# Want to make armor-fight in it?

By SCOTT HARING

Have you ever wanted to know how to make chain mail armor? The ance to learn is this weekend.

Medieval military tactics and calligraphy are courses being offered

The local chapter of the Society for Creative Anachronisms (SCA) is olding a "King's College" Saturday and Sunday in Rudder Tower on

## A&M official raps column on Corps

the problem through a letter written

to the columnist. He said the letter

also might have been sent to senators and other congressmen.

He said he did not know who wrote

the letter, but had learned the au-

The general said he first heard about the letter last November.

Zentgraf said some of her friends

and family had written letters to dif-

ferent organizations after she told

them about her experiences at Texas

A&M. The cadet said as far as she

knew the letters had not been writ-

ten until late December or early

thor was not Zentgraf.

By DIANE BLAKE

A top University official has ques-ned the accuracy and fairness of a ent report by nationally syndited columnist Jack Anderson.

"It was not an accurate portrayal the problem here at Texas A&M, id General Ormond R. Simpson, sistant vice president for student

"First of all, I've never heard anyng about armadillos. I don't conler the statements about dead mals as being facts. I don't know em to be true

The article stated that dead anials such as armadillos had been rown into the female cadets' dor-

Simpson also questioned Ander-m's statements about sex discrimiion at Texas A&M University.

'It was not a fair explanation of problem we have here. We have blems, we know we have them d we are working on them. But I on't think they're discrimination

"I don't think we have a discrimiion problem at A&M, but a re-tment problem," he said. "There vocal minority here that resents presence of any girls in the rps. Responsible Corps staff ers do not have this resent-

impson said that while "we do have discrimination here, some the actual acts themselves may be strued as discrimination.

Simpson said an example of an act t may be construed as discrimibry was an incident described by underson concerning the barring of female cadet, Melanie Zentgraf, from the Color Guard. "If she was actually correct about the incident, was probably pretty blatant dis-

Wednesday night Zentgraf said was one of four cadets who tried for Color Guard, which is reponsible for carrying the flags at all corps functions, when she was a nan. There are four positions

The cadet said she tried out and made it four times her freshman year, but after the fourth time she was told that no woman could be in e group. The position was filled by

Simpson said that to his knowlege neither Anderson nor any of his lides visited Texas A&M Univeraid one of Anderson's assistants alled Col. Kenneth Durham in nid-February, but did not talk with my other University officials. Simpson said Anderson learned of

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the Texas A&M University campus. The college, held once a year in different locations, will draw people from throughout Texas and

Lord Otto the Merciless, known to everyone outside the society as Gary Butler, is in charge of the college. He expects 75 to 100 SCA members from other chapters to attend.

The local chapter, made up almost totally of Texas A&M students, is called the Shire of the Shadowlands. The Shire is part of the principality of Ansteorra (Texas and Oklahoma), which is in turn part of the kingdom of Atenveldt (the Rocky Mountain states and the Southwest

The classes will last from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. The registration fee is \$2

The courses will be taught mostly by members of the society, but the local chapter has arranged for A&M professors to teach a couple of

There will be classes in weaving, leather-working, and spinning yarn by hand. Calligraphy (ornamental letter-writing) will also be taught along with the popular armor and tactics classes.

Otto said fighting is what attracts most people to the SCA originally. The combatants are required to wear steel helmets for safety, and their "weapons" are padded rattan wrapped with electrical tape that are the same basic shapes as swords, maces and axes. It still hurts when you get hit, Otto said, but serious injuries are extremely rare.

There will be a fighter practice and mass melee (20 people to a side) Sunday morning from 8 to 11 a.m. at Hensel Park. The society is getting ready right now for a war with the Middle Kingdom (the Midwest United States) to be held in Oklahoma in a couple of weeks. The high point of the weekend, Otto said, will be the feast and revel Saturday night. Everyone is invited, but reservations are neces-

sary and the cost is \$4. At the revel, the Prince of Ansteorra, Sir Simon of Amber, will hold court. Ansteorra is "Egyptian or something" for Lone Star, Otto said. There will be dancing and traditional music, along with poetry and a story-telling competition.

The SCA has a cubicle in the Student Programs Office (845-1515), or Lord Otto can be contacted at 822-5785.

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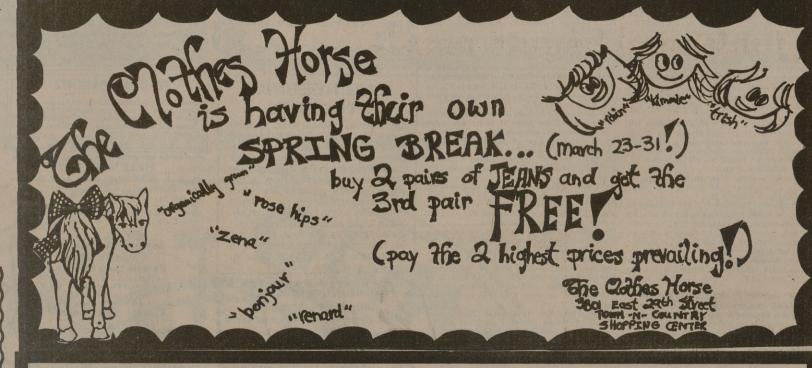
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