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Is Anybody Home?

Jon Crain, a senior building construction major from Odessa, examines one of the model homes constructed by 103 students in

environmental design. The models are being displayed on the bottom floor of the Langford Architecture Center.

A&M to offer savings on microcomputers

By MICHAEL CRAWFORD
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Texas A&M will join the ranks of schools such as Boston College, Harvard and the University of Texas when it begins selling microcomputers to students, faculty and staff.

The new program will provide computer hardware and some software at discounts ranging from 25 percent to 44 percent.

The University will operate the program on a non-profit basis by buying the computers, in bulk quantities, at a discount and passing the savings on to the buyer.

Six national computer companies and three local vendors have been chosen to participate.

"A student who graduates from college without some knowledge of microcomputers is at a definite disadvantage," says William Wasson,

vice chancellor and system controller.

"We're seeing the advent of these computers in the work place and in education, and they are multiplying."

Wasson is in charge of the new program which officially begins with the microcomputer fair next week.

Computers for sale through the new program will be displayed by the manufacturer during the fair, to be held in the Pavilion.

Representatives from Apple, AT&T, Hewlett-Packard, IBM and Zenith will demonstrate their products and take orders. Students may purchase only one computer and may order products from only one vendor.

The fair will be open Monday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday from 8 a.m. until

5 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Software selection in the program will be limited because of an agreement reached between the University and local vendors.

According to Wasson, the University decided not to sell the software because local vendors would not be able to match the University's discounts and would lose business. Those vendors, however, will take part in the fair by providing sales and support for their products.

Rumours is being looked at as a possible site for a permanent micro-computer acquisition center where the computers would be on display. The site is being considered for its proximity to the bookstore where orders for the computers would be taken. However the proposal has been tabled pending an investigation to see how the space could best be put to student use.

Poll says Texans favor defense policy

Associated Press

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — Texans enthusiastically support President Ronald Reagan's program of upgrading the national defense, including the development and deployment of the MX missile, according to a statewide poll by a Massachusetts study group.

The survey, released Tuesday by Cambridge Reports Inc. of Cambridge, Mass., showed that a full 79 percent of the Texans polled support Reagan's program of increasing

land, sea and air weaponry.

Texans support the MX missile program by a margin of 66 percent to 27 percent, according to the poll.

In addition, a full 76 percent of those polled support Reagan's argument that the MX system must continue to be developed in order for the U.S. to be in a strong position during arms reduction talks that start soon with the Soviet Union. Twenty percent disagree with the position and 4 percent had no opinion.

The opinion of Texans was much more strongly in favor of Reagan's military policy than the nation as a whole, according to the Cambridge poll.

Nationally, only 65 percent favored the general upgrading of U.S. defenses, compared to 79 percent support from Texans. Twenty-eight percent of those on the national poll opposed the Regan defense program.

For the MX, only 63 percent of the nation poll favored devel-

opment, compared to 66 percent support in Texas.

Using the MX to strengthen the U.S. position in arms talks with the Soviet Union was favored by 60 percent of those in the national poll, compared to 76 percent on the Texas poll.

The Texas poll was based on 400 respondents selected to give a cross-section of the state's adult population.

Shultz, negotiators push for funding of nuclear missile

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State George Shultz and the U.S. negotiating team in the Geneva nuclear arms talks said Tuesday the American bargaining position will be seriously weakened if Congress refuses to finance the MX missile.

"This is no time to cast doubt on our national resolve," Shultz told the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Shultz testified before the panel at the same time that President Reagan's chief arms control advisers and negotiators for the U.S.-Soviet talks were appearing before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Congress will decide whether to continue funding for the highly accurate 10 nuclear warhead intercontinental missile this spring, and an extremely close vote is forecast in the House and Senate.

Ambassador Max Kampelman, who will lead the three negotiators when the negotiations begin March 12, said, "It would be damaging to our negotiating position were the Congress not to fund the MX."

"As a negotiator, I would like to have as much on my side of the table as is practicable, responsible and reasonable to have," Kampelman said.

Similarly, Paul Nitze, the president's senior arms control adviser, said he believes Soviet awareness that the United States is going ahead

with construction and installation of the MX in hardened silos was one of the principal reasons why Moscow agreed to resume arms control negotiations after breaking them off more than a year ago.

Along with Reagan's "Star Wars" space defense plan and the unity among the United States and European nations on nuclear policy, Nitze said the MX "was another factor that brought them back."

And at the White House, spokesman Larry Speakes said, "The president strongly believes the pace and quality of negotiations in Geneva are related to the outcome of the vote (on the MX) in Congress."

Following a meeting with Reagan and Republican congressional leaders, Senate Majority Leader Robert Dole, R-Kan., noted that a congressional delegation will accompany the negotiators for the opening of the Geneva talks.

"I would hope we'd come back then and let the negotiators decide what to offer on the table and not take it off in the Congress," said Dole, predicting eventual approval for the MX.

Generally, Nitze, Kampelman, and the two other negotiators, former Texas Sen. John Tower and career diplomat Maynard Glitman, expressed guarded optimism that the arms talks will be successful, but said they will likely take a long time.

Logos

Local merchants appeal to Texas Supreme Court

By ANN CERVENKA
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Local bookstore merchants wishing to regain control of Texas A&M service marks applied this past week to the Texas Supreme Court to review the decision made by the Court of Appeals.

The merchants say the December 1984 decision by the Texas Court of Appeals, which gave A&M the power to control its service marks, should be reversed.

In May and June, 1981, Texas A&M applied for and was granted certificates of registration by the Secretary of State for the following service marks: Texas Aggies, ATM, TAMU, the seal of Texas A&M, Gig 'Em Aggies, the ring crest and Old Sarge. Registration gives the Univer-

sity authority to license the manufacturers and exact royalties for the use of the marks, Associate Justice Vic Hall says.

However, in March 1983, the trial courts cancelled the registration numbers, except those for the University seal and the ring crest. The action was based on the trial court's findings that Texas A&M is not the owner of the marks because it has not used them.

Trademark law states that the service marks can be taken away only if the merchants can show that the University does not use them, Genevieve Stubbs, Texas A&M senior staff attorney, says. However, the marks have been in use since as early as 1920, she says.

The local merchants applied for the writ of error to the Supreme Court because they do not

think the students at Texas A&M should have to pay higher prices, John Raney, owner of the Texas Aggie Bookstore, says.

The license requires the manufacturer to pay Texas A&M a royalty fee, normally 6 percent of the total net selling price of the products. It also gives the University the right to maintain quality and tasteful manufacturing standards.

"We feel like the role of the University is education, not trying to control what kind of products are produced," Raney says.

If the University does own the marks, it could limit the number of manufacturers and retailers, he says.

"It's funny to me that Texas A&M brags about being an institution of free enterprise," Raney says. "The licensing is in direct contradiction."



Stubbs says the University does not want to hurt the merchants' businesses. "They are afraid of big government coming in and running their businesses, but that's not going to happen," Stubbs says.

"I feel pretty confident that we (the University) are going to win this case and get it over with," Stubbs says.

She does not expect the writ to be approved.

"If the Supreme Court hears it, we feel like we have a good chance to reverse the decision," Raney says.

Thus far, the royalty has earned the University more than \$143,000, Stubbs says. The money is used for student organizations that are not state funded.

Spring break — where to ski in Colorado

Editors' note: With spring break less than two weeks away, it's time to start planning for those out-of-town trips. This is the first article in a three-part series on places to go during spring break.

By TRENT LEOPOLD
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Ski bunnies scamper by. Huling sport-types follow in pursuit. Ah, life in "Ski Country" — Winter Park, Sunlight, Aspen, Steamboat Springs and Vail.

Spending the days skiing down a glistening white Colorado mountain and the nights relaxing in a steamy Jacuzzi, sipping a hot toddy while socializing with friends is a great way to spend spring break.

Being a Colorado native myself, I've often heard residents of the state say they do not like Texas college students migrating to their state to take advantage of ski slopes.

"I can remember when I could go skiing and there would be only about 10 or 15 people on the entire slope," says Richard Carlisle, a Colorado native who lives in Golden, Colo. "Now you have to wait in the lift line for about 30 minutes and on the way down the (ski) run you have to dodge a bunch of Texans who are lying in the snow."

"They think they are skiing experts after practicing on Mount Aggie."

But students are attracted to the ski resort by excellent skiing facilities and plenty of rental equipment to use.

Winter Park, nestled in the scenic Colorado Rocky Mountains near the small gold rush towns of Tabernash and Fraser, just over Berthoud Pass, elevation 11,314 feet, is one of the favorite vacation spots for Texas students.

Generally, the slopes are not hard

to master. However, the Mary Jane Mountain is a challenge for even the best skiers.

Late Tuesday Winter Park Mountain had a 53-inch snow base with 11 inches of new powder snow and Mary Jane Mountain had a 73-inch base with 11 inches of new powder. Both slopes were 100 percent open.

Plenty of hotel and motel accommodations still are available during the week of spring break.

Buses run daily from Denver to Winter Park and back.

A round-trip ticket costs \$26.05 and they can be purchased at all Gart Brothers department stores in Denver.

Soaking in a tub of hot mineral water is one of my favorite things to do after spending a long day on the slopes. And about 40-minutes from Winter Park is the famed Hot Sulphur Springs where steamy aromatic

sulphur water fills three swimming pools.

It costs \$4 per person to swim in the pools.

But, if being only an hour from skiing on some of the better Colorado slopes and swimming in the largest outdoor mineral water pool in the world suits your fancy, then Glenwood Springs is the place to be.

The Glenwood Springs pool spans two city blocks and the water comes from natural mineral springs. President Teddy Roosevelt used to vacation at Glenwood so he could swim in the pool.

Although the water smells bad, it has been acclaimed for its natural healing powers.

Several places in Glenwood Springs specialize in renting ski equipment and the clerks are generally knowledgeable. The town is only a one-hour drive from Sunlight, Buttermilk and Aspen Mountains



and buses commute to and from the outlying ski areas daily.

Glenwood also offers some excellent eateries. The best place for the money is K-Bob's Steakhouse where

you can stuff yourself with juicy steak, rolls and all the salad you can eat for about \$10.

If you decide to splurge, some of the best Italian food in the United States is prepared at The Underground restaurant on Grand Avenue. A dinner for two is about \$80.

If you have to go through Denver on your way to or from the slopes, be sure and stop at the Old Country Italian restaurant on Colfax Avenue. It's heralded as the best Italian food restaurant in the United States.

The Italian waiters and waitresses at the restaurant serve the dinner in five courses. Dinner for two is about \$50 and reservations need to be made at least one day ahead of time.

Buttermilk Mountain is, perhaps, the easiest ski slope in Colorado. And for those who learned to ski on Mount Aggie, it is a good place to get

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