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field demonstrations, then consult with the exhibitors about the differences these comparisons show.

For those who are searching for the right computer hardware and software, the latest computer tech-

nology will be displayed with tutors ready and willing to assist visitors in using them. Visit the classroom of the future where computers are linked into the statewide PENpages network which offers ag news and information from the farm to the kitchen.

Students will want to experiment with the computer exploration program which helps them discover the most suitable career for them. The twelve-desk computer classroom located in the Youth

Building offers daily classes at 10 a.m.; 11 a.m., 1 p.m., and 2 p.m.

The college planners have worked hard to make agriculture research fun for the family. One of this year's highlights is a game show called "SciQ." According to Murphy, "Everyone will learn something. It includes both silly and educational questions that focus on agriculture facts." Participants can win cheese, ice cream, T-shirts and geraniums.

Seating space for the game show is limited so tickets are required. The tickets are free for the six daily showtimes, between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., and can be attained at the information booths.

With an eye to the future, planners are staging a time-capsule that will be opened in 2087. It will contain samples of items such as sterile water and freeze-dry semen for possible analysis so that future scientists can compare our present resources with their own.

Visitors have a chance to make history by placing their family portrait in the capsule. The first 100 contributors each day will be given a certificate which they can place in safekeeping for their descendents. The certificate is actually an invitation for the contibutor's descendents to attend the capsule's opening in the year 2087.

Harrington said the APD planners prefer to stay away from the carnival-like atmosphere where everyone is selling something. In fact, there are no over-the-counter sales except food.

As usual, bus tours of current field research in action will be offered. The 45-minute tours highlight part of the 150 acres used for Penn State research that was not shown during previous shows. Buses depart from Main Street every 20 minutes, between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Harrington is proud that almost 100% of the former visitors return each year. They come by car and busloads from Pennsylvania and surrounding states. He said, "It's a great way to give farmers a break and at the same time sneak a lot of education into a fun day.'

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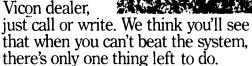
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