

# A&M hopefuls can take cruise to Europe in June

By **KARL PALLMEYER**  
Reporter

The Texas Clipper, Texas A&M's training ship at Galveston, will set sail for a 10-week tour of several European ports June 2.

The Texas Clipper is taken on a cruise each summer to provide merchant marine cadets the required training hours at sea to qualify for a merchant marine's license. The 40-year-old ship is making her 20th voyage this summer. It will carry 230 people — 125 merchant marine cadets, 50 faculty and

crew members and 55 "prep-cadets."

Prep-cadets are high school graduates who have been accepted into Texas A&M and travel on the Texas Clipper with the Summer School at Sea program. Under this program, the prep-cadets are required to take six hours of college courses along with their ship-board duties. After the voyage, the prep-cadets have the choice of attending school at Texas A&M at Galveston or at the main campus at College Station.

"The Summer School at Sea program is one of the most

unique offered in the Texas A&M System," says David E. Schob, an associate professor of history. Schob travels aboard the Texas Clipper as a history teacher and will be making his 14th consecutive voyage on the Clipper this summer.

"The Texas Clipper is like a second home to me," Schob says. "When I'm not at College Station I spend time on the Clipper." Schob says he had never been on a ship before he was asked to teach history on board the Clipper. Now he says he spends a great deal of time at sea and he plans to continue travelling with the ship as long as the program operates.

"I love being at sea for two months out of the year," Schob says. "It's very relaxing."

Schob says the students also like being at sea. The prep-cadets are required to attend classes in the mornings and afternoons. When the prep-cadets are not in class, they are required to stand watch on deck or work in the engine room. And when the Clipper stops at a port, the prep-cadets are allowed to travel ashore and tour the cities.

"The Texas A&M University System has made a major commitment to the expansion of maritime research at Galveston," Schob says. He says the Summer School at Sea program is very beneficial to the merchant marine cadet program at Texas A&M at Galveston. He

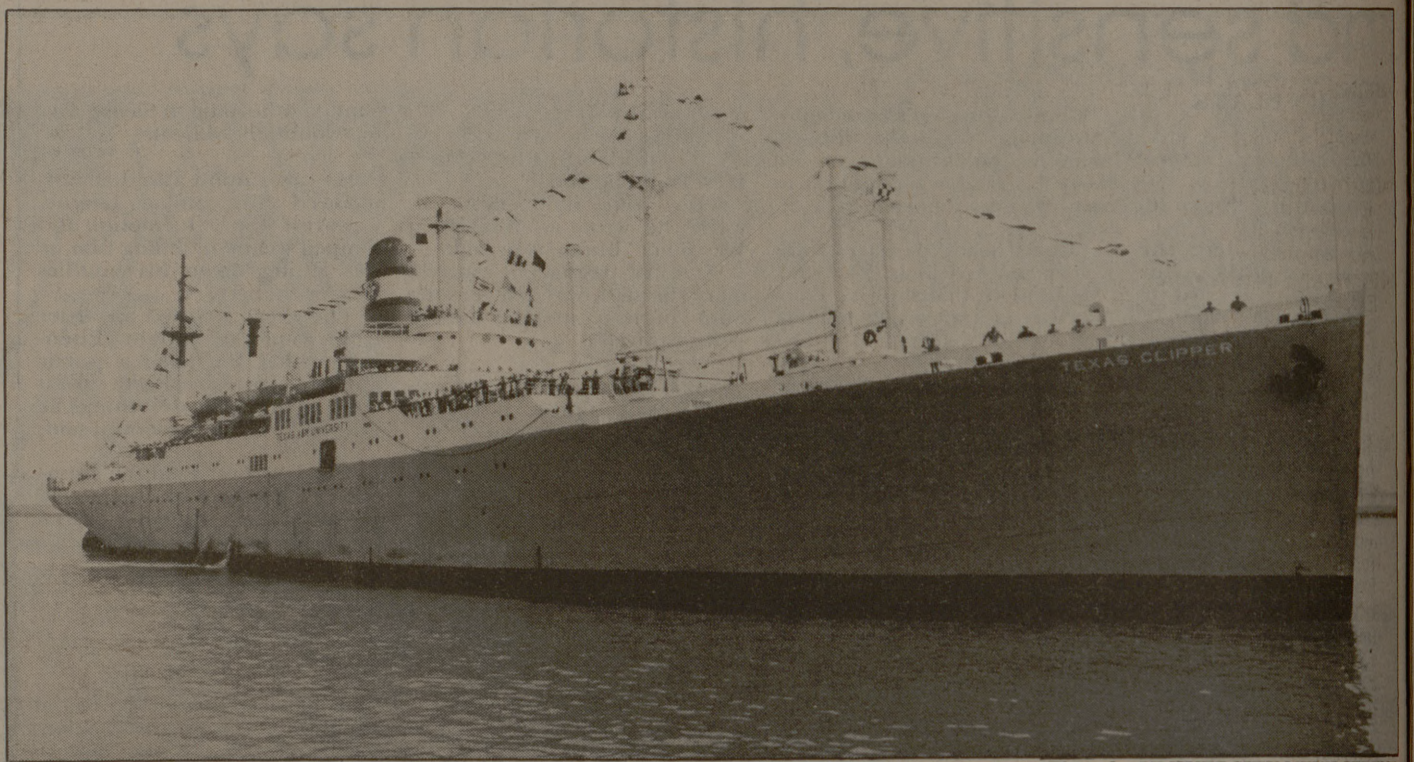


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The Texas Clipper, Texas A&M's training ship, will sail Aggies to Europe this summer.

says about half of the prep-cadets who travel aboard the Clipper decide to attend school at Texas A&M at Galveston.

This year the Texas Clipper will leave Galveston June 2. The

15,000-ton ship's first stop will be New Orleans where the cadets will attend the World's Fair and offer public tours of the Clipper June 5-8. While in New Orleans, the cadets also will

tend a firefighting school at Delgado Community College.

On June 9, the ship sails for Cork, Ireland. The Clipper also will visit Edinburgh, Scotland; Lisbon, Portugal; and Funchal

in the Madeira Islands. On the trip home, the Clipper will visit Veracruz, Mexico, and Beaumont. The ship is expected to arrive back at Galveston Aug. 12.

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**Brazos Beautiful helps B-CS cut back on litter**

By **KATHLEEN WEST**  
Reporter

Bryan and College Station are 40 percent cleaner now than in August 1982, according to a survey done by Brazos Beautiful Inc. But the cities still have room for improvement, says Dorothy Miller, membership director of Brazos Beautiful.

"We were so bad a year ago that we could get rid of a lot (of trash) and still have a lot," she said.

The survey is done by taking about 200 pictures of randomly selected areas every six months. The pictures are enlarged and set on a 96-square grid. Squares with litter are counted and compared to those without litter to determine if litter has increased or decreased.

The surveyors measure litter in six areas: streets, rights of way (the grassy area on the sides of streets), parking lots, vacant lots, trash bins and loading docks. The surveyors define litter as man-made, man-used, misplaced solid waste.

Brazos Beautiful, the local chapter of the national Keep America Beautiful organization, has helped the cities decrease littering, Miller said, by making people more aware of the litter problem and by changing people's attitudes.

"Everything is aimed at changing behavior," Miller said.

According to a study done by Keep America Beautiful people litter for three reasons: they have no pride in ownership, they know someone else will clean it up, and they see that litter has already accumulated.

Miller said that Brazos Beautiful has talked to businesses, schools and community groups throughout Bryan-College Station. She said that resident awareness and attitude changes toward littering have helped make the cities cleaner.

Miller said changing behavior patterns is important in controlling littering. She said that even if areas are cleaned up, if people don't change their attitudes then the areas will become littered again.

Brazos Beautiful is funded by the cities of Bryan and College Station, as well as Brazos County businesses and individuals. The nonprofit organization is run almost entirely by volunteer workers.

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