

Research papers shoot to win

Contest promotes gun collection

by Christine Mallon
Battalion Reporter

A research paper competition will be held this semester to recognize the Sanders-Metzger gun collection in the Memorial Student Center.

Students who submit the best papers on the role of firearms in the development of the United States will compete for the Sam H. Sanders Award.

Jim Earle, head of the gun collection and an engineering design graphics professor, said the theme of this first annual contest will be "The Role of Firearms in the Winning of the West." Papers can feature the guns of soldiers, hunters, cattlemen, settlers, lawmen or Indians.

Since entrants must be students at Texas A&M, Earle said, the contest will be a great opportunity to integrate academics into a learning process.

He said papers should contain research and a study of the history surrounding the use of firearms from 1865 to 1900.

The prize awards are \$200 for first place, \$125 for second place and \$75 for third place.

Although cash awards will be given only to the best three papers, Earle said, several entries

will be sent to magazines for possible publication.

Dr. Sam Houston Sanders, Class of '22 and one of the principal donors to the gun collection, has donated the prize money for the competition.

Earle said the collection, which is on the third floor of the

Memorial Student Center, probably is one of the top five of its kind in the world.

When Dallas gun collector Carl Metzger died in 1949, he left his collection which at that time was valued at about \$160,000. Under the terms of Metzger's will, the guns — now

valued at more than \$3 million — were given to the University.

"Students interested in writing an essay for the contest should keep in mind the theme of the paper," Earle said. "The most important thing is to remember the romance of the old west, and the role guns played

back then."

The papers should be typed, double-spaced and should not be more than 12 pages in length, he said. The inclusion of pictures and illustrations is encouraged.

Papers should be turned in by April 8 to 136 MSC.

Local

Women's Week event planned

by Connie Edelman
Battalion Staff

A luncheon program, "Perspectives on American Women," will be held here Tuesday to observe National Women's History Week, which begins today. A Congressional resolution passed August 4, 1981, established the week to recognize and celebrate women's contributions to American life.

The program is open to students, faculty, staff and community members and will begin 12:15 p.m. in 230 and 231 Memorial Student Center.

The program will feature addresses by Dr. Sara Alpern, assistant professor of history at Texas A&M and Dr. Lynn Mar-Haskin, assistant professor of journalism at Pennsylvania State University (Delaware County campus).

Alpern will begin the program with an address entitled "Where We've Been."

Alpern said she plans to concentrate on earlier parts of history. The contents of her speech will range from women in the American Revolution to challenges for women in the 1980s. "I'm going to tell where women have been in a 15-minute speech," Alpern said.

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United Press International TOKYO — The 30-film Japanese "Torasan" motion picture series was officially recognized as the longest film series ever produced, a spokesman for the Guinness Book of Records said today.

The series, which stars Japanese actor Kiyoshi Atsumi, began as a single feature film in 1969. Twenty-nine sequels have since been produced.

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