Park for beauty, pleasure know shabby, neglected

For beauty and pleasure. ese words, written on a plaque lensel Park, are also written on a of proposed park renovation as which were submitted a year to President Jack K. Williams'

Dr. David J. Reed, associate prosor in the recreation and parks partment and chairman of the mittee, said the universityed park had become "a shabby, lected part of the campus.'

Reed added that renovation was essary because "the park is alady getting so much use, the preson it is intense." He estimated at there are 60,000 to 70,000 itors to the park each year.

The park, located on South Col-Avenue north of the married ent apartments, has three group vilions, barbecue facilities, a reoom, some primitive trails and a all baseball field.

The 28-acre proposed renovation ists of two phases, Reed said. In efirst phase of the project a visitor rking lot would be built. Now tors are allowed to park anyere in the area. Access paths to pavilions and carts will be added aid visitors carrying large

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tem.

The second phase of the renovation will include footbridges connecting the park with married stuwhich Reed called "grim places now — dirty and unsightly."

The committee recommended that about \$200,000 be spent for the renovations over a four-year period The target completion date is 1981. However the committee is currently awaiting approval of the project by

amounts of supplies to their picnic the Texas A&M University Board of

Regents.
The renovation proposals began as a class project for students in landscape architecture and recreation and parks classes, Reed said. The students did background work and submitted their plans and ideas drinking fountain, a new entrance for improvement to the committee, sign more in character with the which selected the final alternatives and sent them to President

dent apartments, an observation platform over Pin Oak Creek, which borders the park, an irrigation system over 50 per cent of the developed portion of the park, a children's play area, some landscaping and renovation of the pavilions, train student interns in park man-

> There are a lot of universities that would give their eyeteeth to have a park so potentially useful,' Reed said.

Brown honored; cuts birthday cake

at the Bryan Civic Auditorium to

Brown, a 1943 graduate of Texas A&M, has been associated with the Agriculture Extension Service throughout most of his career. He was appointed com-missioner in March 1977 to fill the unexpired term of former commissioner John C. White.

general election.

cluding State Senator William T. Moore, State Representative Bill Presnal, and State Democratic

in the balance of payments, we in Friends and supporters of Rea- Texas have got to contribute our gan Brown turned out last night part by giving our agricultural products to the rest of the world. help the Texas Agriculture I think Reagan Brown will add a Commissioner celebrate his tremendous amount to this pro-

> The event, sponsored by the Brown, included an informal reception and the cutting of a three-foot-tall birthday cake before moving into the auditorium for tributes from the various offi-

We are extremely proud to The commission post will have someone from this commu-again be decided in the 1978 nity serving as the Texas Agriculture Commissioner, and respon-Attending the celebration sible for the state's largest induswere various local businessmen try," said J.E. "Jocko" Roberts, and city and state politicians, inmittee.

During the proceedings, Brown picked out various mem-Chairman Calvin Guest. bers of the audience as he re-Addressing the crowd, Moore minisced about his days as a said, "If there is any hope for the "fish" at A&M, and his early



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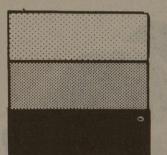
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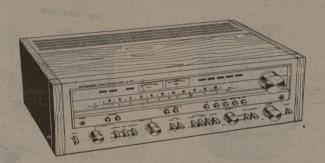
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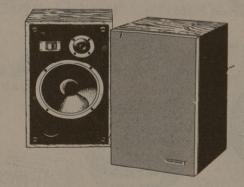
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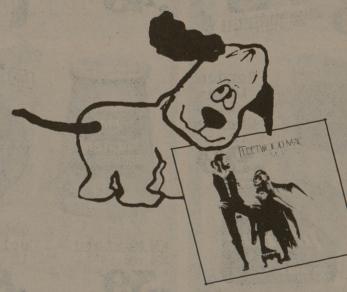


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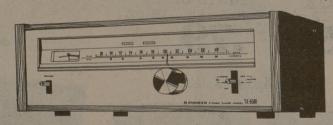
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