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Accident Committee To Look for Hazards

Committee, Cadets Will Make Reports

In an effort to stop accidents before they happen, the A&M Accident Prevention committee has appointed members of its group to watch specific areas of the campus for hazards, and is making arrangements for cadet officers to report hazards.

The committee will recommend to the college that the hospital keep records on accident cases, so the committee can know what is causing them.

The cadet officers will report accident hazards on a form that will be given out to all company commanders. The form has a place to list the location and description of the hazard, and a recommendation for improving it.

It will be given to the committee, which will then refer it to the proper organization for improving.

"Most hazards can be cleared up immediately, as soon as we know what the hazard is," said Bennie A. Zinn, chairman of the committee. "It's just a case of finding out where the hazards are."

The 11 members of the committee are representatives of all phases of campus life, and each is assigned to watch the area his work covers.

The committee will also coordinate the work of safety representatives appointed in each department. Zinn will speak to a meeting of these representatives at 4 p.m. Thursday in Goodwin hall.

They will be responsible for watching for safety hazards in their departments and for teaching safety practices.

The committee, which met yesterday, also approved stop signs to be used to protect cadets marching from the East area to Sbis dining hall.

The signs are white with red letters in reflecting tape. They will be mounted on stands.

The committee decided to discuss intramural football rules with Barney Welch, intramural director, to see if injuries to intramural players can be reduced.

Supervisor Course

A 40-hour course for safety supervisors of Texas industries got under way here Monday. The course is under the supervision of the Engineering Extension service, with L. K. Jonas in charge. It will last through Nov. 19.

Don't Gripe If Letters Aren't There

Many students complain that they open their mail boxes and never find any mail, but consider one poor lad who couldn't open his box to get the mail inside.

Al Eisenberg told the officials at the Memorial Student Center post office that he had been having difficulty opening his box. They assured him they would fix it.

The next time he twirled the combination he found his box was really stuck. After complaining to the officials again, they informed him they had changed his combination.

But so he would know, they wrote out the new combination and left it inside the box.

Fish Drill Team Members Chosen

Thirty-nine regulars and five alternates have been selected for the 1954-55 Freshmen Drill team.

A commander, guidon bearer and right guide will be selected after Thanksgiving. These selections will be made on appearance, command voice and aptitude of the participants in competitive standing.

No trips have been scheduled but the team will probably go to San Antonio's Battle of Flowers and the Brenham Mayfest, Capt J. C. Brusse, sponsor of the team, said.

Credit School Held

The fourth annual meeting of the Texas Farm and Ranch Credit School for Commercial Bankers will be held Dec. 5-8 in the Memorial Student Center.

Workshop Set On Decorations For December

The department of floriculture and landscape architecture will offer a workshop on Christmas decorations during December.

The workshop will be elementary in approach and no technical knowledge, special background or previous experience is required. Classes are informal and no academic credit will be given.

The sessions are open to anyone wishing to attend. In order to provide an opportunity for as many interested persons as possible to attend, three sections will be held. Each section is limited to 20 persons.

The sections are as follows:

1. Dec. 6, 8, 10, from 2-4 p.m.
2. Dec. 7, 9, 11, from 9:30-11:30 a.m.
3. Dec. 6, 8, 10, from 7-9 p.m.

All registrations must be made in advance before Dec. 1. Registrations can be made by calling 6-6884 or by mailing a card to the department designating the section wanted.

The fee for the workshop will be \$3, and all decorations made will belong to the student. Enough materials will be furnished to complete one decoration in each two-hour session.

All sessions will be held at the new floriculture building.

Positions Open For Draftsmen

The federal service needs engineering draftsmen in positions paying from \$2,750 to 5,940 a year, announced the U. S. Civil Service commission.

No written test is required, but to qualify, applicants must have had appropriate education or experience or both.

Further information and application forms may be gotten from the U. S. Civil Service commission, Washington 25, D. C., or from the local post office.

Box Lunch Sales Termed Successful

More than 486 box lunches were sold at the Rice-A&M game Saturday by the Kivans club, according to Woody Briles, chairman of the finance committee.

The lunches were sold at \$1 per box. Twelve of the boxes, which were left over, were sold to Kivans club members. Approximately 200 man hours were used selling and packing the lunches.

William Degenhardt

Graduate Likes Caging Snakes

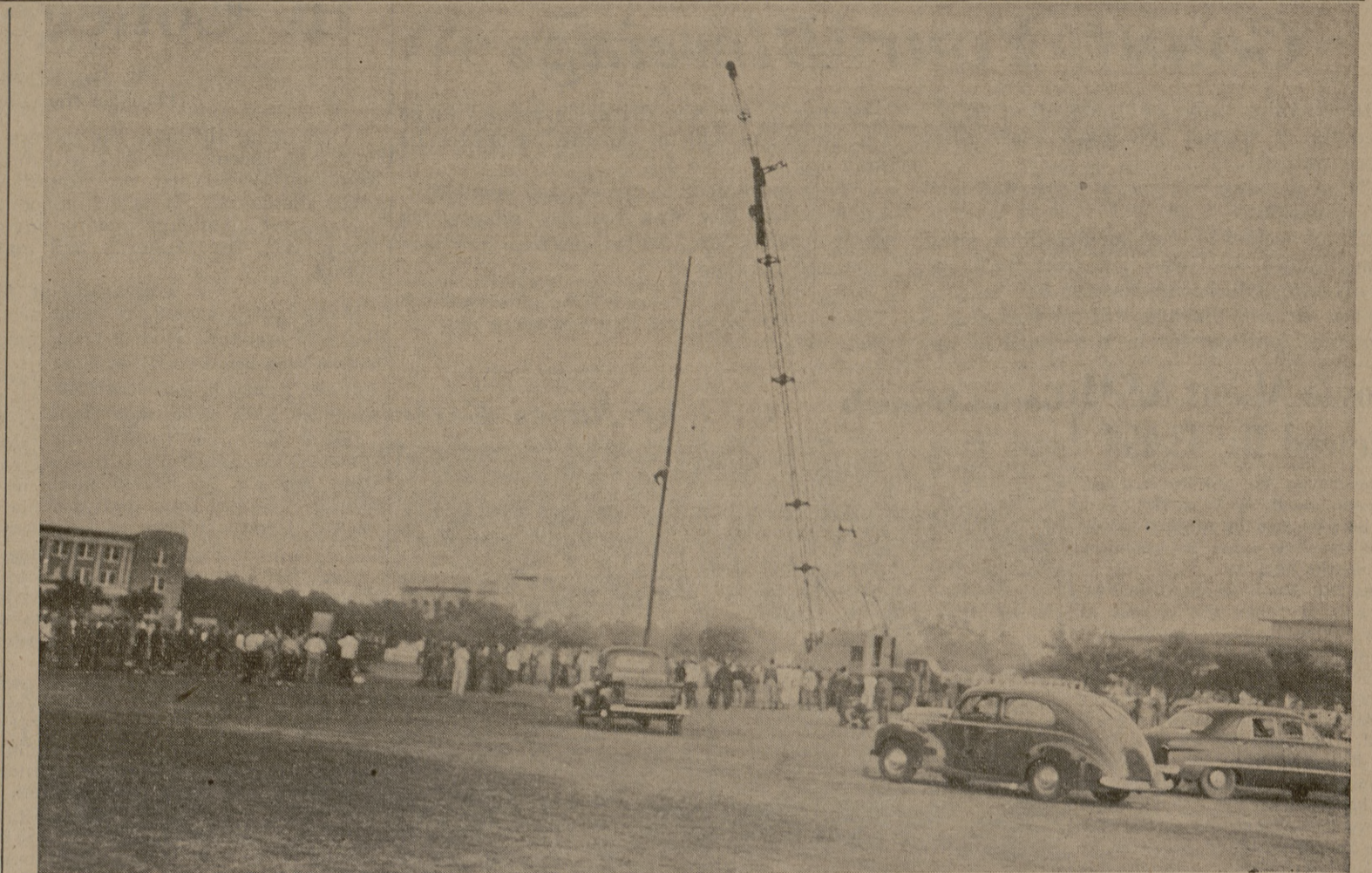
Some people do the darndest things for fun, and William Degenhardt says he just likes to collect snakes.

Degenhardt, a young graduate assistant in the biology department, is an ardent herpetologist, and he believes in studying live specimens of reptiles, rather than old, preserved specimens in museums.

His office, dubbed the "Snake Pit" by students and fellow professors, is a den of snake cages and live lizards chasing flies.

"No, I've never been bitten," he said, as he took a four-foot rattler out of its glass case. "You just have to know how to handle them and not get careless."

Degenhardt, 28, has been handling them since he was about 13 years old. His office collection includes more than 20 species, including hog-nosed snakes, copper-



READY FOR THE WOOD—The first visible sign of the annual Texas game bonfire rose above the drill field yesterday as the 72-foot center pole was gingerly lifted into position. The crane, supplied by a donor who asked that his name not be mentioned, hoisted the pole, while a crew

of Aggies at its base guided it into the hole drilled for it. Ropes were then used to brace it in place until the wood stacking starts. The pole, which is two telephone poles spliced together, was donated by Dr. Spencer Buchanan of the civil engineering department.

Bonfire Guard Set During This Week

Bonfire guard will begin today at 7 p.m., Cecil (Bud) Fair, corps adjutant, has announced.

Composite personnel will guard the bonfire while the corps is in the mess hall. Athletic units not training for sports will also assist in guard duty, Fair said.

Each company and squadron commander will be responsible for the distribution of the members of his unit in the area which it is assigned to guard. All reliefs are

Aggie Ramblers Play For Lions

The Aggie ramblers, a five-man hillbilly band, and Ted Steck, accordionist, entertained the College Station Lions club this week with their favorite mountain music and accordion selections.

Members of the Ramblers include Clifford Hobbs, Bill Barefield, Walter Miers, Pat Wrestly, and Dick Beard.

Guests at the luncheon were Dr. George Huebner and Pat Wooten of the economics department.

Dan Davis, agriculture economics department; John Barlowe, and Charles Bretschneider, both of the oceanography department and Maj. Edward Scott, commandant's office, were introduced as new members.

to be posted at the exact prescribed time.

Guard units for today and time are as follows:

Units

- 7 to 11 p.m.—A Field Artillery and Squadron 1.
- 1 p.m. to 3 a.m.—B Field Artillery and Squadron 2.
- 3 to 7 a.m.—C Field Artillery and Squadron 3.

Kyle field and the drill field will be the only areas guarded today. Other areas, two, three, four and five, will include entrances to the campus.

Organizations guarding Kyle field will dispatch 15 men to the stadium. The rest will guard the bonfire.

Uniform for all bonfire and gate outpost guards is optional.

Kitten Found In Gift Shop

A two-month-old kitten strolled into the Memorial Student Center gift shop last week.

It's approximately a Persian kitten, said Mrs. C. C. Gay jr., an employee of the gift shop.

Anyone who claims ownership to the cat can get him back by notifying either Hank Funchess or C. C. Gay jr., both of 201 Patricia St.

Christmas Seals To Go On Sale

The 1954 tuberculosis Christmas seal sale has been set for Nov. 22 through Dec. 25.

In surveys over past years, tuberculosis has been found in every phase of the college. Profs, students and employees have been helped with hospitalization and returning to their jobs by the Brazos County Tuberculosis association.

Joe H. Sorrels, president of the board of directors of the association, is also a member of the board of directors of the Texas Tuberculosis association. Miss Malcolm McInnis is this year's chairman for Brazos county.

The association serves and benefits everyone in that it is working to wipe out the communicable disease. As long as the disease is in the county, no one is safe.

The association sponsors the annual X-ray survey put on each year by the State Department of Health. Local arrangements, publicity and all local expenses are taken care of by the BCTA.

In past years, Christmas seals have been sent to students in other colleges of Texas. The response has been reported as good. This year, for the first time, Christmas seals will be distributed to A&M students.

Letters containing the seals will be given out to students by hand and are to be returned by mail. Each letter will have two sheets of seals at \$1 per sheet although any

amount is appreciated by the association. Frank Ford, colonel of the corps, will be in charge of giving the letters out to military students while house masters will be responsible for the non-military students.

The BCTA is an affiliate of the TTA and the National Tuberculosis association. It supports their programs with 18 per cent of its seal sale receipts. This leaves 82 per cent of the funds raised in the county to be used for local patients.

The objectives of the tuberculosis association are to spread information about TB, find unknown cases and try to get them hospitalized, and to work toward cooperation of the community and all health and welfare agencies for the eventual eradication of tuberculosis.

A board composed of 20 to 25 citizens elected at an annual open meeting sets the policies of BCTA and makes the budget and program outline. The funds are controlled by the board and are spent only for the purposes for which they are raised.

Last year, \$5,000 was collected from seal sales. This year, the association will try to raise more than that amount. Each year, the budget has been cut because of the lack of funds.

The average total cost per patient is \$15,000. The health unit, local doctors and hospitals, and the tuberculosis association cooperate on a weekly free tuberculosis clinic serving persons unable to pay.

The address of the BCTA is the Masonic Building, Bryan, Texas.

Senate Will Meet Thursday Night

Student Senate meeting will be held Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center senate chamber.

Advertisements and posters being placed on dormitory bulletin boards will be discussed and sidewalk committee will be appointed to determine if there is need for additional sidewalks on the campus.

The welcoming committee will report on their trips to Rice Institute and Mary Hardin Baylor.

Weather Today

The forecast for today is to be clear in the afternoon with a light cold front late this afternoon or early tonight.

The high yesterday was 76, low 54. The temperature at 10:30 this morning was 59.



HOBBY-SNAKE—William Degenhardt, graduate assistant in the biology department, holds two vicious-looking but harmless snakes from his collection. One is a New Jersey pine snake, and the other is a Texas bull snake. He offered to hold a rattler and a moccasin for the picture, but the photographer declined the offer.