" vs. Grammys -'Synchronicity" for best album Jackson was nominated for and "Every Breath You Take' an unprecedented 12 awards vs. "Beat It" for best record —

an artist in a single year.

Jackson was also nominated Sting, lead singer of the Po- for best male pop vocal for

"Thriller," as producer of the year with Quincy Jones for three tracks on "Thriller" and for "E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial" as best children's record-

Other early winners included Pat Benatar for "Love is a Battlefield" as best female rock vocal performance, George Ben-son for "Being With You" as best pop instrumental performance; Anne Murray for "A Little Good News" and Lee Greenwood for "I.O.U" for best Ain't Nobody" with Rufus
ahn and best vocal arrangeent for "Be Bop Medley" with
rif Mardin.
Sir George Solti won four

Lionel Richie got five nominations, including record and new song for his calypso-style "All Night Long."

The "Flashdance" soundtrack was nominated for album of the year, with "Flashdance .. What a Feeling" by Irene Cara and "Maniac" by Michael Sembello both up for record of the year and "Maniac" also running for best new song.

The remaining nominees for album of the year were Billy Joel for "An Innocent Man"

The 1984 awards a comeback year for the industry, punctuated by surgence of top-40 radio new invasion of Britis

The nominations a dance hits, a move away adult contemporary styles the continuing breakdon the color barrier in pop at

The nationally teleast center hour show from the Shrine speed u ditorium, hosted by the site Denver, included severalfi

For the first time since and Ro Grammys originated a quar will ask century ago, all five in nations for best new artists to groups — Big County from La ture Club, The Europe Men Without Hats and Me

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## Private company aiming for space before governmen

HOUSTON — A new com- tractive to private enterpriv pany called Space Industries various productive purpos group Inc. has signed a memorandum "We know that most all Rehab about building a private space station that could be in orbit be-

station that could be in orbit be-fore the government's, officials announced Tuesday.

Dr. Maxime A. Faget Jr., a NASA veteran who played a key role in designing all of America's spacecraft, is presi-dent of SII and has high hopes for the new venture. for the new venture.

"We're talking about an almost space station," Faget said.
"A full space station would be too much for us. We couldn't ask venture capital to put a couple of billion dollars in orbit.

"We're talking about an or-der of magnitude less (than the government effort.)"

Faget said he thinks smaller, cheaper orbiting plat-form, unmanned and devoted

space station in orbit early 1990s. Faget is look operational status by The space shuttle has

carrying experimental ufacturing equipment for the last several mis for space manufacturi profitable such equ needs to stay in space

"We want to keep it up and maintain it in a they (the owners) would Faget said.

Ideas about space m turing focus on taking a tage of the gravity free m ment to produce pure ma such as pharmaceuticals

Faget said the memo of understanding is the gagement ring before the ding ring of a joint end agreement with NASA.

"We still have a numb things we and NASA by work out," Fagetsaid.

Tentative plans call facility to be placed in low

orbit by the space shuttle be serviced several time year by the shuttle. It w designed for unmani mated operation.
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pressurized compartment would accommodate astr during service visits. Faget said that when

ernment space station station, he envisions SSI's pl either "flying" in fo maximum accessibility.

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