

# Longhorns, Aggies Tangle For Title

## Colorful Clash Tomorrow At 2

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Maroon and Orange will clash tomorrow on the Kyle Field green in what will be the most colorful game of the season—the traditional clash of the Texas Aggies and the University of Texas Longhorns.

On a black Saturday just two short weeks ago, the Cadets saw the mighty blue and gray of Rice as they dropped the first game in their last eighteen by a 7-6 score. The only blemish on their record was a bloody-red smear placed on the Aggies by the Houston Cougar's 14-14 tie in 1956.

The Longhorns, in their last outing, smeared TCU's indigo in Memorial Stadium by a 14-2 margin. They also possess the captured colors of Arkansas' Cardinal Red; the red-faced Rice Owls' Blue and Southern Methodist's Deep Red and Royal Blue—not to mention a swatch of cloth from Baylor's Kelly Green.

Thirteen Aggie seniors will don the Maroon and White for the last time tomorrow, with the royal purple of the conference championship robe being offered the victor.

Last year, the Cadets "did it up brown" by soundly thumping the Steers for the first time in their own Memorial Stadium. Of course, everyone painted the town red.

However, with the Longhorns rising from the depths of the cellar—where they were placed in pre-season predictions—the conference is wondering "where the yellow went" that symbolized TU's expected playing prowess. These Steers are anything but "yellow."

The green years have come and gone for both A&M and Texas, but now both teams see red as they bid for Cotton White. Rice has something to say in the bartering for honors, however, for they will receive the bid to the Cotton Bowl by defeating Baylor's Green.

Lady Luck will have her chance to paint pastel pinks, for she plays the artist's role in every Turkey Day tilt. It's a shame television is black-and-white.

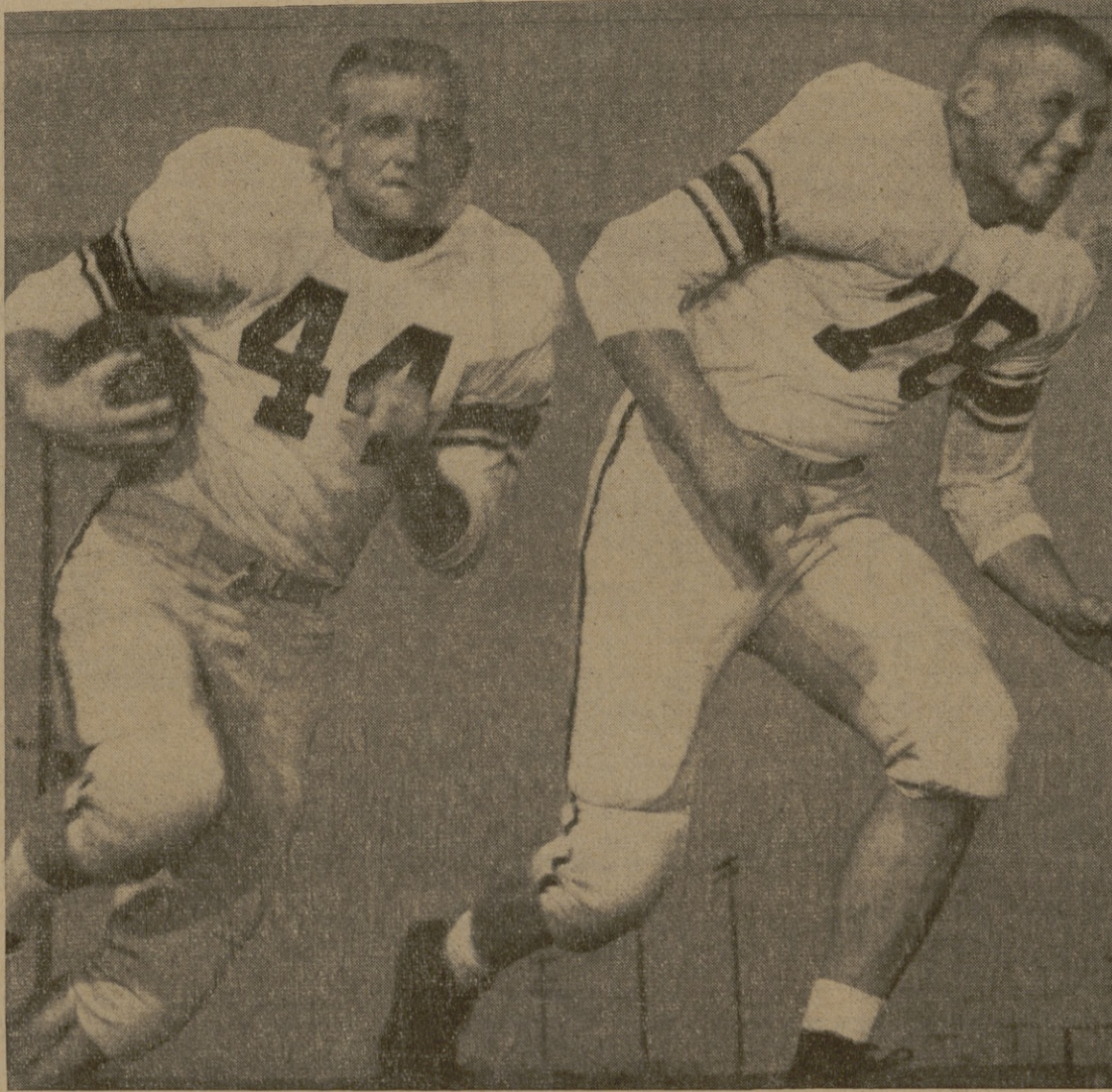
The starting lineups:

Texas Univ.		A&M	
Maurice Duke, No. 81	LE Bobby Marks, No. 88	J. T. Seaholm, No. 79	LT Charley Krueger, No. 78
Don Wilson, No. 62	LG Jim Stanley, No. 60	Louis Del Homme, No. 50	C John Gilbert, No. 54
Robert E. Lee, No. 53	RG Darrell Brown, No. 67	Garland Kennon, No. 76	RT Kenneth Beck, No. 72
Monte Lee, No. 86	RE Don Smith, No. 81	Walter Fondren, No. 24	QB Roddy Osborne, No. 12
George Blanch, No. 41	LH John David Crow, No. 44	Max Alvis, No. 25	RH Loyd Taylor, No. 45
Mike Dowdle, No. 33	FB Richard Gay, No. 30		



Aggie Leader

Coach Paul "Bear" Bryant, A&M head coach, smiles with anticipation as his "boys" go through contact workouts... preparing for the Steers from the 40-acres.



Aggie Co-Captains Ready for Battle

Halfback John Crow and tackle Charlie Krueger, Aggie co-captains, demonstrate what 430 pounds of beef-eating man will look like to the Texas Longhorns tomorrow. The senior skippers will lead their teammates into the annual classic clash.

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## Spirit-Building Bonfire Gets Torch In Classic Ceremonies Tonight at 8

By FRED MEURER

Sweat, tears and tons of green trees go up in smoke tonight at 8 when the Fightin' Texas Aggies burn their 45th annual bonfire as a fitting climax to 10 days of hard toil.

As the mass of black smoke and glowing embers roll skyward from the burning inferno tonight, the Spirit of Aggieland, fired to an all-time high, will continue rising with it.

The 12th Man faced perhaps the largest setbacks in bonfire history this year. It overcame them, making tonight's blaze so much more significant.

First of all, rain battered the cutting area during the past eight days, turning the woods into a soggy plain of mud, almost impossible to work in. Not satisfied

with this, the goddess of ill fortune pointed a crooked finger at Aggieland again Saturday at noon when the bonfire's center pole broke, spilling the stack of wood like gigantic pick-up sticks.

The Aggies showed all their valor than by rebuilding the stack within several hours. Tonight, with their mud-caked fatigues shed in favor of spotless uniforms, cadets will look back at their victories over the weather and the bonfire's tumble. A glow of pride will be tugging at each man's heart, as if the "burning desire to beat the hell outta TU" wasn't enough to make it pound within him.

### Injuries Few

But this year's construction also saw some good luck. A report from the college hospital last night showed only 57 men were treated for bonfire mishaps. Of these, 41

were cases of poison ivy while actual injuries were broken down into 10 sprains and bruises, three axe cuts, two cases of blisters and one treatment for foreign objects in the eye.

Last year's bonfire caused 106 Aggies to visit the hospital, 73 with poison ivy. Actual injuries then numbered 27 as compared to the 16 this year.

Speaking of the comparatively low number of injuries, head yell leader Ted Lowe commented: "If you consider the conditions, it's a wonderful record."

Armon Hewitt, Corps supply officer who headed the safety program, said the injury list was "definitely an improvement over last year. Every bit of safety success was due to the orientation program conducted the week before the bonfire." He added that unit

supply sergeants, who served as safety officers, did "an excellent job."

### Symbol Burns at 8

The program tonight will be touched off when the band plays the "War Hymn" at 8. After this, the yell leaders will dash to the stack and toss their torches into the oil- and fuel-soaked stack. Lowe estimated a total of 500 gallons of contaminated J-P-4 jet fuel, donated by Bryan Air Force Base, and waste diesel fuel will be used to saturate the wood tomorrow afternoon.

Following the igniting of the blaze, an inspired Aggie yell practice will be held on the drill field. Pinky Downs, the official greeter of A&M, will give his usual spirit-building spiel between yells.

Lowe will recite the famous "Last Corps Trip" over a loud-speaker, with music from the band providing the background. After

several more yells and the singing of the "Spirit," onlookers will go their ways, leaving the bonfire burning on the drill field as a warning to teapsips as to what they're up against.

The 1957 version of the bonfire towers 66 feet into the sky. Lowe said he didn't have an accurate volume measurement on the stack, but added: "It looks to me as if it's bigger than last year, but that's an estimated guess."

"I know it's bigger as far as effort goes," he remarked.

The history of the A&M bonfire is a story in itself. The first one was built on the campus in 1912. According to Pinky Downs, however, it was just a normal bonfire, with old crates and brush. (Probably similar to the one the teapsips burned in Austin last night.)

## Atom Buster On Display

Visitors to the campus this afternoon, as well as students and College Station residents, have the opportunity to see the only non-military nuclear reactor in the state in operation.

A&M's atomic reactor will be on display to the public until 6:30 tonight in the fifth wing of the mechanical engineering shop. As a demonstration of the reactor, dimes will be made slightly radioactive for visitors.

The reactor is operated with such control that the heat it would generate at its present experimental level in a hundred years would not equal that used by an average American home in one night. Yet if its full power was unleashed, the energy would be incomprehensible.

The reactor was set up here on Sept. 1 by the Atomic Energy Commission for experimental and research training. Its reactions differ from an atomic bomb only in that they are carefully controlled.

## 41,611 To Witness Turkey Day Clash

Athletic Department's ticket office reports 41,611 paid spectators will view Thursday's clash between A&M and the University of Texas.

The game is a complete sell-out and some 2,400 persons will be seated in special seats around the field.

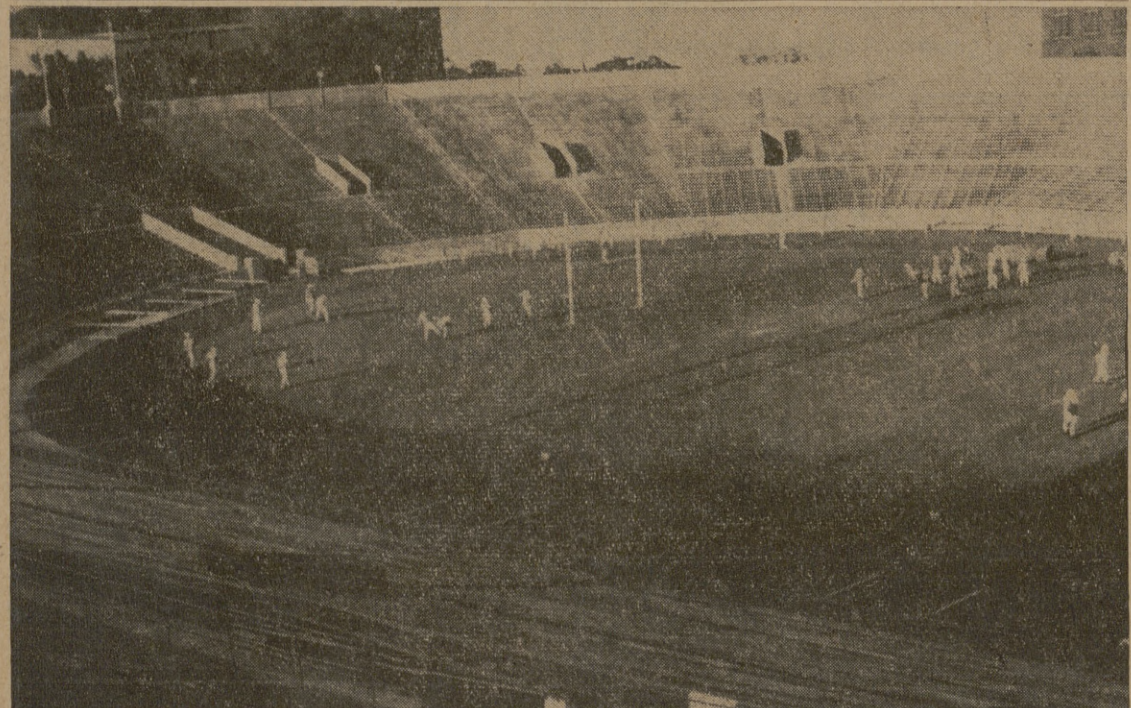
Thousands of fans unable to get tickets for the game will be able to watch the clash on a coast-to-coast television hook-up.

## Weather Today

College Station forecast: increasing cloudiness and warmer today; widely scattered thundershowers tonight; clearing and cooler tomorrow, with northerly winds over Kyle Field.

Maximum temperature yesterday was 70 degrees at 2:30 p. m. This morning at 4:30 the mercury dipped to a low of 51 degrees.

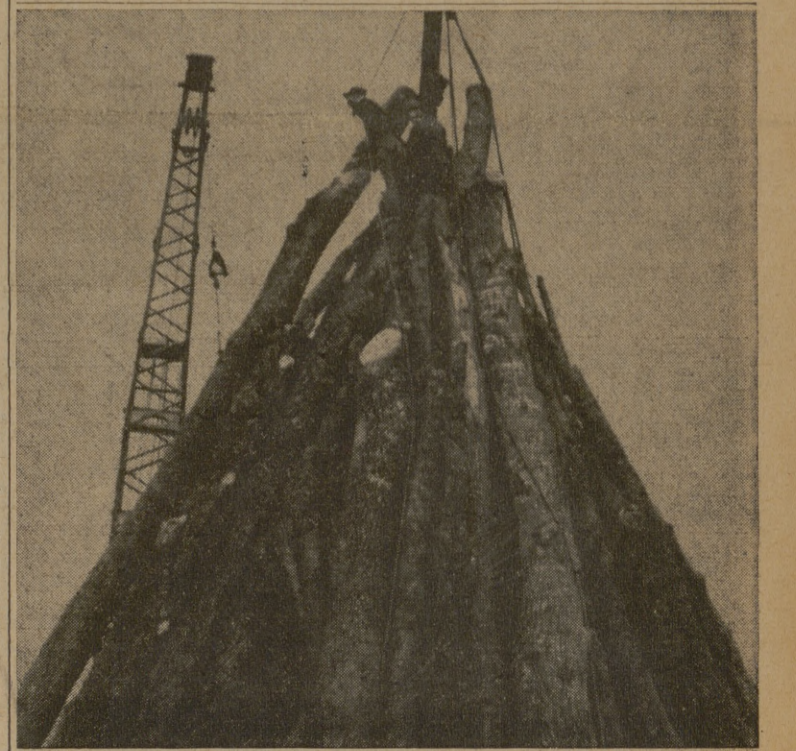
Relative humidity at 8 a. m. was 89 per cent and the temperature, 56 degrees.



Empty Today, Full Tomorrow


Empty and drab, the 4,200 seats of Kyle Field alone bear witness to the Southwest Conference Champion Texas Aggies as they go through final workouts before meeting

Texas University tomorrow, at 2 p. m. When the whistle blows on the opening kick-off, however, the seats will be invisible beneath a sellout Thanksgiving crowd.



Going Up!

A giant crane in the background hoists logs onto the ever-growing bonfire as Aggies rush to add the finishing touches, trying to make it 66 feet high when it burns tonight at 8.



MARRIED SENIORS HAVE MADE THIS SIGN FOUR LONG YEARS WE'VE WAITED FOR THIS TIME THRU PAST YEARS OF HARVEST & DROUGHT TO WIN THIS GAME WE'VE DREAMED ABOUT OUR SPIRIT WE GIVE TO THE AGGIE TEAM FOR PROBATION & JINX WERE JUST ROUTINE CONFERENCE CHAAPS ON MEMORIAL FIELD THEN NATIONAL RATING TO ADD TO THE THRILL THESE DRAMATIC YEARS OF GRIDIRON GLORY ALMOST COMPLETE OUR FOUR YEAR STORY THERE IS ONLY ONE THING LEFT TO DESIRE THAT WHICH IS SYMBOLIZED BY OUR BONFIRE

Drill Field Spirit

One of the many outfit signs lining the border of the drill field depicts the spirit of married Corps students. The signs show the spirit felt deep in the heart of every Aggie.