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Rhyme and Reason

National Poetry Month revives art of ven

BY MARIANO CASTILLO The Battalion

Letting feelings flow Forming verses from your thoughts Making some lines rhyme

ertainly there is more to poetry than what this haiku suggests, but it holds some truth. An ever-popular form of literature, poetry is meant to stir emotions in the same vein as music. These days, there is no avoiding poetry: On the Web, posted at book stores in the mall, around campus on the walls, in the halls, even in the stalls!

The recent proliferation of poems is a subtle reminder that April is National Poetry Month. Along with the usual April images of Easter are popular poets such as Robert Frost, Sylvia Plath, Allen Ginsberg and William Carlos Williams.

National Poetry Month was begun by the Academy of American Poets in 1996 to celebrate poetry in American culture through the combined effort of literary clubs, poets and profit, as well as nonprofit, organizations. Events around the country include poetry contests, give-aways, readings, lectures and workshops.

Last month, a group of poetry enthusiasts began to hold weekly poetry

said the location provides a relaxed atmosphere

ing in poetry readings held at Barnes and Noble bookstore, but she decided to start her own group because there were too many restrictions

'I couldn't read my real angry stuff," she said, "and I like to smoke while I read my po-

The group, made up of about 12 people, most of them friends, receive mixed reactions from the crowd.

reading style, which Autrey Joel said his style is very mixed a

explain or describe. "It's kind of beatnik meets heav

said. "Forceful, with a real heavyb Joel said he writes and reads po he loves it and encourages every same. He competes in slam poe tions in which contestants give at reading of an original piece Joel said the judging is half on

half on presentation. You can't use props," he said can use] sounds and hand me

For aspiring poets, Nation'w Month offers a number of where winners can no the soap prizes or publication in a touchable Poets and Writers magazin was discovilished a special Nation similated Month issue that includes and barbee

The MSC Literary Artsu v is having a Shakespeare week, which will feature competition for those wh towards iambic pentamen Janet McCann, an Engl

sor, said students should tage of the awareness rais tional Poetry Month by ta time to read and write. "I think it would be

everyone who has the slightes MARK MCPHERSON/THE BATTALION to do so, should read a book poem," McCann said.

McCann would not push poo who really did not want to write, it is easy to develop a love for it. 'I'm always ready to talk abo

she said. "For me, National Poe



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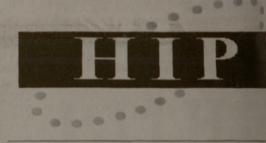
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Contest problems will cover topics through Math 152 (Engineering Calculus II) for Freshmen contestants, and through Math 308 (Differential Equations) for Sophomore contestants.

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Contact Doug Hensley, e-mail: doug.hensley@math.tamu.edu or check the Math Dept. Home Page: http://www.math.tamu.edu.

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