

Senate says no to hedge

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Planting a hedge around the Memorial Student Center grounds has been set aside by the Texas A&M Student Senate, in favor of pushing for immediate official memorialization of the grounds.

The senate passed a "Dedication to a Tradition" bill Wednesday night that would post signs requesting observance of the grounds as a memorial. The bill also called for sponsoring donations from students to honor Texas A&M veterans that would be given to Texas veterans' hospitals. The donations will probably be the responsibility of next year's senate to sponsor, said John Kennedy, the bill's author.

The senate originally proposed to plant a hedge around the grounds to discourage its use. But after study, the senate decided costs of planting and maintaining the hedge were too high.

"We are no longer pushing for the hedge," Kennedy said. "We'll go with the signs and get it (the grounds) memorialized."

Wayne Morrison, student vice president for finance, announced the administration plans to officially designate the grounds a memorial April 21.

The senate passed a bill requesting placing the Intramural Department under the direct administrative control of the University vice president for student services, since a major portion of the department's funding comes from student service fees. The department is currently under the Department of Health and Physical Education.

The finance committee questioned the funding of an academic department through student service fees. Morrison said about \$286,000 of the intramural budget is from student service fees, while less than \$23,000 is from the academic department. He said the department should be put where the funding is — in the student services office.

In an external affairs committee report, Cheryl Swanzey, freshman senator, urged senators to write to state Sen. Bill Moore, D-Bryan, requesting the defeat of two senate bills he presently supports. One bill would raise graduate and foreign student tuition and the other would raise all in-state tuition from \$4 to \$6 per credit-hour, and the minimum from \$50 to \$80. Moore co-sponsors the first bill with Roy Blake, D-Nacogdoches, and Sen. Betty Andujar, R-Ft. Worth, introduced the latter bill.

The senate passed an emergency bill giving \$900 to the election commission for additional costs of student elections. The senate also heard a bill requesting that final exams count no more than 30 percent of the student's final grade. The bill will be considered in committee.

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PBS festival success KAMU nets \$10,430

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The KAMU-FM goal of \$29,500 seems a lot more attainable after the fund-raising festival, says KAMU's fund raiser Jean Herbert-Wiesenburg.

The two-week festival, which began March 3, ended last Sunday. It brought in \$10,430. The money came from 413 pledges that local viewers gave supporting either the University's public television and KAMU-TV or KAMU-FM radio stations.

"This event has been most successful. We have never brought in this type of response before. We are very appreciative," Wiesenburg said.

The festival was a Public Broadcasting System fund-raising drive. The PBS is a national broadcasting system which was planned to raise \$16 million. As of Tuesday, PBS had well over \$15 million.

"We are so grateful, since we were only expecting to raise \$2,500 during the festival," Wiesenburg said.

During last weekend, KAMU received \$4,071 in pledges. That weekend was special since it was the PBS non-stop 28-hour marathon. It featured live and prerecorded appeals from the Bryan-College Station area between special programming. The programs included an evening-long salute to American popular music hosted by Tony Bennett and movie musicals such as "Singing In the Rain."

The two weeks of special programming was aimed at creating greater interest and support for local public television, Wiesenburg said.

Both the radio and television stations have goals to reach by Aug. 1,

but only the radio station has been able to set a goal.

The television station cannot set a goal since it will receive \$1 from PBS for every \$2.50 it receives from donations to the station. The total money received by August might be enough to allow the station not to raise any money over that amount.

The amount raised before the festival is about \$22,000, still about \$8,000 short of the radio station's \$29,500 goal. The breakdown on the money given to KAMU's radio or television station from the festival still has not been totaled.

The next fund raising event will be Sunday at 2 p.m. in Rudder Exhibition Hall. It will be KAMU's Pre-

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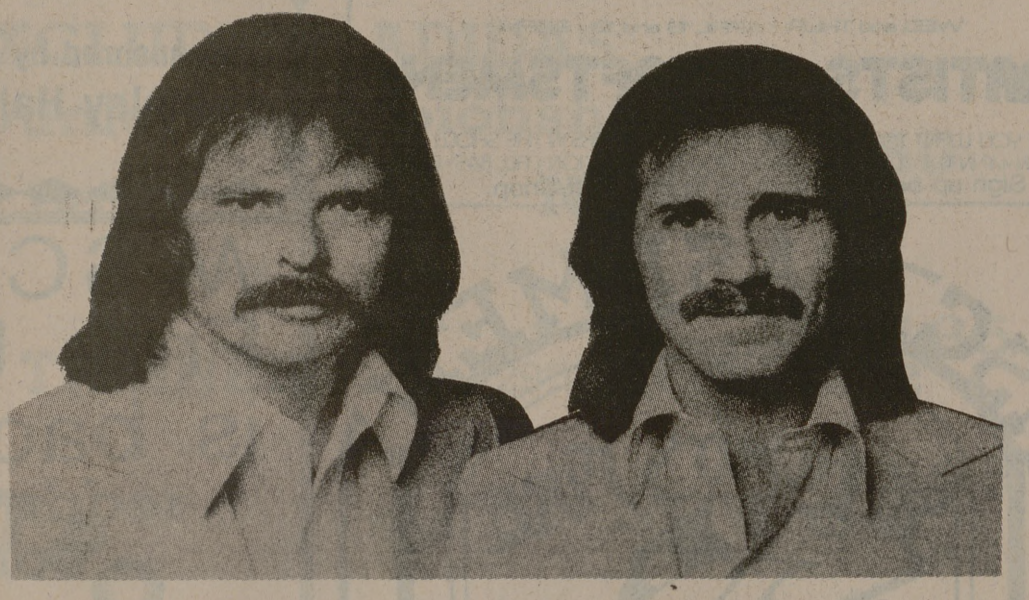
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