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Campus grass gets help

Signs deter path walkers

by Randy Lemmon
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The signs around campus blocking your favorite shortcut to class pleading "please!" are part of Save the Grass Week, sponsored by the Tau Kappa Junior Honor Society. Sharon Pickard, service committee chairman, says the society is working to prevent the continuing formation of trails across campus lawns and through ivy beds.

"We are distributing fliers, posting a banner in the MSC, and putting signs on the 'cattle trails' begging people to please think before walking on the trails," Pickard said.

"It's just pure laziness that causes these cattle trails. People just cut across gardens, ivy beds and grass, when they could easily use the sidewalk."

Some of the trails are so worn that sidewalks could replace

them, Pickard said, so the group is working with the Physical Plant planning to build sidewalks over these paths.

Since all Corps members except seniors are prohibited from walking on campus grass, they are possibly more aware of others walking across grassy areas. The problem of the trails was therefore more noticeable to Cadet Bob Sahn, originator of the plan.

"This week is a perfect week to carry out this project since Parents' Weekend is coming," Pickard said. "Maybe this will show the parents that we do have great respect for our campus landscape."

Pickard said such other ways as digging up the trails have been discussed to bring attention to the problem. This might make people more hesitant to walk on the trails, she said.

Officials plan research park; may be ready in three years

by Jennifer Carr
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A Texas A&M University-owned, research-oriented industrial park could become a reality within three years, the director of the Texas Engineering Experiment Station says.

Dr. W.R. Porter, also a member of the College Station Industrial Development Foundation board of directors, said the first physical results may be seen in one year, and industries could begin operations in the park within three years.

The location and size of the park is undecided, Porter said, but a committee has been set up by the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents to study the project.

"It is our plan to (build the park)," said Porter, who is vice-chairman of the committee, "and it is the committee's responsibility to look at the alternatives in order to accomplish it. We believe it's a good idea — now we'd like to see what our

options are."

The idea of a University-owned industrial park has been around for years, Porter said, but only in the past 18 months have University officials begun considering how to proceed.

"We can sit back and just see what impact (industry growth) would have, or we can try to organize ourselves to control it," he said. "If we waited, things would happen that we wouldn't have an opportunity to have some input into."

Despite some surprise from

city officials concerning the park proposal, most agree a University-owned industrial research park would be advantageous to the community.

Porter and Foundation President Dennis Goehring say competition between the College Station industrial park, two miles south of College Station on Highway 6, and a University-owned park would be minimal. The College Station park stresses industrial manufacturing, and the University park will focus on high-technology re-

search. The primary advantage of the University-owned park, Porter said, would be the pool of manpower resources available to the University and to the industries in the park.

"If a major industry has a research arm in our research park, those minds and the talent that works with that industry are going to be available to us," he said. "It works both ways. That's what's going to bring them here — they want to tap our manpower resource."

To keep students on the right track, Tau Kappa Junior Honor Society planted "please" to motivate students to go around rather than over ground cover. The signs are a part of Save the Grass Week.

Traditions Council hopes to hear 'howdy' this week

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If you've noticed more people than usual saying how to you this week, there's a good reason why. It's Howdy Week.

Each fall and spring the Traditions Council sets aside a week to promote the use of the word howdy when greeting fellow Aggies.

"The main purpose is to get students to keep saying howdy and to keep the atmosphere at Texas A&M friendly," Christy Jackson, howdy week chairman, said.

Howdy Week is held in the fall to unify the student body after the summer and to fire up students for the football games, Jackson said.

The spring Howdy Week comes at a bad time when students are worried about term papers and finals, she said.

"It's a lot more beneficial then the fall Howdy Week because it comes at a time when students need it," Jackson said.

Howdy Week is a time when students can relax for a while and do something fun.

T-shirts have been on sale in the Memorial Student Center all week, and today five mystery people will each give away a howdy t-shirt.

If a certain number of Aggies have said howdy to them before you do, when you say howdy you win the t-shirt.

A howdy dance will be held at the Texas Hall of Fame Thursday night and anyone wearing a howdy t-shirt will be admitted for one dollar.

A banner also was put up in the MSC main hallway so students can write who they'd like to say howdy to.

Jackson said she has enjoyed watching the students stop and look at the banner.

"They come rushing in looking worried and then they stop to read and start laughing," he said.

The purpose of Howdy Week is to make students more aware of saying howdy throughout the year, Jackson said.

Having Howdy Week scheduled for the week before Parents Weekend has worked out well, Jackson said.

"It's great for the parents to

see the friendly attitude at such a large university," she said.

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