

this direction has recently been taken, with the establishment of a formal program between USC and the Universidad de Concepcion in Chile. This program provides the means whereby both faculty and graduate students from one University may spend periods of a few weeks to several months in residence at the other University. This program will greatly strengthen our existing ties with Latin America (through O.T.S. and other programs), and further enhance the Foundation's ability to pursue its scientific endeavours in the east Pacific.

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#### FOOTNOTES

1. Mysteriously, his Certificate of Baptism reads Allen (sic) Richard George Hancock (St. Joseph's Church, San Francisco).
2. By the mid-1920's the Rancho La Brea field was largely depleted. Peak production, in 1908, was 4.5 million barrels from 185 wells, 71 of which Allan Hancock drilled himself. The company is long defunct; the Hancock Oil Co. of today's petroleum industry is entirely unrelated.
3. The "Santa Maria Valley Railroad", long since extinct, connected with the Southern Pacific at the picturesque town of Guadalupe, which lies in the heart of one of California's major produce regions.
4. The Captain considered the Oaxaca to be his Victory ship, purchased just after he had bought a ranch near Mazatlan, Sinaloa, Mexico. She was one of the famous "mystery ships" constructed by the British Admiralty during the war; a cargo carrier and camouflaged submarine fighter of unusual power and speed. Rebuilt and air conditioned by Hancock, she served to transport products from his "Hacienda Barron" to the U.S. During the

off-season she served as a research vessel. It was on this ship that Hancock logged the hours necessary to earn his unlimited shipmaster's license. According to John Garth, Allan Hancock acquired the title "Captain" well before he had earned a master's license or obtained the Cricket, and it seems the appellation actually had its origin in the days of his youth when he spent hours exploring the La Brea tar pits in a small skiff!

5. Fred Ziesenhenné eventually did get on the Velero III, of course, and worked his way up from student collector to deck hand, until the ship joined the U.S. Navy in the war effort. The next year Fred joined also, serving until 1947, when he returned to his private scientific research as master of the Theodore N. Gill, a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service ship exploring the Philippine Islands. In 1949 he returned to the Hancock Foundation to become First Officer and Zoologist on the Velero IV, and in 1958 he took over as the ship's acting master.

6. Perhaps even more significant than the resultant Allan Hancock Foundation was the effect this expedition had on the musician John Garth, who shortly thereafter took up graduate studies in marine zoology and subsequently developed an inordinate fondness for crabs.

7. The Velero IV was presented to AHF by Allan Hancock in 1948. She is 110' long, has a cruising range of 10,000 miles, and is the present flagship of the USC fleet, which now consists of 2 oceano-graphic ships and 20 smaller craft.

8. An Oscar went to the film "The Faces of Lincoln", in which Gage sculpts the face from youth to death while narrating his life.

9. A room adjoining the auditorium, the "Green Room," now serves largely as a seminar facility. This room was specifically designed and constructed to house the Captain's model railroad set, and it was to here that he and President von KleinSmid would steal away to spend a few afternoon hours relaxing from the pressures of their respective positions.

10. Interestingly, Captian Hancock first played jazz trumpet, before switching to classical cello - a fact he did not advertise! Perhaps of greater interest, and even less well known, was Hancock's interests in the occult. These interests are best left undescribed, although his good fortune with the diving rod cannot be denied!

11. The evening concert was not always aboard ship. Frequently, the ensemble would play at concert halls in the cities where they might find themselves docked. One of the most memorable of these foreign

concerts, to John Garth, was performed in Quito, Ecuador, at 10,000', high in the Andes.

12. Special effort has been made to acquire the published reports of all the great marine (and many nonmarine) explorations. This outstanding collection has proven invaluable for systematic studies. The AHF library is presently under the direction of Miss Mary Ellen Pippin.

13. John Soule was the Captain's last graduate student supported by a personal fellowship.

14. The SCMSC, which sits on a 225 acre site at the NW end of the island, was constructed in 1967 by the Allan Hancock Foundation, with the assistance of 1/2 million dollars from the National Science Foundation. Classes are taught on a year-round basis, and numerous ongoing research projects, by both faculty, grad students and visiting faculty are centered at the unpolluted island site. USC was recently given controlling stock interest in the island by the Wrigley family.

15. USC is also a charter member of the Organization for Tropical Studies (OTS), and each summer sends several graduate students to Costa Rica for field training.

16. Abbreviations as per Index Herbariorum.

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