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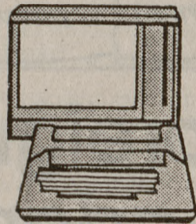
Use of 125 new computers free

By FRANK SMITH
Staff Writer

Some 125 new computer terminals which can be used at no charge have been added to the Texas A&M campus this semester, according to the manager of the Academic VAX Systems (AVS).

Chip Eagle, AVS manager, says Wednesday the terminals, called VT220s, are part of several new computing resources which have been added to the campus this fall.

He says other newly acquired resources include a VAX 8600 superminicomputer, a VAX 11/785 minicomputer, 12 microVAX 1 supermicrocomputers and connec-



tion to DECnet, a communications network that can transfer information at a rate of 10 million bits per second.

The VT220 terminals can be used without a direct charge to the user

because the costs have been prepaid by the University, Eagle says.

"The Board of Regents made a decision two or three years ago in a multipoint plan to try to provide computing up-front — to prepay the costs from the very high levels of the University instead of waiting until you get down to the departmental level," Eagle says.

"They gave us \$1.8 million last year to put together a number of systems that would be available for all students — regardless of what classification or department — and any faculty members," he says. "At this time we support both funded and non-funded research workers — but the idea is essentially that we are try-

ing to provide computing for the non-funded researchers and the students.

"We don't do any administrative computing at all. These are all academic machines." He says 32 of the new terminals are located in the Learning Resources Department on the sixth floor of the Sterling C. Evans Library. He also says the Remote Computing Center, located in the basement of the Evans library, and Room 220 of the Engineering Research Center each contain 32 of the new terminals.

He says about 10 more are sitting in reserve and the remainder have been donated to different academic departments.

Rodeo tonight at Freeman coliseum

By SHERI A. STEBENNE
Reporter

Flying dust, the thud of hooves and panicked excitement are all anticipated at open rodeo at 8 p.m. in

the Dick Freeman Coliseum next to the Equestrian Center.

Don Cobb, one of the organizers, says a special attraction for this performance is a rodeo clown competi-

"What we have is really a free-style bullfight," Cobb says, "not Mexican style with swords and capes, but a fight just between the bull and clown."

Three to five judges will score the event, which is judged in two sections, Cobb says. The first section is an open confrontation between the bull and the clown. The clown is put in the arena with a bull for about 30 seconds, he says, and he must show he can maneuver the bull. The clown is judged on his ability to draw the bull toward him to keep the cowboy safe.

The clown's agility is also important, Cobb says. And he must be able to keep up a good rapport with the audience.

The second contest for the clown is the actual bull riding competition. Each clown will be given a couple of bulls and will be judged on how well he can protect the bull rider. The clown must be able to divert the bull after the cowboy has dismounted. Serious problems can develop if the cowboy gets hung up on his rigging

or hooked by the bull's horns, Cobb says.

Gayland Jones, a professional bull rider, says, "A rodeo clown is as much a part of bull riding as the bull is. Those clowns have saved my hide more than once."

Cobb and Carpenter also are sponsoring a special college-related event just for Texas A&M students.

The three student events will be steer riding, team roping and steer wrestling.

Team roping consists of one rider roping the horns of the steer and the other rider roping the back two hooves.

Student entry fee will be \$10 to \$15, Cobb says, and contestants can sign up until the rodeo begins.

The rodeo also will include standard events such as calf roping and barrel racing.

Admission for the rodeo is \$4 for adults, \$2 for children and \$3 for contestants.

Former students pledge funds to Stark Endowment

Several former students have pledged \$93,000 to establish the J. Wayne Stark Endowment for the Enrichment of the Memorial Student Center, MSC Director Jim Reynolds says.

Stark is presently the assistant to the president in charge of cultural affairs, and was also the director of the MSC for 33 years. He began the job as director of the student center before it was completed, and helped to create many of the programs produced by the MSC today, Reynolds says.

Reynolds says the pledges were announced by Don Cloud during

a tribute to J. Wayne Stark, held on Nov. 9. Of the \$93,000 pledged, Reynolds says \$30,000 has already been received by the MSC.

He says the endowment will be used as an all-purpose fund for the MSC to bring special events and speakers to A&M. The endowment will help students travel abroad and will help to create new programs.

In order to raise additional funds for the endowment, Reynolds said letters are being sent to everyone who was on the guest list for the Tribute to J. Wayne Stark.

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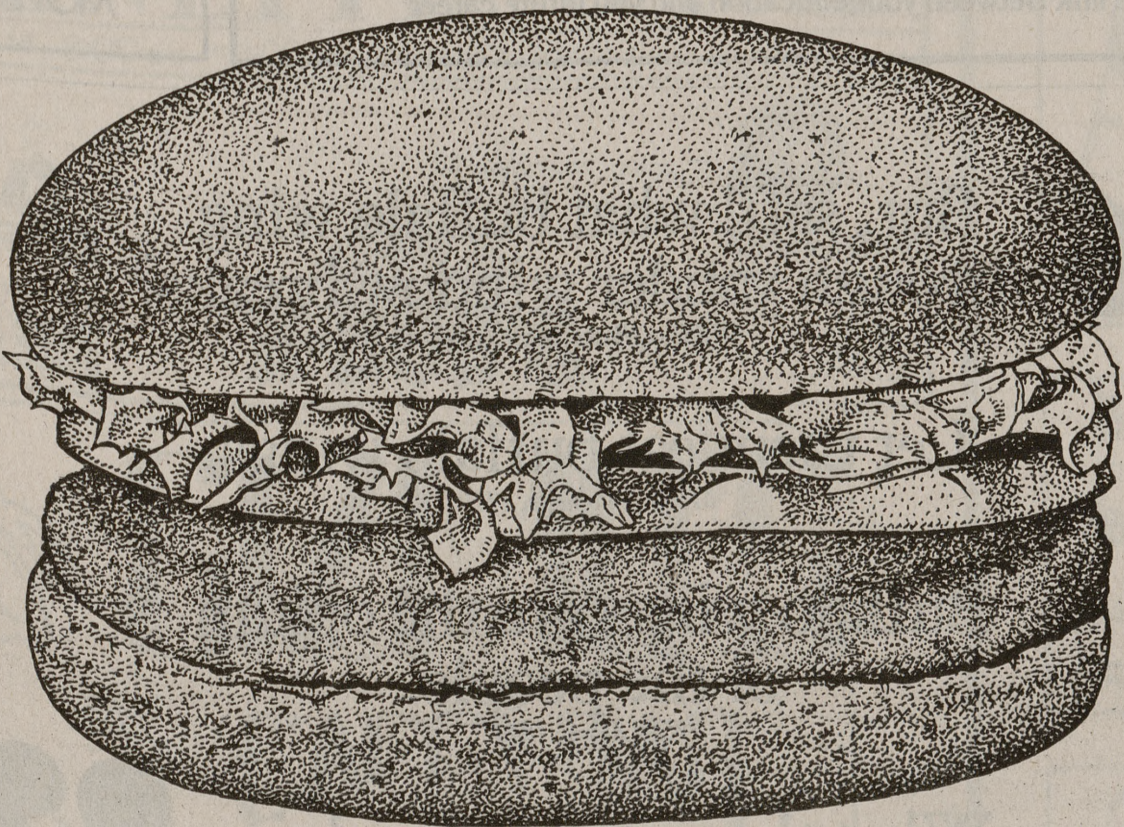
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