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Wright calls \$4,500 expense for office fireplace justified

FORT WORTH (AP) — House Speaker Jim Wright says his new \$4,500 fireplace will add to the dignity of his office and keep his ankles warm in the winter.

The black marble fireplace is part of a renovation program for the speaker's office. Another \$1,100 will be used to renovate a kitchen. Drapes and carpeting will be added at a still undetermined price tag.

Wright, D-Texas, told the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* Tuesday he believes the renovations are justified.

"To tell you the truth," Wright said of the fireplace, "I think it's a

useful addition to the room. I think it's attractive, certainly, and it adds a little something to the dignity of the room."

And he said the fireplace won't be just for looks.

"This is a drafty room," Wright said. "I had an electric heater I kept under my desk last winter to keep my ankles warm."

Wright sees nothing wrong with improvements to the Capitol.

"I think they send out positive signals to the public," Wright said.

"What do you think the public would have thought if nobody had modernized or renewed the Capitol from the time it was first built? You

wouldn't have any electric lights. You wouldn't have any central heat."

The fireplace addition and its cost was criticized in a recent syndicated column by Jack Anderson.

Wright said Washington leaders have advocated improvements in the city's public buildings in the past, sometimes during crises.

"During the Civil War, Abraham Lincoln insisted on building the dome on the Capitol," he said. "During the Korean War, Harry Truman built the south balcony on the White House. During Mr. (Sam) Rayburn's time as speaker, he insisted on the whole east front extension (of the Capitol)."

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Debate

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stantiated — not one of us was contacted as to whether that's authentic or not," he said.

The *Battalion* article to which Zaeske referred concerned complaints about possible racist actions of American Ethnic Coalition members at MSC Political Forum's Political Awareness Day.

At an MSC Council meeting Monday night, MSC director Jim Reynolds said he received complaints about the activities of the group at their table at Political Awareness Day and the remarks of a speaker at a panel discussion sponsored by the American Ethnic Coalition.

In a Wednesday phone call to

The Battalion, Zaeske said the incident described in the article never occurred.

Reynolds Wednesday night said the discussion at the MSC Council meeting concerned not the activities of the American Ethnic Coalition, but the criteria used by MSC Political Forum to choose which groups to invite to Political Awareness Day.

Homosexuals

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The Metropolitan Community Church will be registered with the YMCA in the fall of 1987.

The Student Counseling Service in the YMCA Building is another alternative, offering counseling on any subject, says Dr. Kerry Hope, director of student counseling.

In addition, a one-hour class dealing with sensitivity awareness will be offered by the Department of Student Affairs under the sociology department in the Fall semester, says South Area Assistant Area Coordinator Debbie Spencer. The class will be required of all future resident advisers so they can handle the needs of students who need counseling.

"We want to educate the resi-

dent advisers and train them to be the mediator in roommate disputes," Spencer says. "And if they cannot handle the subject (like homosexuality) they will know which organization to refer the roommates to," she says.

Although Spencer has never heard of a roommate leaving because of sexual preference, others say it does happen.

Rex, a sophomore in psychology says, "At the beginning of this semester I went through four roommates in one week. It was not that my roommates looked at me and thought I was gay, it was because people love to talk behind my back."

Each roommate that Rex had filed a transfer report complaining about something other than his sexual preference, like

smoking, he says.

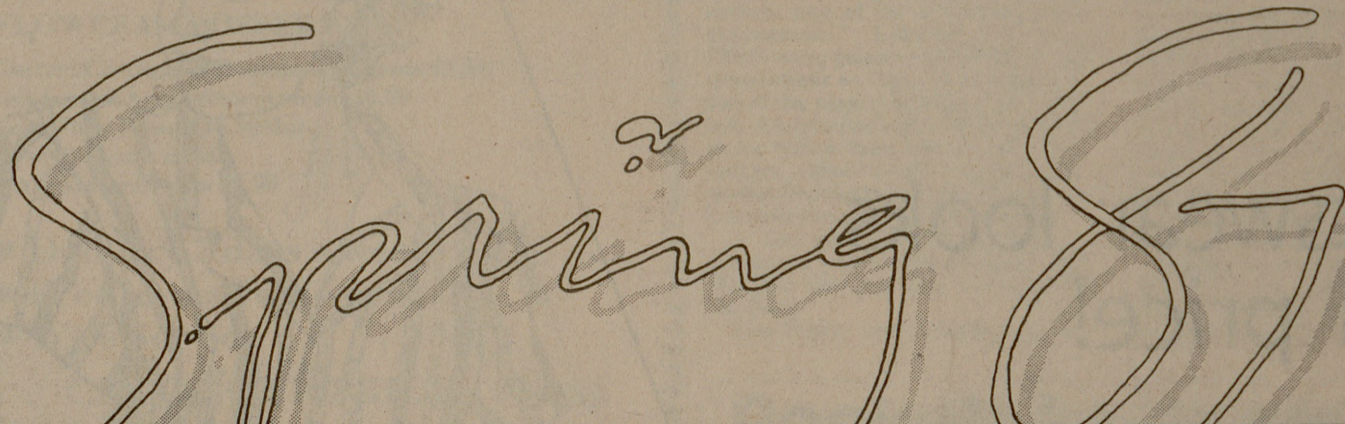
"The funny thing about it is I don't have sex with other guys anymore," Rex says. "There is a point where I love the mind of another man more than his body."

Both Rex and Kyle say homosexuality is not just sex between men, it is a caring — the same caring that occurs between heterosexuals.

Hickman says he hopes that in time all lifestyles will be viewed objectively and equally in the University community.

"I hope a time will come at A&M when interest groups of all types could enter into a debate in the University community in a way that is open and without fear of persecution and incrimination because of their views," he says.

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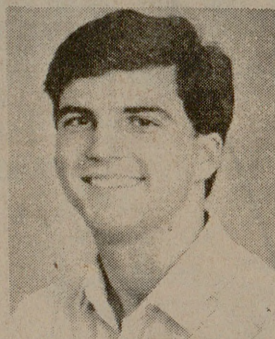


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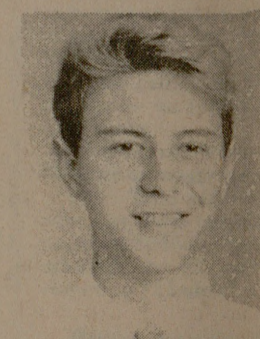
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