

# Author explains sci-fi, fantasy

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Humanoids that ride camel-sized cats, a glassy, blue stone that holds power for good and evil, battles fought with the mind—these ideas fill the mind and works of Vicki Ann Heydron.

Heydron, the science fiction author and enthusiast who was the speaker Tuesday night at MSC Cepheid Variable's "itty bitty con iii," read an excerpt from her forthcoming book to illustrate the difference between science fiction and fantasy.

The book, "The Bronze of Eddarta," is the third in a series of nine books. The heroes in the story are three humanoids who search for a sacred blue stone which they want to use for the good of their people. They have the power of the mind gift, which is the ability to create illusions. An evil ruler with the same mind gift has control over the stone, and therein lies the conflict.

The excerpt was vivid and full of mental pictures. As Heydron read each line, the triumphs and tragedies seemed believable.

"Science fiction attempts to explain what is going on in the story," Heydron said, "whereas fantasy just hands it to you."

The amount of explanation given for what goes on in a story is what determines if it is fantasy or science fiction, she said.

Heydron said that science fiction authors must create their alien settings from our culture so that readers will be able to comprehend them. She said the parallels between the worlds must be consistent, so that the reader will be able to keep up

with the story.

Heydron said she has always been a fan of science fiction and began her writing career with her husband. However, her husband was stricken with an illness that caused him to lose his memory, she said, which forced her to continue the series alone.

"I have always enjoyed reading sci-fi and I hope that my books can bring some of that enjoyment to others," Heydron said. She also said she would like to try writing a screenplay for one of her books. The first two

books in the series, "The Steel of Raithskar" and "The Glass of Dyskornis" have already been published, with the third one due to come out next April, she said.

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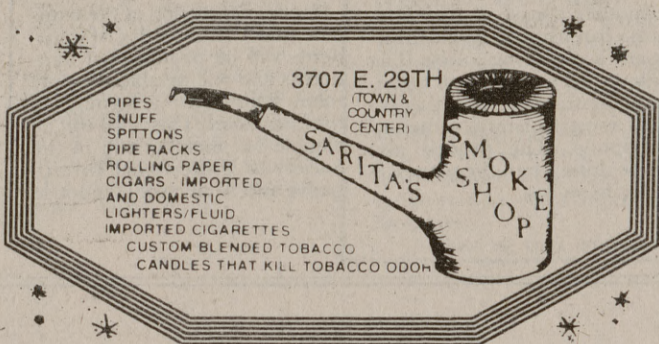


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This statue of Robert Kleberg Jr. is in front of the Kleberg Animal and Food Sciences Center on the west campus. The statue, which will be dedicated on Thursday, is a tribute to Kleberg in recognition of his accomplishments in agricultural and his contributions to Texas A&M.

## Effigy honors Kleberg's feats

by Shellee Bratton  
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In addition to the Kleberg Animal and Food Science Center, Robert J. Kleberg Jr. has another monument in his honor at Texas A&M University—a three-quarter life-size statue.

The granite-base statue is at the south entrance of the Kleberg building. The surrounding area is covered with Texas and south Texas plants including mesquite trees, prickly pear cactus and huisache brush.

The bronze statue, which depicts Kleberg riding his favorite quarter horse gelding, will be dedicated at 11 a.m. Thursday during a ceremony outside the Kleberg center. The dedication coincides with the quarterly meeting of the South Texas Cattlemen's Raisers Association. Kleberg was a member of the association. The ceremony, which is open to the public, will be attended by Helen Groves, Kleberg's daughter,

some of her children and King Ranch stockholders.

Kleberg was president and general manager of the famous King Ranch for more than 50 years. He is the primary person responsible for the development of the santa gertrudis breed of beef cattle.

"Bob Kleberg personally selected 'Monkey,' the foundation sire of the breed," said O.D. Butler, associate deputy chancellor for agriculture. "It was the tradition at the King Ranch for the management to select the livestock."

Besides being a top cattleman, Kleberg was a horse breeder, a conservationist, a business man and a Texas A&M benefactor.

Since 1964, over \$990,000 has been contributed to the University or the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station via the Robert J. Kleberg Jr. and Helen C. Kleberg Foundation.

## Today's Almanac

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Today is Wednesday, Nov. 10,  
the 314th day of 1982 with 51 to  
follow.

The moon is moving toward  
a new phase.

The morning stars are Mercury  
and Saturn.

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and Mars.

Those born on this date are  
under the sign of Scorpio.

Martin Luther, founder of  
Protestantism, was born Nov.  
10, 1483.

On this date in history:

In 1871, journalist Henry  
Stanley found missing Scottish  
missionary David Livingstone in  
a small African village and  
asked: "Dr. Livingstone, I pre-  
sume?"

In 1917, 41 women from 15  
states were arrested outside the  
White House for suffragette de-

monstrations. American women  
won the right to vote three years  
later.

In 1975, despite strong U.S.  
opposition, the United Nations'  
General Assembly adopted an  
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ing Zionism in the Middle East  
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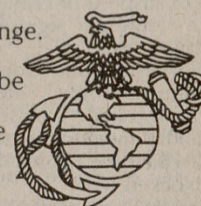
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