

'Biggest' A&M Bonfire Will Burn Tonight

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Evidence of thousands of man hours of cutting, stacking and hauling will go up in smoke when the 1951 pre-Texas University game bonfire is touched off at 8:15 tonight.

Traditionally the year's biggest drawing card, the bonfire and football game are expected to attract some 20,000 cars and a crowd of more than 51,000 people to the campus Wednesday and Thursday.

Size Breaks Records

Off to an early beginning, this year's bonfire was destined to break all records in size. Despite foul weather conditions, it is still the largest in many years, claim several old timers on the campus.

The mammoth log structure neared completion this afternoon despite a weekend of rain and sloppy working conditions. The rain slowed construction considerably and log hoisting was continued on the drill field last night in order to have the bonfire completed on time. Automobile headlights were used to work by. "We'll be ready," Lew Jobe head yell leader, said last night.

Most of the work was done by hand. The only power equipment used this year was the trucks used in hauling the timbers and a winch truck used to hoist some of the logs into place.

A thousand gallons of oil will be used tonight to saturate the bonfire. Armor units will use 100 one gallon buckets in "bucket brigade" fashion to transfer the petrol from trucks to the crown of the bonfire.

TU Game Tickets Still Available

A limited number of tickets for the A&M-Texas University football game Thursday are still available at the Athletic Department office, said Howard Nelson, ticket manager.

Approximately 800 tickets were turned back by TU and were placed on sale Wednesday at 1 p. m. for the public. Nelson said these tickets could not be exchanged for date tickets.

The oil was donated by local filling stations.

At approximately 8 p. m., the band will move out from the corps area led by torch bearing senior Yell Leaders. After circling the drill field by way of the M S C, they will march up to the bonfire and lighting ceremonies will begin.

Spirit, rising steadily as game time nears, is expected to reach a peak tonight as the flames roar skyward from the bonfire. The bonfire symbolizes the Aggie's "burning desire" to beat the Longhorns in their annual grid battle Thursday.

Yell practice will be held at the Southeast corner of the drill field immediately after the outburst of emotion simmers down. Coach Ray George and his staff will be the main speakers. Also scheduled to speak are P. L. "Pinky" Downs Sr., annual Aggie informer, and 19 senior football players. A truck trailer will serve as the speaker's platform.

Sbisa Dance

After Yell Practice, students and guests will move to Sbisa Hall for the after-bonfire dance and the music of the Aggieland Orchestra. Beginning at 10 p. m., the dance will continue until 1 a. m. Admission will be \$1.50 stag or drag.

Classes have been dismissed Thursday morning. Students will spend the morning preparing for the four-day Thanksgiving holidays.

The traditional Elephant Walk will begin at 10 a. m. Thursday. A symbol of the senior's last day as the "Twelfth Man", the seniors will make a snake-like journey from the flagpole in front of the Academic Building, up Military Walk to Sbisa Hall, and back.

Former Student's Open House Slated

Open House will be held in the MSC Thanksgiving Day for all former students from 9 a. m. until 12 noon in the Former Student's Association offices.

J. B. "Dick" Hervey, executive secretary of the organization invited all former students, their families and guests to attend and inspect the Association's new offices in the west wing of the MSC.

Bonfire Blazes



This is what the bonfire will look like tonight shortly after it is set afire at 8:15 p.m. Termed the "largest in history," the bonfire burning will culminate two weeks of hard labor by A&M students who have cut, stripped and hauled trees from nearby woods onto the main drill field.

Second Blood Unit Visit Here Receives 100 Student Donors

More than 100 A&M students gave their blood yesterday during the second visit of the Red Cross Mobile Blood Unit to the campus.

It was the second big contribution made by A&M students to the desperate call from fighting fronts for blood to be given to injured combat men.

Long List

A long list of students is still on hand for future donations to the blood unit. Only men 21 years of age or older have been allowed to donate blood thus far. Parental consent is required for men and women from 18-21 years of age.

Within 72 hours, the whole blood taken at the units temporarily set up will be used in Korea.

Corps Idea

Using an idea conceived and planned by members of the A&M Corps of Cadets, J. C. Fletcher and his committee of students are receiving overwhelming results with their drive for blood donations.

Fletcher said future dates for visits to the campus by the unit are still tentative. He expressed his desire for a regular date set each two weeks so that students could better plan for their donations.

MSC Plans Buffet Dinner Thursday

Due to the crowd expected for the Turkey Day Game tomorrow, a buffet luncheon will be served in the Assembly Room of the MSC from 11 a. m. to 1 p. m. said Miss Teresa Tunnell, food director.

Tickets for the luncheon are now on sale at the main desk of the center at \$1.50 each.

Sack lunches and coffee will be sold at stands situated at the fountain room entrance and across the street from Kyle Field.

The fountain room, coffee shop, and dining room will be open as usual. The fountain room will stay open until 12 p. m., she added.

A&M System Board Meeting on Campus

Three Academic Schools List 20 Percent on Probation

Twenty percent of the students enrolled in the Schools of Arts and Sciences, Engineering, and Agriculture are on academic probation, the deans announced yesterday.

Of the 3,807 students enrolled in these three schools, 783 are on academic probation. The School of Engineering leads the list with a 22.7 percent. Arts and Sciences is second with 19.2 and Agriculture is low with an 18.5 percentage.

According to assistant dean R. P. Ward, the engineers have three percent less now than at this same time last year. Declines have also been noted in the School of Arts and Sciences, said Dr. J. P. Abbott, dean of the school.

Although the agriculture school ranks last, a decided increase over the past three or four years has developed, says Dean C. N. Shepardson.

The general answer obtained as to why students were on probation was, "not enough studying."

A total of \$67,017.87 in grants-in-aid, scholarships and fellowships was accepted by the board of directors of the A&M System at its meeting here today.

More than \$35,000 of the total was in scholarships for A&M College and Prairie View A&M College, including \$25,000 from Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Jones, through Houston Endowment, Inc., for establishing a scholarship fund for nurse education.

Prairie View Contribution

Also accepted for Prairie View was a contribution of \$134.35 from the Texas Colored Vocational Nurses Association for a nurse education scholarship fund.

The board accepted scholarships and fellowships for A&M College totaling \$10,755 and a total of \$31,308.52 in grants-in-aid to various parts of the A&M System.

Agricultural research drew the bulk of the grants, with \$22,808.52 going to the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station to finance its research projects.

Another \$4,000, from Central Power and Light Company, Corpus Christi, will be shared by the Experiment Station and the Agricultural Extension Service for research and demonstration work with grasses and legumes in the Lower Rio Grande Valley and Winter Garden areas.

Finance Cancer Research

Prairie View received \$1,500 from the American Cancer Society to help finance the Cancer Research Center at Prairie View.

Scholarships for A&M College accepted by the board came from the Oak Cliff Rotary Club of Dallas, Dallas Garden Club, Browning-Ferris Machine Company, West Texas Utilities Company, Ralph McCullough, Tennessee Gas Transmission Company, Southern Union Gas Company, Texas Textile Mills, Hereford Lions Club, Mr. and Mrs. J. Rodney Tabor, East Texas Chapter, A. P. I., and Clint Murchison.

Ag Grants-In-Aid

Grants-in-aid to the Agricultural Experiment Station included \$4,350 from the Research Corporation, Williams-Waterman Fund, New York for further study of the effects of antibiotics on poultry. (See DIRECTOR, Page 4)

'Sully' Sloshed With Paint As Scandalism Backfires

Painting of college campuses struck home last night when the statue of Lawrence Sullivan Ross was sloshed with a yellow paint. The painting of "Sully" was discovered at 8 p.m.

Freshmen in the nearby area and bonfire guards washed the water based paint off before it had time to set. No damage was done to the statue it was reported.

Second Painting Spree

This was the second campus painting spree discovered in the past two weeks. The first was on the campus of Texas University.

A group of A&M freshmen painted signs on the side of several buildings on that campus.

When first reported to college officials here, and at TU, it was believed the damage was done by non-A&M students. After investigation, however, it was found the men painting the campus also decorated several of the bridges between here and Austin.

At One Place They Left Their Unit Number

Painting done in Austin and along the road to College Station was with a yellowish green paint and was splashed on one of the main buildings on the campus.

A panel of cadet officers and military officers are investigating the case.

Men Involved Called

They have called the men involved in the painting to appear before the panel. This group is holding final details until further evidence is discussed.

Penalty for the men involved has not been set, and will not be set until all of the evidence is in and the panel can come to a conclusion as the relative guilts of all men involved. The panel will make its recommendations for punishment to the Dean of Men.

Another session of the panel is set for today.

This is the first complaint lodged against the Aggies this year.

Last year the cadets received statewide attention by stealing the Baylor Bear. A&M also lost last year's game with Baylor.

In regard to the painting incident last night, officials said they were not certain the job was done by outside students. They based their opinion on the fact the paint used was water soluble and not an oil paint.

Traditional Senior Elephant Walk Set

The annual senior's Elephant Walk will be held tomorrow at 10 a. m., announced Lew Jobe, head yell leader.

Jobe said the seniors would form in front of the Academic Building flag pole and the procession would get underway promptly at 10 a. m. He said the group will walk about the campus, going up military walk toward Sbisa Hall and then around by the MSC and back to the flag pole.

The Elephant Walk symbolizes that seniors are of no further use to the Twelfth Man and as a result they walk aimlessly about the campus as an elephant looking for a place to die.

Tradition usually calls for the seniors to dress in any way except regulation.

French Speaks At Citizenship Court Session

The system of checks and balances the three departments of government, executive, judicial, and legislative, exercises over one another prevents the autocracy of the mob or individual.

This statement was made by Dr. C. C. French, dean of the college, at nationalization ceremonies held at the District Court House in Bryan Tuesday.

Five new citizens heard Dr. French explain the form and genius of the United States government. Privileges bring responsibilities, he stressed, while explaining American rights and the system of representative government. He urged the new citizens to use their right to vote.

C Armor Sign

WITH LOGS & TREES WE HAVE BUILT THIS FIRE
A BURNING EXAMPLE OF OUR DESIRE ...
SO WATCH IT SIPS -- BUT DON'T GO NEAR ...
FOR HELL'S A LOT COOLER ...
FROM WHAT WE HEAR ...
AND FRIDAY MORNING A GRAVE THERE'LL BE
WITH THIS EPITAPH FOR ALL TO SEE ...
"NOW SIX FEET UNDER
BENEATH THIS SOD
LIES ALL THAT'S LEFT,
OF THE T-SIP SQUAD"
DIED NOV 29 1951

Following the trend of most military units on the campus, C Armor drew and erected this sign near the site of the Texas University game bonfire to be burned tonight. The signs depict the spirit caused by the bonfire and what the bonfire symbolizes to A&M students.

—Staff Photo by Dick Zeek

RVs to Escort Wanda Harris Into TU Game

Miss Wanda Harris, Aggie Sweetheart, will be escorted into the A&M-TU Thanksgiving football game by the Ross Volunteers, A&M's official honor guard.

Representing the TSCW student body at Denton, Miss Harris will be presented to Eric Carlson, corps commander, representing the A&M student body.

Miss Harris will enter Kyle Field under escort by a platoon of senior Ross Volunteers commanded by Dick Ingels, RV company commander.

The party will march east to the center of Kyle Field, turn left, and proceed to the ramp used to transport the A&M Consolidated Band into the stands. Here the presentation will be made.

The Aggie sweetheart will carry a bouquet of flowers given by the Office of Student Activities. She will arrive at Aggieland at 6 p. m. today and will attend the bonfire ceremony tonight. Her date for the weekend will be Paul Sheaffer.

This will be the first time the Aggie Sweetheart has been presented to the student body at the Thanksgiving game. Miss Harris was chosen Sweetheart of A&M by a group representing the student body in October. She is a sophomore at TSCW.

Animal Husbandry Stables Named After Owen Garrigan

The board of directors of the A&M System today named the new horse barn of the Animal Husbandry department, "Garrigan Stables." The name is in honor of Owen Garrigan, "grand old man" among Texas horsemen.

Owen Garrigan has been connected with the Animal Husbandry department for 35 years. Five years ago he went into semi-retirement but an inherent interest

as well as a working interest in the department, is as strong today as it was 5 years ago.

The "Mr. Horseman" of Texas joined the Animal Husbandry staff of A&M in 1916. His speciality is gaited saddle horses and in that field he is one of the most widely known authorities in the United States.

Garrigan came to the U. S. from Ireland, where for uncounted generations his people had been horsemen. His first day at A&M as stable superintendent of the Animal Husbandry department was as spectacular as is his everyday life today. He looked over the stable, saw some horses and immediately appraised them for what they were, to the amazement of the onlookers and his superiors.

He established himself as an authority on horse flesh and the breeding of horses, that is still lasting.

Soon Texas horsemen looked to the college and soon the college was the recipient of fine horses, which were placed in the breeding stables. It wasn't long before horses at A&M were looked upon as being among the finest.

Garrigan had a way with horses. He trained them as no other person had trained them before. The horses responded and it wasn't long before horses trained by this Irishman were winning first prizes at the horse shows over the state.



Owen Garrigan