

'WILD' plans for students

by P.J. Fowler

Battalion Reporter
The Texas A&M Student Programs Office has initiated the Wilderness Institute for Leadership Development (WILD) for students interested in being certified for leadership in outdoor activities.

John Dedwylder, director of the program, said WILD is meant to enable its members to teach others to enjoy the outdoors safely.

WILD is part of the Wilderness Education Institution, a national outdoor program. It is one of the few organizations that offers the Outdoor Leadership Certificate, which can provide higher recommendations for job opportunities.

The program will encompass all parts of outdoor education and recreation. Curriculum will include such topics as clothing, travel techniques, equipment and first aid.

Participants in the program will be taught rock climbing, rappelling, and river running and will practice the activities on monthly field trips.

Dedwylder said the program is being developed to provide consistent, skilled leaders for University-sponsored student outdoor recreational trips.

Dedwylder said the program is designed to:

— Teach others how to use and enjoy the wilderness with minimum impact

— Safely lead others in the wild

— Exercise good judgment in a variety of outdoor environments and conditions

— Demonstrate the basic knowledge and leadership skills obtained through diverse outdoor experiences.

Rena Koessler, who has taught various outdoor training programs since 1977, came from Wyoming to teach wilderness education at A&M.

WILD is scheduled to meet twice a month for the entire year. Those chosen for the program will be given a chance to qualify for certification in a three or four week summer field experience.

Applications can be picked up at the meeting or in the Student Programs Office, 216 MSC. Deadline for applications is October 6.

Small businesses are computers' target

by Janet Joyce

Battalion Reporter
One of the fastest growing businesses in the world today is the microcomputer industry — and one of the industry's main targets is the small business.

"Our goal is to sell a microcomputer to every small business in Bryan-College Station," said Ken Bertelson, acting manager of the Radio Shack Computer Center.

Twenty years ago that goal would have been impossible. Computers required hardware housed in warehouse-sized facilities. Even if a business had such a facility available, computer cost was prohibitive and skilled computer programmers were hard to find.

Today, microcomputers with greater capabilities than their predecessors weigh about 30 pounds and are the size of a

small television receiver attached to a keyboard.

In addition to the reduction in size of computers, a drastic reduction in price has made computers easily within the reach of most small businesses. A small business can purchase a complete, first-class computer hardware (the physical pieces of machinery) system for \$10,000, Bertelson said.

And software (prepackaged computer programs) for microcomputers is now available. Programs available include accounting, inventory and word processing. The price of software ranges from \$30 to \$500, with the average program in the \$100 to \$300 price range, Bertelson said.

To make the acquisition of microcomputers easier, some stores are offering their own financing and most area banks

also will issue loans for microcomputers.

Dr. John Hoyle, a professor of educational administration at Texas A&M University who teaches a graduate course in futurism, predicts that voice-sensitive computers will be readily available within eight years. They will be easier to operate than current models and therefore more popular for home use, he said.

"Microcomputers are more common in businesses (than in homes) now, because that's where the money is," Hoyle said. "It's a matter of survival; businesses must be able to manage their inventories."

Computers are a necessity for business, but schools and communities are not computerized enough yet to require a computer in every home, Hoyle said.

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Foreign policy expert to speak

by Robert McGlohon

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General Vernon Walters, senior advisor to Secretary of State George Schultz, will speak at 8 tonight on "The State of American Foreign Policy" in Rudder Auditorium.

Walters has been a top figure in U.S. foreign policy since World War II and serves as ambassador-at-large.

Walters speaks eight languages, has served as an interpreter for Harry Truman and Dwight Eisenhower, and has been the deputy director and acting director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

He is the author of three books — "Silent Missions," "Sunset at Saigon," and "The Mighty and the Meek."

Since his retirement in 1976, Walters has spoken widely on intelligence and international affairs.

"It's incredible we're having him (Walters) here to speak because he's one of the most im-

portant figures in government today," Great Issues Committee Chairman David Franz Jr., said.

"Walters will look at what's going on in the world right now and how it relates to the United States and U.S. foreign policy," Franz said.

Walters' topics will include: events in the Middle East, the Arab-Israeli conflict, America's involvement in El Salvador and the manner in which the Reagan Administration views the role the United States should play in world politics, Franz said.

Walters previously was scheduled to speak on April 26. He was forced to cancel due to his involvement in the negotiations between Britain and Argentina when the two nations went to war over the Falkland Islands.

Franz said he is sure everything has been confirmed and that this program will not be cancelled.

Admission to the program is free.

Now you know

United Press International
Actors in 3-D movies seem to jump off the screen but it's just an illusion that mimics the body's own imaging process.

Science Digest magazine reports that early 3-D filmmakers shot a scene with two cameras simultaneously positioning them to duplicate the angle at which the eye would see the scene. The resulting films were then tinted — one red and the other blue-green — and shown on a single screen via two projectors.

Since the two images overlapped, they appeared to the naked

eye to be out of register. But if the viewer wore special glasses, with one red and one blue-green lens to match the film's tint, each image entered a different eye. When these discrete perspectives reached the brain, they registered in three dimensions.

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