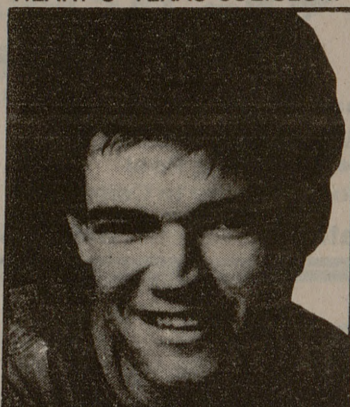


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Just for kicks

A group of A&M students and faculty members enjoys a soccer game Wednesday afternoon at Olsen Field. These soccer fans meet each week on Wednesday to play the game, without getting discouraged when there is cloudy weather.

19th Aggiecon brings fans of fantasy to A&M

By Ronnie Calhoun
Reporter

The 19th annual AggieCon will be held Thursday through Sunday at the MSC and Rudder Tower.

AggieCon, sponsored by the student organization MSC Cepheid Variable, is a four-day science fiction and fantasy convention concentrating on guests and movies.

"AggieCon is the largest annual science fiction and fantasy convention in the Southwest," said Jennifer Rich, chairman of AggieCon.

Opening ceremonies will be at 4 p.m. Thursday on the second floor of the MSC.

The convention will have a dealer's room, art show, movies and a special guest.

Mark Camp, a senior history major, will be the dealers-room manager. He said the dealers room will have 55 dealers with 120 tables of merchandise.

"We will have everything from art to comic books and medieval costume," Camp said. "This will be like a bazaar."

The dealer's room will be open Thursday from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m., Friday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in 224 MSC.

Rich said there will be an art show on the second floor of the MSC that is free to the public.

"There will be science fiction art at a reasonable price," Rich explained. "It will be good art that is inexpensive."

Along with the art show, movies also will be shown.



Graphic by Susan C. Akin

visitors can speak with the many guests who will be present. Guests who will attend the convention include the following:

- Guest of Honor: Joe Halde-man.
- Special Guest: Katherine Kurtz.
- Artist Guest of Honor: Bob Eggleton.

Rich, a junior chemistry major, said comic book artists, writers and artists from Texas and Oklahoma also will attend.

The comic artists include Scott McCullar, the creator of "Warped" which can be seen daily in *The Battalion*; Tom Tenney, the Robotech illustrator, and Ben Dunn, artist and creator of the comic book "Ninja School."

Student tickets for the whole convention are \$10 and a one-day pass is \$5.

Non-student prices are \$14 for the whole convention and \$6 for a one-day pass.

There will be special events that include a banquet and Quest.

"Quest is a role playing game that will include magic spells and mystical monsters," Camp said.

Tickets for Quest are \$4 and tickets for the banquet are \$10. Both can be purchased through Ticketron in the lobby of Rudder Tower.

Rich said there will be dances Friday and Saturday night. The Friday night dance is a '50s and '60s sock-hop at 8 p.m. in 201 MSC.

A masquerade ball will take place Saturday at 9 p.m. in 201 MSC, she said.

Media firm tries to avoid hostile buyout

DALLAS (AP) — Directors of the A.H. Belo Corp. media division have created multiple classes of stock with differential voting rights in an attempt to make a hostile takeover attempt difficult.

Officials from Belo, a subsidiary of the Dallas Morning News and WFAA-TV, said they knew of no one who had purchased the company in a hostile takeover attempt.

Rather, they said, the move was made as a defensive maneuver. Details were mailed to shareholders Tuesday, and they are slated for vote at the company's May 4 annual meeting.

The plan calls for two classes of common stock to be issued — a Series B common stock, no more than 10 votes per share, and a Series C common stock, which will carry no less than a tenth vote per share.

The existing common stock would become Series A and continue to have one vote per share. The effect of the dividend will be a 2-for-1 stock split.

"With this proposal, we would be joining other media companies," said Robert W. Jones, chairman of the company. Jones is also chairman of the Washington Post Co. and Times Mirror Co. Chairman Robert W. Jones said.

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