

# AggieCon offers delights to gaming enthusiasts

where many of the large conventions take place. "We kick it off, and after us the other ones fall in line," Manderville says.

The event's agenda includes the Dealer's Room, where dealers from around the country will have more than 120 tables.

"They are going to be selling everything from comics, books and games to clothing, posters, art and jewelry," Blaschke says. "Anything with science fiction and fantasy, they will have it."

This year AggieCon will have 24-hour open gaming.

Authors Fred Saberhagen and Lynn Abbey and artists Keith Parkinson and Larry Elmore also are expected to attend.

Movies also will be shown, including "Fright Night," "An American Werewolf In London," "War of the Worlds" and "TRON".

This year AggieCon will have an auction to benefit the Science Fiction Writers of America Medical Fund.

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"In the past year, several authors have gotten sick, and they have no steady source of funding for the emergency medical fund, so we feel this is a way to help them out," Blaschke says.

Books, needlework, artwork and a variety of other collectable items will be auctioned off.

Tickets for AggieCon can be purchased at Rudder box office for \$13 for A&M students, \$16 for non-students and \$6 for children. One-day passes also are available.

# Legislature proposes public execution bill

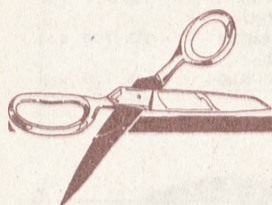
HOUSTON (AP) — Convicted killers in Texas could be executed in public at high noon on the courthouse steps under a bill introduced in the state Legislature.

"I've been thinking about this for a long time," Rep. Larry Evans, D-Houston, said Monday. "My great-great uncle was hanged (in the late 1800s) in central Texas. When my mother told me about that, it left an impression. It forces us to answer some basic questions on how we generally feel about it."

"Realistically, it doesn't have a ghost's chance in hell of passing," Evans says.

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