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Freshman band members guard the drill field while the Fightin' Texas Aggie Band prepares for its first performance of the year-

Saturday's performance at the A&M-LSU game Saturday.

Photo by Jay Janner

**ODP scientists record geological events 30 million years old, happening today**

UNIVERSITY NEWS SERVICE

Scientists with the international Ocean Drilling Program have recorded the history of a geological event that began more than 30 million years ago and is still occurring today.

ODP researchers said from the program's Texas A&M University headquarters that they also drilled one of the deepest holes ever into basement rock and further documented a reversal of Earth's magnetic field that occurred more rapidly than previously thought.

The latest finds also included a large pocket of briny water that is the most altered seawater analyzed in the drilling program, said Texas A&M oceanographer Dr. Philip Rabinowitz, ODP director.

Scientists drilled into the Izu-Bonin volcanic islands of the Western Pacific to learn about their origin and evolution and the rifting processes

that are still occurring today.

The great arc-shaped island chains and adjacent trenches slashing the ocean floor in the Western Pacific owe their configuration to crustal plate movement.

When two oceanic plates converge, as they do in this region, one is forced or subducted beneath the other. Partial melting of the subducted plate initiates volcanic activity that eventually results in a chain of small volcanic islands called island arcs.

ODP's scientific team, using the 470-foot drill ship JOIDES Resolution, drilled into the island-arc system that lies south of the main island of Japan.

Samples collected reveal a history that began when part of the Pacific Ocean floor broke apart and was pushed under what is now the floor of the Philippine Sea. The collision created the Izu-Bonin volcanic island chain and its deep trench.

During the last 31 million years, the island chain stretched and pulled apart in several locations. The most recent activity began from 1.1 to 3.5 million years ago and still is active today.

The oldest material was recovered from a hole more than a mile deep. The basement rock - the oldest rock underlying the sedimentary layer - had erupted as volcanic lava as the arc was being pulled apart.

ODP researchers further studied the rocks and sediments to learn more about the history of Earth's magnetic field and their discovery earlier this year of a magnetic reversal of Earth's pole 700,000 years ago. The reversal, scientists said, occurred more rapidly than previously thought, switching over a span of thousands of years and possibly in as little as several hundred years.

**New department heads named in management, business analysis**

UNIVERSITY NEWS SERVICE

Dr. Don Hellriegel has been appointed head of Texas A&M University's Department of Management, and Dr. Frank P. Buffa is the new head of the Department of Business Analysis and Research, announced Dean of Business Administration A. Benton Cocanougher.

Hellriegel, the Jenna and Calvin R. Guest Professor of Business Administration and Professor of Management, joined the faculty in 1975. A long-time campus administrator, his previous appointments have included service as head of the Department of Management, 1977-80; interim executive vice chancellor for

academic programs for The Texas A&M University System, 1981-82; interim dean, College of Business Administration, 1986-87; and as the E.D. Brockett Professor of Business Administration, 1982-84.

Hellriegel's research interests include interorganizational relationships, corporate venturing,

organizational environments and managerial cognitive styles, and organizational innovation and strategy management.

The results of his research are published in numerous books and academic journals and he is co-author of two college-level textbooks "Organizational Behavior" and "Management."

Buffa, a member of the Texas A&M faculty since 1970, previously served as assistant and interim head of the Department of Business Analysis and Research and as associate director of the college's research information office.

He also has served as departmental masters student advisor and Ph.D. advisor, and as faculty advisor to Beta Gamma Sigma, the national professional business administration honor society. Buffa received Outstanding Service Awards from the college for 1979-80 and 1982-83.

**A&M scientists receive national recognition**

UNIVERSITY NEWS SERVICE

Two Texas A&M University scientists and scholars were in the national spotlight last month.

The World Ocean Circulation Experiment (WOCE), an unprecedented global study of the oceans that will involve hundreds of scientists in dozens of countries during the 1990s, was noted in articles in the Aug. 16 edition of the Chronicle of Higher Education and the Aug. 21 edition of U.S. News & World Report titled "Secrets of the Sea."

Texas A&M is headquarters for the U.S. Planning

Office for WOCE, which is directed by Dr. Worth Nowlin Jr., associate dean of geosciences at Texas A&M and holder of the rank of distinguished professor of oceanography.

Nowlin, who was pictured and quoted in the higher education publication's article, has been a member of the Texas A&M faculty since 1962.

In addition, a story accompanying the U.S. News cover story quotes A&M's Dr. George Bass about the significance of underwater archaeology in gathering historical data. The article is titled "Is a treasure hunter's gain history's loss?"

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