

Reveille graves yield to renovations

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Reveilles I through IV will not be able to see the Aggies' score at the first A&M home football game Sept. 6. The graves of Reveilles I through IV were moved to Cain Park Aug. 13 to make room for expansion of Kyle Field. The expansion will begin after the Texas A&M-University of Texas football game Nov. 28.

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Jeff King, commanding officer of Company E-2 and a senior political science major, said he and about 30 cadets excavated the remains of the graves and buried them at a temporary site in Cain Park.

Curtis Russell, a landscape architect for Physical Plant, said a backhoe operator from the Physical Plant assisted in the digging up of the remains, and the cadets did most of the digging.

He said the Reveille gravestones were in storage until last week, when they were placed over the temporary site in Cain Park.

Russell said the temporary site resembles the original grave in front of the north entrance of the stadium. The brick base under the grave stones is surrounded by concrete. Posts and a chain around the grave were installed when the concrete was laid. The bronze plaque explaining the tradition of Reveille will be placed at the site at the end of the week.

King said that he did not object to the temporary site. He said he and the cadets in E-2 were more concerned with the site after construction is completed.

"We were disappointed that they had to be moved," King said. "But when we realized they had to be moved, we set our sights toward the new site. It's something we're going to be proud of."

King said the whole area in front of the north entrance of the expansion will be a plaza, and the Reveille grave stones will be the focus of the plaza.

He said a scoreboard, visible from the grave site, will be placed outside the north stadium entrance. King said he hopes a statue of Reveille I will be placed inside the stadium.

King said some former A&M students complained about the relocation of the graves throughout the summer. However, he said their complaints subsided when they heard the reasons for the relocation.

The Kyle Field expansion is a \$30 million project that will add 10,000 seats to the stadium. It is scheduled to be completed in May 1999.



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Feuding over Reveille graves detracts from true tradition

Tradition is one of the foundations upon which Texas A&M is built. For students, alumni and faculty alike, traditions are what set this university apart from the rest. But, Aggie traditions have a propensity for incurring something other than spirit and pride, as the recent fiasco over the Reveille grave site has shown.

Plans were announced this summer for the excavation of the graves of Reveilles I through IV to accommodate the expansion of Kyle Field scheduled to begin after the Texas football game this fall.

Repercussions of this announcement came with full force. Students and alumni whipped themselves into hysterical frenzy, claiming that this decision dashed the honor and spirit of Reveilles. The movement of the graves was considered by many interested parties to be a dishonor and a sign of deteriorating traditions at Texas A&M.

The hubbub garnered the University a great deal of less than attractive attention in both the media and private circles. This sort of internal feuding and boisterous opposition between Aggies only reflects negatively on the University and the importance of Reveille. Let's face it, there are already enough Aggie jokes out there.

The very fact that the Reveille graves were given so much consideration in the expansion plans should make it clear that the tradition is still dear to the University. Plans are already in the works for a permanent resting place for the Reveilles, a tree-lined plaza outside the north side of Kyle Field.

In response to the criticism, Aggies must remember that it is not the location of the Reveilles' remains that is important, but what her symbol represents. Spirit is a feeling, not a place.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Residence Life bans halogen lamps in A&M dorm rooms

Texas A&M students are no longer permitted to use lamps with halogen bulbs in residence halls beginning this fall.

Officials in the Department of Residence Life announced the ban this summer.

Ron Sasse, director of Residence Life, said safety was the reason for the ban.

"We consider the halogen lamps a serious fire hazard and believe neither our students nor our facilities should be exposed to that risk,"

Sasse said in a press release.

According to a press release from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, halogen bulbs can reach temperatures of 970 F to 1,200 F. The CPSC conducted tests during which 250-watt, 300-watt and 500-watt bulbs in torchiere-style lamps started fires in nearby combustible materials.

University officials said in a press release that although all halogen lamps are banned from the halls, torchiere-style lamps are the No. 1

target of the ban.

In the press release, University officials suggest that students use a compact fluorescent light (CFL) fixture, which is available in a torchiere-style lamp, as an alternative to the halogen torchiere.

Jason Brooks, operations manager of Texas A&M Bookstore in the MSC, said torchiere-style lamps using compact fluorescent lights are on order and should be available in the bookstore by the third or fourth week of September.

Rec Center temporarily discontinues summer pass sales

Texas A&M students enrolled for fall 1997 but not the summer session were not allowed to use the Student Recreation Center for two weeks this summer because of a disagreement over the interpretation of the "non-student" cap agreement made between the Rec Center and local gyms.

Dennis Corrington, director of the Department of Recreational Sports, decided to discontinue the sale of continuing passes to stu-

dents between semesters.

In the past, the Department of Recreational Sports offered \$70 summer passes to students enrolled in the upcoming fall term, but not the summer term, but gym owners

in the Bryan-College Station area questioned the eligibility of these students for the passes.

The gym owners said people not enrolled in school during the semester in question should not be considered students. Therefore, Texas A&M would be

violating the "good neighbor" agreement it made with the gyms when the Rec Center opened if the University allowed students between semesters to buy continuing passes. The agreement capped the number of non-students who could buy passes to the Rec Center at 1,150.

Dr. J. Malon Southerland, vice president of student affairs, later reversed Corrington's decision due to student protest and a reevaluation of the cap agreement.

Student Government to test new election run-off process

The Texas A&M Student Government will test a new election "ranking system" during fall freshman elections. The process will be included in election revisions submitted to the Student Senate this fall.

The ranking system would include run-off elections in the student body general elections.

In the general elections, students would choose a first-choice candidate,

then rank the remaining candidates by preference. After votes have been tallied, the candidate with the least number of first-choice votes would be dropped from the election.

The students who voted for the dropped candidate would have their votes given to their second-choice candidates.

Votes would be redistributed according to rank until one candidate

won the election.

Student Body President Curtis Childers, Speaker of the Student Senate Alice Gonzalez and other Student Government members made the decision to use the different system in the fall freshman elections after meeting with student leaders, such as yell leaders, other Student Government members and Residence Hall Association representatives.

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