

Almanac

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Today is Wednesday, Feb. 27, the 58th day of 1980 with 308 to follow.  
The moon is moving toward its full phase.  
The morning star is Saturn.  
The evening stars are Mercury, Venus, Mars and Jupiter.  
Those born on this day are under the sign of Pisces.  
American poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow was born on Feb. 27, 1807.  
On this date in history:  
In 1939, so-called "sit-down" strikes were outlawed by the United States Supreme Court.  
In 1963, Mickey Mantle of the New York Yankees signed a contract for \$100,000, highest in baseball at that time.  
In 1975, the House of Representatives passed a \$21.3 billion anti-recession tax cut bill, including repeal of the oil depletion allowance.  
A thought for the day: British philosopher, economist and political theorist John Locke said, "Wherever law ends, tyranny begins."

Local

# Computer programs adventure

By RICK STOLLE  
Campus Reporter

A demon appears to be closing in on the small, TV-like screen. You brace yourself. Rowr, the demon attacks with his fangs. You slash deeply the demon's body, yet the demon attacks again. Arrghhh! You lie, but you have died a warrior's death.

Putting another program into the computer, you begin to play Star Wars. Another adventure has begun.

The Micro-computer Club has 20 such games for its members' use. The games range from micro-chess and poker to Star Trek and Micro-Warriors, a computer version of Dungeons and Dragons that took eight months to develop.

The club's two computers are self-contained and can be run by any club member. The Colossus computer system is built from spare parts donated to the club by various companies.

The other computer, the Pet 2001, is less complicated and easier to use, said Stan Shebs, a vice president of the club. He said the two computers cost more than \$2,500.

He said more than half of the club members own their own computers. Members have to pay \$5 per semester to join the club. Shebs said a reason many members are in the club is to keep up with current trends in computer technology. The club receives magazines and releases from computer companies.

"It is a good release of all your

frustrations," Shebs said.

The win the games, the player has to outsmart the computer and have a bit of luck. The game lists the attributes and weapons of the player and then lists the opponent. It is then up to the player to out-think and out-manuever the computer.

"I like to play because it takes the pressure of school off of me," said Gordon Walton.

Walton developed Micro-Warriors in his spare time.

"I had to decide the basic rules and spells of the game," he said. "But most of the time was spent experimenting with it to see if it would work."

He sold the rights to Micro-Warriors and two other games to a computer-game company in the

Northeast. He makes about \$100 a month, he said, from the royalties.

He said that developing the programs also keeps his programming abilities sharp.

He does not have the time to produce more programs now, he said,

but he does have some ideas for the future.

The club has about 50 members and meets bimonthly in 203 Zachry. Club officers and computers are in 216 MSC.

# Saturday deadline for arts festival entries

By KATHLEEN HARTNEY  
City Staff

Anyone wishing to enter original artwork or craftwork in the Second Annual Spring Arts Festival must have an application in by Saturday.

The festival, sponsored by the College Station Parks and Recreation Department, will include art sales and demonstrations, live entertainment, food and refreshments.

Recreation Superintendent Marie Rodgers said the art show is unique to any other show in the area because it is a juried show.

In a juried art show a panel of judges, expert in the field of arts and crafts, judges all work submitted.

This year, she said, there are three judges from the College Station area, who have had extensive training in art, judging all entries.

All the judges said their first consideration is the quality of the work, followed by ingenuity and skilled work with forms and designs.

Ingar Garrison, one of the judges, said she is looking for overall appropriateness of design to the medium, among the other qualifications.

Garrison said she has been involved in art most of her life, studied ceramics with teachers in various parts of the country and has been working with pottery since 1962.

She is on the board of the Arts Council of Brazos Valley, a member of the American Crafts Council and a delegate for the World Craft Council, which will meet in Vienna this July.

Tina Watkins, one of the other judges and director of the Arts Council of Brazos Valley, said College Station has needed a good quality art show for a long time.

She said there are many good artists and craftsmen living in this area who have been overlooked for too long.

Rodgers said the show first started last year when Rebecca Hirsch, a potter of 12 years, suggested the idea.

Hirsch said she had been involved with juried shows in other areas, and it gave the public a good cause to see work that is unique.

In comparing the festival with the other big festivals, like the Renaissance Festival, she said it always takes a few years for it to catch on and build up to the way it was originally planned.

"The thing that distinguishes this art show from any other," she said, "is it is not artsy-craftsy stuff, and I don't mean that in a snobby way."

Rodger said anyone sending an application must include five color

slides of their work and \$5 for a non-refundable screening fee. He also must be able to provide everything necessary for display and sale of his work if accepted.

She said the decision on who will be accepted will be made the week of March 10.

Each exhibitor will also be asked to donate a piece of his work to be sold at an auction the day of the festival. The proceeds will go to the Parks and Recreation Department.

Any vendors or entertainers wishing to participate may contact the department to arrange details by March 25.

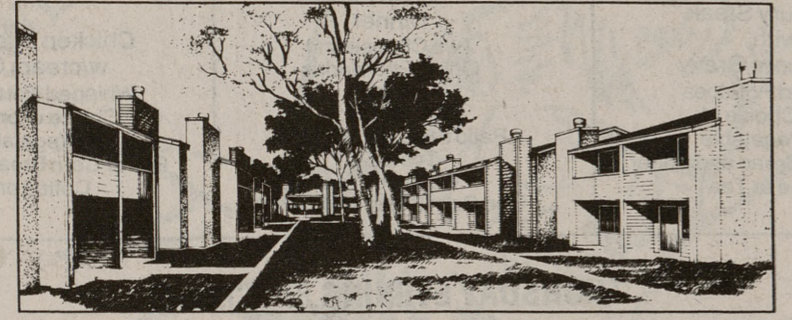
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