

A&M gets 'Gift of Music'

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Who says you can't get something out of the past nine years the Houston Symphony has sponsored a program called "Gift of Music" that provides high school and college students the opportunity to attend concerts free, and Texas A&M University one of the colleges to receive tickets for next season.

Since the program's beginning, hundreds of students have benefited, and this year the symphony plans to sponsor at least 500 students.

The money for this program comes from corporation and private contributions. The money buys 10 concert tickets for a \$10 donation. The

tickets are then given out to schools that either requested the tickets or ones the contributor has specified.

Mrs. Thomas A. Reiter, Gift of Music chairman for the Houston Symphony League, said the program provides students with individual or season tickets to all Sunday afternoon concerts.

She said some of the major contributors are alumni from the sponsor schools. She said there are almost 250 contributors who give at least \$10, but individual contributors give as much as \$250.

The program for free concerts has become popular, and the demand for tickets now exceeds the supply.

This year schools are soliciting donors to contribute Gifts of Music

for their own students, but Houston Symphony sales director Davis Allen said that normally students can't get the Gift of Music tickets unless the contributor specifies their school.

Specific allotments of tickets have not been set because all money needed has not been received.

Students wanting more information about free concert tickets should check with the MSC Box Office during the fall semester.

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Texans may get free help

By REGINA MOEHLMAN
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The board is considering approval

of the Tel-Law program. With the service, consumers can call a local number in their community and listen to tapes with legal advice on divorce, wills, real estate, taxes and other subjects.

"We emphasize that these are not intended to solve all legal problems,

but at least help by answering some questions," said Larry Fitzgerald, director of communications for the State Bar.

At the end of each tape, the listener is urged to contact a lawyer if further help is needed.

If the program is approved at this month's board meeting, it will take about three months to set up. Fitzgerald hopes to have about 80 tapes, each lasting five minutes.

Local bar chapters must pay for the tapes and are also responsible for setting up a phone center in their area when they join the program.

The directors of the State Bar, the Texas Young Lawyers Association and the Lawyer Referral Service are considering underwriting part of the cost also.

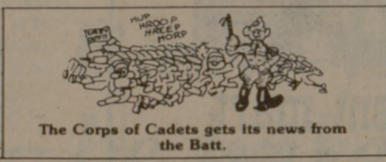
Tel-Law began in California and is now operating successfully in Washington, New York and Oregon, Fitzgerald said.

Fitzgerald said Tel-Law is intended to help Texans who, "don't know how to go about contacting an attorney. Many people just don't know what to do."

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Senate law committee bill defines death

United Press International

AUSTIN — A bill that would set legal standards for determining when death occurs passed the Senate Jurisprudence Committee Tuesday.

The bill provides a person would be pronounced dead when there is no spontaneous breathing and heartbeat and the condition is determined to be irreversible. If artificial life support systems are used that prevent determining if a person is breathing and has a heartbeat on his own, the person would be considered dead if he suffered an irreversible cessation of brain function.

The bill, sponsored by Sen. Ray Farabee, D-Wichita Falls, also provides that the person must be pronounced dead before artificial means of supporting heartbeat and respiration are stopped.

Protections for physicians and others are provided in the bill by prohibiting a physician from being held liable if he determines death under the bill's standards. Similar protections apply to those who act on a physician's determination of death.

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