

College Station sets property tax deadline

Monday is the rendition deadline for College Station property owners. Tax Assessor-Collector Glenn Schroeder said residents should render their property and apply for exemptions or productivity values for which they may qualify before that date.

Schroeder said that while cities may not offer a general homestead exemption, College Station does offer locally adopted exemptions for people age 65 or older.

Disabled veterans are also eligible for exemption, he said.

Owners of agricultural land have the option of having such property taxed at its productive value rather than at market value.

A new 12-page pamphlet is available to help local residents save on their property taxes. Schroeder said the pamphlet explains how the Texas property tax system operates, and highlights possible tax savings available.

The publication was developed by the State Property Tax Board in accordance with Senate Bill 621, passed by the Texas Legislature in 1979.

Information in the pamphlet is applicable to property taxes collected by all levels of local government, including counties, cities and school districts.

The city tax office is located at 1101 Texas Ave. in College Station and is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

AggieCon XI being held through Sunday

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Campus Reporter

AggieCon XI, the largest annual science fiction convention in the Southwest, began Wednesday. The convention features talks and interviews with two internationally known writers and an artist. Also, there will be more than 60 hours of films shown, a masquerade and an auction.

The convention's guest of honor is Paul Anderson, past president of the

Science Fiction Writers of America and author of 72 science fiction books. He will speak at 1 p.m. Saturday in 201 Memorial Student Center.

Speaking at the Saturday evening banquet will be Jack Williamson, current president of the Science Fiction Writers of America.

Science fiction illustrator Frank Kelly Freas will be the convention's artist guest of honor. Freas has been called "the most popular illustrator in science fiction history."

A special exhibit of his original

artwork will be on display in the MSC Art Gallery during the convention.

A new item at this year's convention will be a writers' workshop, where 15 hopeful authors will have three guest authors critique their manuscripts in one-on-one sessions.

Tickets for admission to the convention are available from the Rudder Box Office. Additional information on tickets and scheduling is available from MSC Cepheid Variable at 845-1515.

Economist honored

Dr. Larry Wolken, a Texas A&M University economist, has been named the recipient of the World Research, Inc. Economic Educator Award for 1979.

Wolken was selected for "outstanding creative efforts in introducing students to the principles of the free enterprise system," says Ted Loeffler, president of WRI and signatory of the award.

Wolken is involved with the Center for Education and Research in Free Enterprise. The center prepares high school teachers to teach free enterprise economics in their classrooms. Wolken presented many of his ideas for innovative classroom programs at WRI's recent symposium on "Creative Concepts in Education."

WRI is a non-profit organization based in San Diego, Calif. Its work includes the creation and distribution of programs of economic education for students on the college and secondary levels, and in employee education programs. The organization produced the educational films, "The Incredible Bread Machine" and "The Inflation File."

Fellows program applications open

Applications for the 1980-81 Texas A&M University Undergraduate Fellows Program must be submitted no later than April 30 to Dr. Mel Friedman, program coordinator.

The program enables qualified seniors to pursue independent research for classroom credit under direction of a faculty adviser. It also allows students to communicate research topics to a community of scholars composed of other Fellows from different disciplines across the campus.

Students eligible for the program, a part of the University Honors Program, are juniors with a grade point ratio of 3.5 or better and who will be seniors next year both semesters.

Each student must seek a faculty sponsor for the research and submit a detailed research proposal, along with approval signatures of the faculty adviser, department head and academic dean before April 30.

Participants in the Fellows program must also register for a 485H course each semester.

Further information on the program is available from Friedman in 120D Halbouty or by calling 845-3251.

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