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War memorial to get a home

Plans have been finalized for both temporary and permanent sites for Texas A&M University's World War I monument formerly located at the intersection of Old Main, Jones, and Lamar streets.

Chuck Gargill, the university's vice president for operations, said the permanent location for the granite monument will be approximately 50 feet south of the previous site, on the northwest corner of the main drill field and adjacent to the area in which the Albritton Tower will be erected.

Gargill said the memorial's new site is "located in such a manner to do honor to the memorial and the men it honors."

During construction of the 49-bell carillon, the monument will be temporarily located between the Memorial Student Center and Rudder Center, next to the "Planned for the Future" statue.

Temporary relocation of the monument is expected within two weeks, complete with a suitable base.

Ceremonies rededicating the memorial will be conducted as part of a special Veterans' Day observance Nov. 11 after the monument has been moved to its permanent location, Gargill said.

He said the permanent site was recommended by a committee composed of students, former students,

faculty and staff.

"We looked at all locations anyone suggested," he said, "It was just the best judgement of the committee and it was unanimously chosen."

"The new site, which will be incorporated into the overall concept for the Albritton Tower, will be aesthetically pleasing and actually be more visible and accessible than where it was previously located."

Gargill said the area will be well landscaped and have indirect lighting.

He pointed out that the previous site was not the original location for the monument. It was initially situated by Guion Hall, but the monument was moved and the old auditorium torn down to make way for the Rudder Center auditorium complex.

"I feel quite confident that practically all of the people who have voiced objection to relocation of the monument are unaware that it was previously located elsewhere on campus — and I cannot recall any adverse reaction when it was moved from the original site," Gargill said.

"In any event, we think we have an ideal site now that will do full justice to this fine monument," he added, "and we think everyone will be pleased with the results."



Got some rice?

Photo by BILL HUGHES

Dance Arts Society adviser Lynn Berry and other society members perform a modern dance during dress rehearsal Wednesday night. The number, choreographed by Dance

Arts teacher Paul Licce to "Brown Rice" by Shadowfax, will be performed tonight as part of the society's annual spring show at 7:30 in Rudder Theatre.

Bryan man surrenders custody

United Press International

BRYAN — The father of a 6-year-old girl who was ordered returned to the racially mixed home of her mother by the U.S. Supreme Court Wednesday said he would not give up his legal battle.

"No. No way," said Anthony Sidoti.

The Supreme Court ruled 9-0 in favor of the child's mother, Linda Sidoti Palmore, of Seffner, Fla., who married a black man after divorcing Sidoti in 1980.

Palmore argued that it is unconstitutional for family court judges to take interracial marriage into account when making custody decisions.

A Florida family judge, however, said the child, Melanie, would be socially stigmatized by remaining with her mother in a biracial home. The judge ordered the child returned to her father.

But the Supreme Court agreed with Palmore.

After hearing the news, Sidoti said: "I was disappointed, but we'll just have to see what happens. We aren't sure exactly what the decision means."

Sidoti's attorney, John Hawtrey, indicated he, too, was not prepared to give up.

"I have no comment until I have an opportunity to see the opinion rendered and an opportunity to prepare a motion for rehearing," Hawtrey said.

The Supreme Court decision said the custody ruling was unconstitutional.

"The effects of racial prejudice, however real, cannot justify a racial classification removing an infant child from the custody of its natural mother found to be an appropriate person to have such custody," Chief Justice Warren Burger declared.

"The Constitution cannot control such prejudices but neither can it tolerate them. Private biases may be outside the reach of the law, but the law cannot, directly or indirectly, give them effect."

The Sidoti's were divorced May 29, 1980, and custody of Melanie was originally awarded the mother, but after she married a black man, Sidoti, 29, filed to reclaim custody.

He contended that Palmore had "created a bad environment" for Melanie.

David Kennedy found dead in hotel suite

United Press International

PALM BEACH, Fla. — David Kennedy, 28, who turned to drugs following the assassination of his father Robert Kennedy, was found dead on the floor of his hotel suite Wednesday.

There was no immediate indication of the cause of death and Palm Beach Police Chief Joseph Terlizze said "We have no evidence at this time of any drug use. There was no drug paraphernalia in the room."

An autopsy was ordered later Wednesday.

Kennedy's body was found in Room 107, part of a two-room suite, of the Brazilian Court Hotel by a secretary who went to check on him after a telephone call from a woman

identifying herself as "Mrs. Kennedy from Boston" said she was concerned that he had not returned to Boston.

Police said Kennedy checked into the hotel last Friday, The Brazilian Court is five miles from the winter mansion of Rose Kennedy, 93-year-old matriarch of the tragedy-plagued family, who spent the Easter weekend there with several other family members.

David was one of her 29 grandchildren.

In Washington, Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., David's uncle, issued a statement saying, "It is a very difficult time for all the members of our family, including David's mother, Ethel, and his brothers and sisters, who tried so hard to help him in recent years."

"All of us loved him very much. With trust in God, we all pray that David has finally found a peace that he did not find in life."

A priest was called into Room 107 about 2:15 p.m., two hours and 45 minutes after Kennedy's body was found, and left 10 minutes later. A few minutes after he left the body was brought out on a stretcher covered with a green drape. No family members were in evidence.

The body was taken to the Palm Beach Medical Examiner's office for autopsy.

David was one of 11 children of the former attorney general, slain in Los Angeles in 1968 while running for president. Two of them have had serious problems with drugs.

His brother Bobby Jr., elder by a

year, was charged with heroin possession last September in Rapid City, S.D., and entered a drug treatment program.

David was an intern at the Atlantic Monthly magazine at the time of his death. His drug troubles surfaced on Sept. 5, 1979, when he was mugged and robbed of \$30 outside the Shelton Plaza hotel, which police described as a rendezvous for drug peddlers and their customers. Neighbors told reporters at the time that drug dealers knew young Kennedy well as "White James."

A month later, he checked into Massachusetts General Hospital in serious condition with a heart inflammation which doctors said sometimes resulted from infection by improperly-used hypodermic needles.

TAMU tends to ignore its students who aspire to attend law school

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Editor's note: This is the third in a three part series about pre-law students at Texas A&M.

Pre-law students are the invisible people of Texas A&M. They're scattered throughout departments from political science to petroleum engineering. No records are kept of their professional goals.

They have no departmental home, no united front. It's easy for the administration to ignore them.

And ignore them it has. The University's token attempt to meet their needs is a single, part-time prelaw coordinator in the general studies department.

In fact, University officials have no idea how many students here are interested in law school.

"We've had a lot of students go to law school," Associate Provost Charles E. McCandless said. But he doesn't know how many. And he doesn't know how many current students have law school ambitions.

William Rundell, assistant director

of the University Honors program, doesn't think the number of pre-law students here is very large.

"If they were up front interested in that, they wouldn't come to A&M," he said. But he, too, has no cold hard facts.

"This is all based on gut feeling," he said.

Garland Bayliss, director of Academic Services, said he didn't think there was the demand for a full-time pre-law adviser at Texas A&M.

Pre-law coordinator Hilary Jessup said there's no way of obtaining statistics because students become interested in law at different points in their college careers.

Numbers aside, these elusive students do exist at Texas A&M. The Pre-Law Society brings together 125 of them.

Thomazine Lowry, publicity chairman for the society, said the group's purpose is to bring together people with the same interests. Since pre-law students are scattered across the University, they don't have the access to each other that students in business or engineering get through their colleges or departments.

Vice President Karen Kellett said it helps to have the moral support of other students who want to go to law school.

"You go through a lot of trauma," she said. "People treat you like you're different. 'Oh, this is my friend Karen — she's going to law school.' Like you're some kind of freak."

"You make a lot of friends because you're the same. You have the same interests, the same high academic standards."

The Pre-Law Society also provides a great deal of valuable information.

"There are just a hundred things about law school you need to know," Kellett said. How to apply, when to apply, when to take the Law School Aptitude Test, how to do well on it, what the scores mean, what kind of grades are needed to get accepted to law school, what kind of undergraduate courses pre-law students should take — the Pre-Law Society members talk about all of it.

Many of the monthly meetings feature speakers: deans, assistant deans or students from various law schools. The group also sponsors sev-

eral trips to law schools each semester.

Keith Cartwright, a member of the Pre-Law Society for the past two years, said that in that time, trips have been made to law schools at University of Texas, Baylor University, Tulane University, Loyola University, and University of Houston.

To Cartwright, the trips are the most important activity of the club.

"They're a lot of fun, for one thing," he said. "The deans or associate deans give us a tour, and students are there to answer our questions. We sit in on classes — it's a way of getting a feel for what it's like."

Kellett said the trips give her the opportunity to compare the schools she's considering.

Jessup, the adviser for the society, said the society also provides an informal job network for legal internships. When positions with College Station lawyers open up, the Pre-Law Society members are the first to know.

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