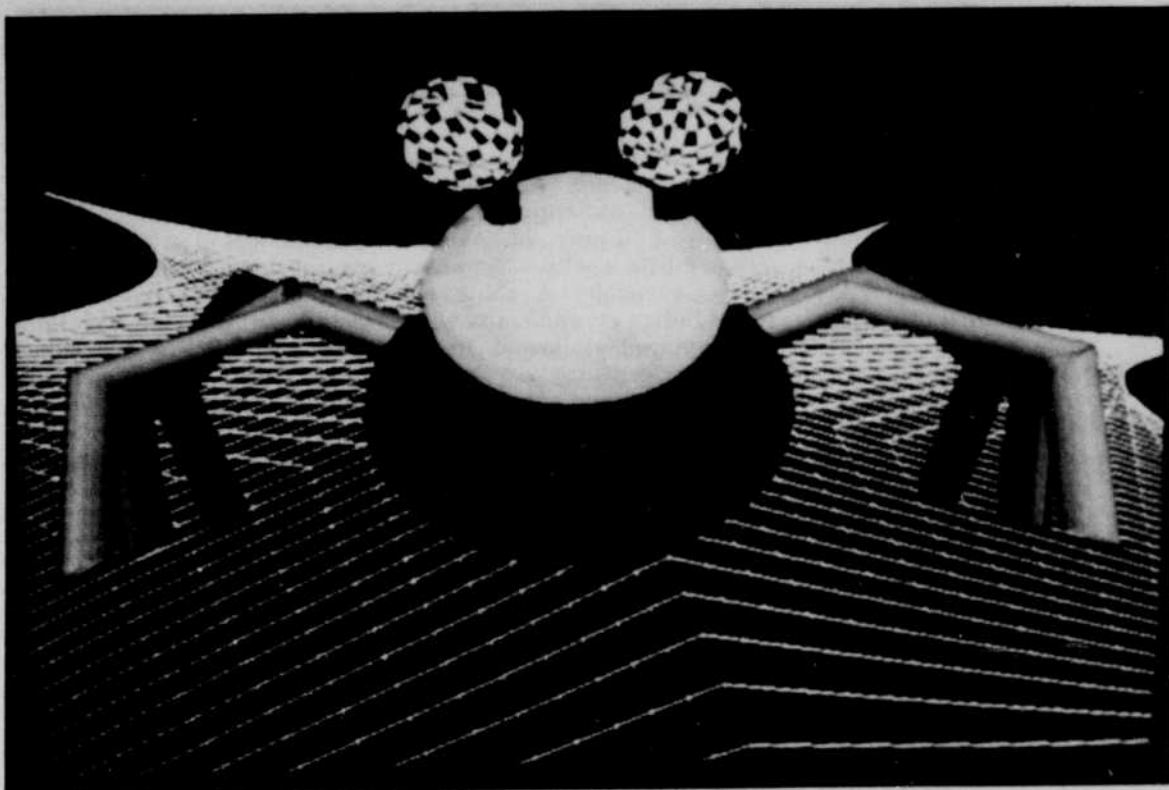




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Computer art, such as the graphic created by Eugene resident Tim Randall (above), will be showcased at the Pacific Northwest Graphics Conference's art and design show.

Computer conference to bridge gaps

By Paula Green
Emerald Reporter

Human movement and medical image processing are two of the major themes of this year's multi-disciplinary Pacific Northwest Computer Graphics Conference, sponsored by the University Continuation Center.

"It's certainly the biggest conference on campus every year," said Paul Katz, conference director of the Continuing Education Center.

The Eugene Conference Center, adjacent to the Hilton Hotel, will host the event Oct. 25-27.

The conference will feature the people and equipment responsible for the latest techniques in computer graphics in fields ranging from architecture to geography and everything in between. Professionals in the computer graphics field, small businessmen, University faculty, staff and students, and community members will participate.

Linda Ettinger, a University art education professor and coordinator of the conference, views the purpose of the event as a way to bridge the gap between several different disciplines in the sciences, arts and medicine.

"We've put together a fascinating interdisciplinary event," Ettinger said, adding, "there aren't that many groups on campus that pull people together like this."

Each year, several hundred artists, engineers, designers,

architects, educators and other professionals attend the conference because they've found computer graphics technology to be an increasingly integral part of their work, according to Ettinger.

The conference program consists of five general session presentations, 17 special interest sessions on specific applications in various fields, an extensive trade exposition and the film and video show, which is the most popular event. New to this year's conference will be background music courtesy of a digital/electronic musician.

Among those presenting at

network for newspapers, will introduce what is new in computer graphics for print media.

Ettinger describes the conference as "trying to bring industry and academia together."

A number of pre-conference workshops will be given Sunday, involving a variety of topics such as desktop publishing, computer-aided design, and computer-integrated manufacturing.

A companion to the conference is an exhibit devoted to computer art at the University Museum of Art. The exhibit, entitled "Computers and the Creative Process," will run

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the conference will be Dr. Michael Vannier of the Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology at Washington University Medical Center in St. Louis, Mo. Vannier, once an aerospace engineer, pioneered the development of three-dimensional medical imagery through combination of his aerospace background and his career in medicine. He will give examples of how computers assist in reconstructive surgery.

Also presenting a session will be Roger Fidler, director of the Knight-Ridder Graphics Network in Washington, D.C. Fidler, who developed the first nationwide computer graphics

from Oct. 25 through Nov. 25. University Fine Arts Professor Ken O'Connell, who helped coordinate the show, was one of the persons involved in developing the Pacific Northwest Computer Graphics Conference six years ago.

The conference also is hosting its own juried exhibit of computer art. The Art and Design Show can be viewed through Oct. 27 in the lobby of the Eugene Hult Center for the Performing Arts.

During the conference, several non-commercial exhibitors will offer free demonstrations in the lobby of the Hilton Hotel.

Police beat

•The following is a list of campus area crimes that occurred between Oct. 16 and Oct. 20.

•The Eugene Police Department cited two students for burglary after stealing four tables from the law school on Oct. 16, at 1:45 a.m. Campus Security officers saw a car parked in front of the law school with the tables stacked on its roof. The suspects fled in the car, but after Campus Security followed they returned to the law school where they were cited and released by the EPD.

•Vandals partially spray-painted a car red. The incident was reported to EPD on Oct. 16.

•A \$500 set of golf clubs was stolen from a car parked in the 13th Avenue and University Street area on Oct. 16.

•Approximately \$320 of jewelry was stolen from the tennis courts on Oct. 16. The jewelry had been placed in an empty tennis ball container.

•A University student was cited for shoplifting a key chain from the University Bookstore on Oct. 16.

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