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## Class of '82 to give park as gift

by Cindy Davis

**Battalion Reporter**  
Development of a park area east of G. Rollie White Coliseum will be the Class of '82 gift to Texas A&M University, Gary Wayne Branch, senior class president, said.

The park, designed to cover 210,000 square feet, will cost an estimated \$32,000. Cheryl Swanzy, Class of '82 class gift chairman, said the park will feature 16 picnic tables and barbecue grills on concrete slabs, six park benches and a volleyball court.

Four lights will be added to supplement the area's existing lighting and flowering trees such as redbud and crape myrtle will be planted throughout the park, Swanzy said, and a watering system will be added this summer.

A sign identifying the park will be erected on the northeast corner of the park along Throckmorton Street, she said.

Branch said, "We didn't want (to give) anything that you could just walk by and see every day,

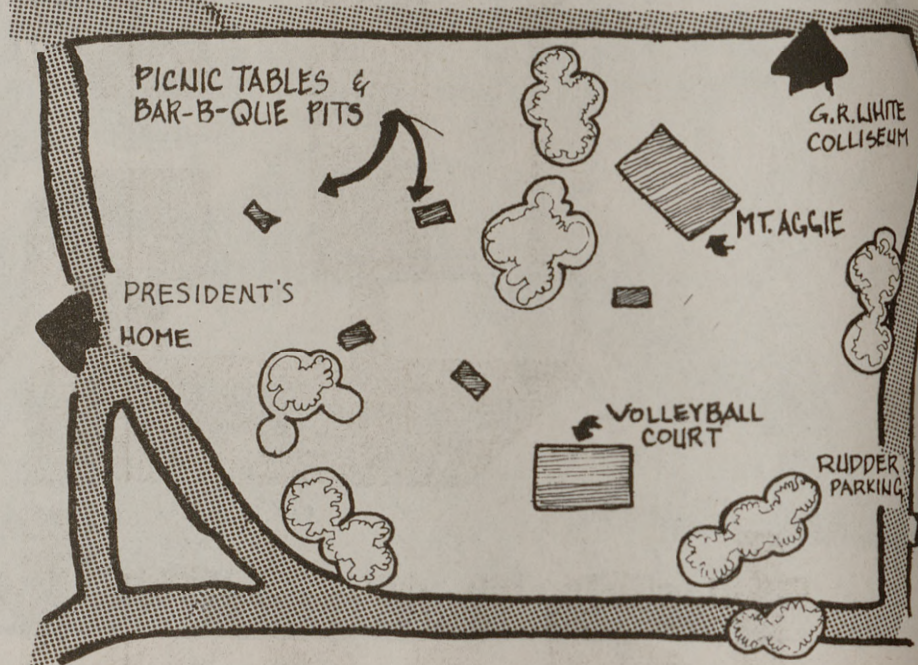
but we wanted something that could be used, and was always there if someone needed to use it."

Joe Arredando, coordinator with the office of J. Wayne Stark, special assistant to the president for development of cultural programs, said he feels the park "is a very good way for upgrading the existing community."

The park was designed by architects Janet McArdle and Pete Vanecek in consultation with the grounds maintenance department.

David Moyer, Class of '82 treasurer, said the class currently has \$20,000 to spend on the gift, but wants to raise an additional \$12,000. To do this, the class plans to sell Aggie caps and elephant t-shirts and to co-sponsor a Shake Russell and Dana Cooper concert.

The largest fund-raising project, Moyer said, will be the Ring Dance, scheduled for May 1. He estimated that the Ring Dance would bring in about \$10,000.



Originally, McArdle and Vanecek had added a multi-sided shelter to the plans, but Moyer said he feels the class will not be able to raise the \$18,000 needed for the shelter. Class officers currently are

searching for names for the new park, Branch said. A name must be chosen soon in order to be presented for approval at the March meeting of the Board of Regents, he said.

Swanzy said class members will begin pouring concrete and installing the picnic tables and barbecue grills this weekend. The park's dedication has been scheduled for the weekend, April 16-18, she

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## A different kind of golf course being considered: one for discgolf

by Randy Lemmon

**Battalion Reporter**  
The development of a discgolf course for Frisbee players is being considered by staff members in the Department of Student Services.

Dennis Corrington, head of the intramural department, and Dr. Leonard Ponder, head of the health and physical education department, are studying

the plan and will make a feasibility recommendation to John J. Koldus III, vice president for student services.

A discgolf course is similar to a regular golf course with designated tees and holes. However, a frisbee or disc is used instead of clubs and balls.

The discgolf plan was submitted to Corrington by Kevin Sullivan, an employee of the chemis-

try department and a member of the Texas A&M Disc Golf Association — a group of Frisbee players.

Money is the major obstacle to construction of the discgolf course — the initial cost will be somewhere around \$100,000, Corrington said.

"This proposal came at a time due to the fact that Vandiver just asked for cuts and freezes in spending departments," Ponder said, "thus the proposal was received very warmly at the staff meeting for student services."

Sullivan said the \$100,000 shouldn't present much of a problem because the Whelan Co., producer of the Frisbee, has a policy of putting up half the initial costs for any proposed discgolf courses.

The proposed location of the course is among the trees of the aerobic running track.

"This area has already been used as an informal discgolf course in the past years," Sullivan said.

Anyone interested in the plan with the course can contact Sullivan in the Student Progress office in the Memorial Student Center.

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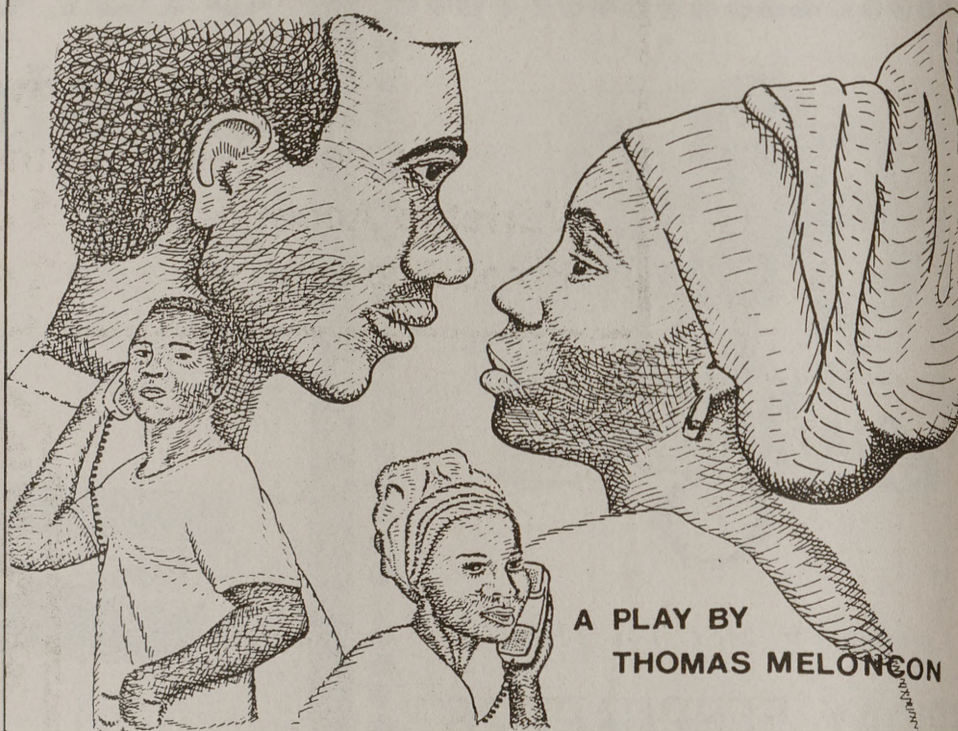
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