pus Reveille graves yield to renovations

By Jenara Kocks The Battalion

Reveilles I through IV will not be le to see the Aggies' score at the first Mhome football game Sept. 6. The graves of Reveilles I through IV re moved to Cain Park Aug. 13 to ke room for expansion of Kyle d. The expansion will begin after Texas A&M-University of Texas

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tball game Nov. 28.

JEFF KING COMMANDING OFFICER, COMPANY E-2

Jeff King, commanding officer of pany E-2 and a senior political ice major, said he and about 30 ets excavated the remains of the s and buried them at a temporary

Curtis Russell, a landscape archictfor Physical Plant, said a backhoe erator from the Physical Plant assted in the digging up of the remains, at the cadets did most of the digging. He said the Reveille gravestones ere in storage until last week, when ey were placed over the temporary

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

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

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 treelined plaza outside the north side of

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 workers are sched-

existing pavement Texas A&M students are no longer mitted to use lamps with halogen re cleared this criti-ulbs in residence halls beginning

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sidence Life announced the ban he \$4.8 million proished in late spring

e, said safety was the reason for

We consider the halogen lamps aserious fire hazard and believe neier our students nor our facilities hould be exposed to that risk,"

Sasse said in a press release

According to a press release from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety val of pavement), is fall.

t will move more Officials in the Department of reach temperatures of 970 F to 1,200 F. The CPSC conducted tests 1,200 F. The CPSC conducted tests during which 250-watt, 300-watt and Ron Sasse, director of Residence 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

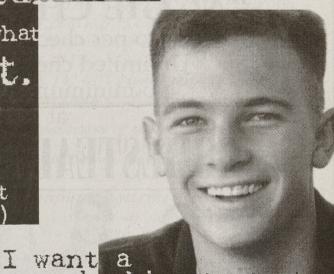
target of the ban.

In the press release, University officials suggest that students use a compact fluorescent light (CFL) fixture, which is available in a torchierestyle 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

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Rec Center temporarily discontinues summer pass sales Texas A&M students enrolled for dents between semesters. violating the "good neighbor" agree-

1997 but not the summer seson were not allowed to use the agreement over the interpreta- mer term, but gym owners of the "non-student" cap agreeand local gyms.

Dennis Corrington, director of

In the past, the Department of Recreational Sports offered \$70 sumdent Recreation Center for two mer passes to students enrolled in the eks this summer because of a upcoming fall term, but not the sum-

in the Bryan-College Station area ent made between the Rec Cen- questioned the eligibility of these students for the passes.

The gym owners said people not enele of continuing passes to students. Therefore, Texas A&M would be

ment 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 Cen-

Dr. J. Malon Southerland, vice president of student affairs, later reversed e Department of Recreational rolled in school during the semester in Corrington's decision due to student ports, decided to discontinue the question should not be considered stu- protest and a reevaluation of the cap

Student Government to test new election run-off process

ent will test a new election "ranking tem" during fall freshman elecns. The process will be included in ection revisions submitted to the Stu-

off elections in the student body neral elections.

In the general elections, students

The Texas A&M Student Governthen rank the remaining candidates by won the election. preference. After votes have been tallied, the candidate with the least num- Childers, Speaker of the Student Senber of first-choice votes would be dropped from the election.

The students who voted for the The ranking system would include dropped candidate would have fall freshmen elections after meeting their votes given to their secondchoice candidates.

Votes would be redistributed aculd choose a first-choice candidate, cording to rank until one candidate

Student Body President Curtis ate Alice Gonzalez and other Student Government members made the decision to use the different system in the with student leaders, such as yell leaders. other Student Government members and Residence Hall Association representatives.

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