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# Pac-Man, Defender help pay expenses at some universities

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to enterta quarters and boosting student ould your ctivity income at universities offer then nationwide in the process.

ay leadership conference on

The conference is hosted by

exas A&M's Department of

ducational Administration and

nstructional management.

According to a recent United cent — or about \$40,000 a year Press International story, va-rious campuses report that money from video games helps cut increased costs caused by inflation in student room and

A&M conference draws

Hobby. They will speak to the

Friday's speakers include

er of education with the Texas

Education Agency and Dr. John

R. Hoyle, Texas A&M professor

Raymond Bynum, commission- tion for instructional leadership

topic.

public school officials

board fees. At the University of Miami, for example, the school's game-room income went up by 25 per-

because of video games. And at Boston University, the

story said, long lines are com-mon at the machines in the student union. And Pac-Man is reportedly popular in the rec room at the Air Force Academy.

A full day of discussions in

workshop sessions begin Thurs-

day morning and include: local

school districts' responsibilities

under the new federal funding

act, elementary and secondary

curriculum changes, prepara-

and education certification poli-

cies for school personnel. Two sessions will be held on each

Video games are nothing new at Texas A&M University and so

far have not been responsible have helped to keep the board for great increases in revenue, but a few campus officials say "Out of all the other (Texas) but a few campus officials say

them for a number of years," said Don Powell, director of business services

Sanders Letbetter, business manager for the University Center, said video games have been on campus for about six to eight years. He said one of the first video games on campus was the

now primitive Pong. Now, Pac-Man and the newest game to the MSC game room, Dig Dug, are popular among students.

The game room still features pinball machines, but Letbetter said the video games are the most popular. The MSC basement has a total of 20 video games.

Video machines also are located in the Commons and in the Underground Railroad, in the basement of Sbisa dining hall

Fred Dollar, director of food services, said the revenue from those games along with University cost-cutting efforts probably

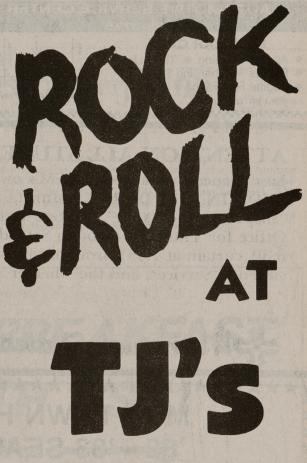
they've still helped. "It's old hat here, we've had cheapest board rate," Dollar said

> Revenue from the MSC game room has increased since the installation of the video games, Letbetter said, but he did not know how much of that increase was due solely to video games.

> "By having the revenue it helps offset inflation costs," Letbetter said.

The costs of maintaining and cleaning buildings, the theaters, utilities, student use of meeting rooms, and other parts of the center all come under the expenses for the student services center. A small portion of operating funds come from the student center complex fees charged to students, which, Powell said, have not been raised since 1973.

F.W. Hensel, manager of the University Center, said, "It all goes into that same financial strength to help do things on campus



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Public school administrators from throughout the state arrive at Texas A&M today for a three-

arengthening educational per-brmances through improved MSC.

the Texas Association of School Administrators. Speakers in-cude John R. Champlin, super-of education administration.

United Press International Today is Wednesday, June 16, te 167th day of 1982 with 198 follow.

The moon is moving toward Tereshkova. new phase. The morning stars are Mer-

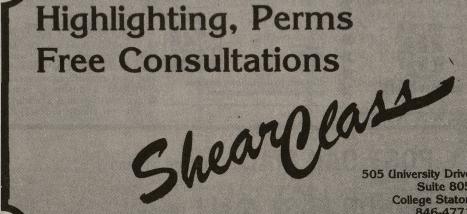
rv and Venus.

upiter and Saturn. Those born on this date are nder the sign of Gemini. American soprano Helen Fraubel was born June 16, 1903. Nobles of the Mystic Shrine them.

was organized in New York City by Dr. Walter Fleming. In 1963, Russia put the first woman into space — Valentina In 1973, Soviet Communist

leader Leonid Brezhnev arrived in the United States for a meet-The evening stars are Mars, ing with President Nixon.

A thought for the day: British poet Sydney Smith said, "Marriage resembles a pair of shears, so joined they cannot be separated, often moving in opposite On this date in history: directions, yet always punishing In 1871, the Ancient Order anyone who comes between



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## Suspect in slaying, kidnapping sought

United Press International KERMIT — A oilfield super-KERM11 — A officield super-visor, 28, is being sought in the kidnapping and slaying of a mother and her 8-year-old daughter and the abduction of woman and her two daughters nother daughter, officials said *Tuesdav* 

Michael Eugene Sharp of dessa, a tool pusher, is accused in the arrest warrant of aggravated kidnapping and capital nurder

drawn from the surviving girl's recollections, brought in tips

shortly after midnight Friday at a Kermit car wash. The 14-yearold daughter, Selena Kay Élms, eluded her attacker, fleeing naked across the desert.

The man drove the two der. bodies in his pickup to a burial Winkler County Sheriff site in Winkler County. The W.H. Bill Sage said an all-points slayings took place a half-mile bulletin has been released for east of the Winkler County line

Sharp. He fled Odessa Monday southeast of Kermit. afternoon before officers arived to serve the warrant, inforation on the warrant said. A police sketch of the suspect, Elms.

in Ector County, about 28 miles Killed were Brenda Kay Broadway, 30, of Kermit and her daughter, Christie Mechelle



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