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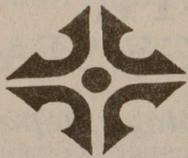
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KAMU-TV airs telethon Charity requests volunteer hours, not dollars

By SUZANNE CALDERON
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KAMU-TV wants to take advantage of the old axiom, "time is money." On Feb. 17, the station will broadcast a new type of telethon, asking for pledges of time instead of money.

The Give Five Telethon, sponsored by KAMU and Post Oak Mall, asks community members to give five hours, not dollars, to help charitable organizations in Bryan-College Station.

Peggy Zent, development director for KAMU-TV, said the telethon is the first of its kind in the nation. "To our knowledge, there has never been an event solely for the purpose of recruiting volunteer time," Zent said.

The slogan "Give Five" is a national campaign slogan developed by Independent Sector, a group that does research on volunteerism. Independent Sector's research indicates that the average person can donate five hours a week and 5 percent of his income to help charitable organizations.

KAMU will celebrate its 20th anniversary Feb. 15, and Zent said the telethon is KAMU's thank you to the Brazos Valley for its help during the past 20 years.

"We rely so heavily on local businesses and local people to provide monetary support in order to purchase programs," Zent said.

KAMU's Give Five Telethon will be broadcast from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. It will alternate between live segments at the mall and the KAMU-TV studios.

Zent said the studio segments will feature videotapes about the organizations, as well as updates from volunteers manning the phones.

Volunteers from the featured organizations will be answering phones and taking pledges at the studio.

Zent said there will be live interviews at the mall with people from the organizations. Entertainment by local performers also will be broadcast from the mall.

ple to arrange volunteer times, Zent said.

In addition to pledging new volunteer hours, Zent and Lewis said students and community members can pledge volunteer hours to what they are already committed.

"So many people are already doing things, and they may not realize that those things are something they can count," Zent said.

Even if someone can pledge only an hour a week, that's OK, Lewis said.

"We will be glad to receive whatever commitment a person can make — if they can't pledge five hours a week, then whatever they can," Lewis said.

Zent said the goal of the telethon is to get 1,000 people to commit five hours a week — this would give charities 220,000 volunteer hours during the remainder of 1990.

Many volunteer hours went toward making KAMU what it is today, Zent said she hopes this telethon will help some other organizations in need.

KAMU officially became a TV station in 1970 when the Federal Communications Commission accepted Texas A&M's application for membership. In 1970, KAMU had about 18 full-time employees and 200 student employees. Zent said today they have about 25 full-time employees and 25 student employees.

Zent said KAMU helps A&M with its video and audio production needs and provides services to press conferences and teleconferencing. KAMU also covers many University activities like sports events and bonfire.



Give Five pledge card/Page 6

Rodger Lewis, program director at KAMU, said that people can pledge their time to help any charitable organization in Bryan-College Station, not just the ones featured during the telethon.

After the telethon, each organization will be given a list of people who have pledged their time to that organization. Then the organizations are responsible for contacting the peo-

Clements hopes return of troops will offset Fort Hood reductions

DALLAS (AP) — Gov. Bill Clements and Sen. Phil Gramm said Monday they hope the return of troops from Europe will help offset the proposed cut of 12,000 troops from Ford Hood and the deactivation of its 2nd Armored Division.

The Fort Hood reduction was one of nine proposed military reductions affecting Texas under Defense Secretary Dick Cheney's cost-saving plan.

Other Texas officials had mixed reactions to the plan, but Gramm said in Washington he met with Cheney and Army officials to negotiate an agreement to stave off reductions.

"We now have a commitment that Fort Hood will have the first claim on the first troops coming home from Europe," Gramm said. "That's a big and important commitment."

Clements, who served as Deputy Defense Secretary from 1973 to 1977, said state and local officials must make a bipartisan effort to minimize the impact of the Defense Department cuts should they be implemented.

He said in a written statement he would "aggressively support" any step to bring troops from Europe back to Fort Hood, near Killeen.

Cheney also proposed a contract cut for the V-22 Osprey tilt-rotor aircraft being developed for the Marine Corps by Bell Helicopter in Fort Worth.

Gramm said he and other legislators from affected districts will help mayors and county commissioners argue on behalf of their local military operations.

The senator already has talked

with Austin Mayor Lee Cooke about Bergstrom Air Force Base, where about 5,000 military personnel would be affected.

"It is the big closure," Gramm said. "I have talked with the secretary of the Air Force to arrange the process for the Austin community to

meet with the secretary and make a case."

Gramm said that Texas' impact from the proposed closures and reductions would not have been different if former House Speaker Jim Wright, who resigned last year, still been in office and working on the state's interests.

Police look for suspect in gas station robbery

An African-American male robbed Judd's Exxon at 1011 Wellborn Road Tuesday in College Station.

The suspect entered the store just before 2 a.m. and appeared to clerks to be shopping. He then approached clerks and asked them if they served hot foods. When the clerks said no, he left the store.

Minutes later the same man returned and approached the counter as if to make a purchase. He instead pulled a gun from his belt, threatened the clerks and demanded all the money from the registers. After the suspect got the money, he fled from the store toward Holleman Street.

Investigators believe this suspect may be the same person who robbed a store in Independence six hours later.

He is described as 26 to 29 years old, 5 feet 11 inches to 6 feet tall and 180 to 190 pounds. He is unshaven

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and has a noticeable gap between front teeth.

The suspect was last seen wearing a red cap, blue satin jacket with white stripe on the collar, black jeans and dirty athletic shoes.

This week the College Station Police Department and Crime Stoppers need your help to identify the robber. If you have information that could be helpful, call Crime Stoppers at 775-TIPS. When you call Crime Stoppers will assign you a special coded number that will protect your identity.

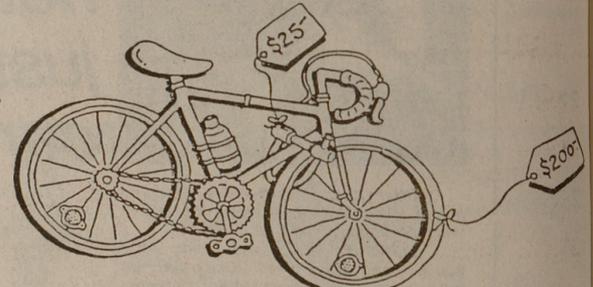
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