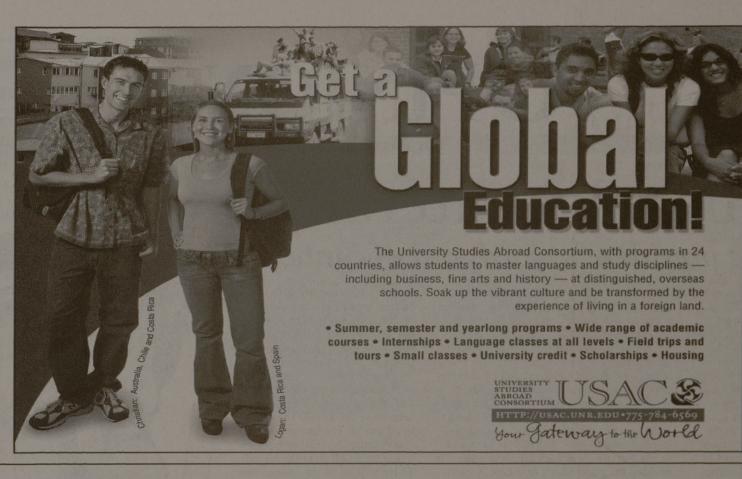
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Gov. Perry deploy task force in response to Ivan

Gov. Rick Perry has appr the deployment of Texas Task For 1, the state's elite urban sea and rescue team, in preparation Hurricane Ivan's landfall along Gulf Coast. Texas Task Force 1,0 of 28 teams in the national ur search and rescue system ur the Federal Emergency Mana ment Agency, will provide nee assistance with rescue and rec ery efforts in the hurricane's aft math. The Task Force is capable responding to mass-casualty di ters and is trained and equipped locate and rescue victims trapp by flooding, collapsed structu and confined spaces in highly p ulated areas. Task Force mem have been on alert the past seve weeks to provide assistance to tims of former Hurricanes Cha and Frances. The team is an with a more than a \$2 million st of-the-art equipment cache is designed to be logistically sufficient for the first 72 hours operation and able to function up to 10 days. Texas Task Force has responded to severe flooding several areas throughout Texas well as Tropical Storm Allison hit Houston in 2001. The T Engineering Extension Service member of The Texas A&M Un sity System, serves as a sponso agency for Texas Task Force 1.

Patrons contribute to engineering fellowship

National Academy of Engir ing member Dr. Stephen A. Ho itch and his wife Ann have pled \$125,000 to increase a petro engineering fellowship at I A&M University. Their gift more than triple the original lowship endowed in 1999.

"The Holditch family has sho an impressive example of trul 'giving back' to Texas A&M Sleve already provides exemplary leader ship as department head and this contribution further underscor his commitment to the excellen of petroleum engineering and the college as a whole," said Dr. Kemble Bennett, vice chancelle and dean of engineering.

The Steve and Ann Holditch F# lowship in Petroleum Engineeri will assist students with tuition living expenses — needs of partio lar interest to Holditch as he lea the Harold Vance Department Petroleum Engineering.

"In the next few decades, itw take substantially more new ter nology for the oil and gas indust to provide the energy supply world is demanding. To devel that technology, we need more and better graduate students and research initiatives. This fellowshi will allow Texas A&M Univers to attract the graduate stude we need to maintain excellence Holditch said.

Holditch earned three pe leum engineering degrees for Texas A&M: a bachelor's degr in '69, a master's in '70 and Ph.D. in '76. He was a product engineer for Shell Oil Co. before joining the Texas A&M petrole engineering faculty in 1976.

Rec center to hos "Aggie Nights"

Texas A&M students are in ed this Friday to "Aggie Night at the Recreation Center from p.m. to midnight.

The event features free 10 climbing from 8 to 10 p.m., fr class demonstrations such yoga, hip-hop, Pilates, belly da ing and more, plus free food at dancing. At 9 p.m. the "dive movie "JAWS" will be shown at outdoor pool.

"Aggie Nights" is typically heldery Friday in the Memorial Stude Center. This program is present by the Department of Recreation Sports, Hispanic Business Studen Association and the Memorial St dent Center. Persons with disab ties, please call (979) 845-1515 A&M and w address any special needs.

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