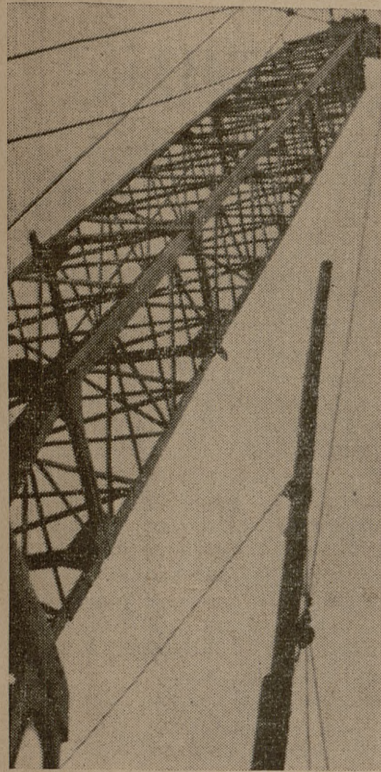


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World's Largest Bonfire Burns Tonight

A&M Will Try To Break Jinx

12 Play Last Game

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A&M's Thin Thirty, short on ability but long on heart, tries Thursday to crack the oldest jinx in the Southwest conference.

For the 16th time in 30 years, the Aggies try to beat the University of Texas in Austin's Memorial stadium on Thanksgiving Day. Nearest the Cadets have come to a victory in the state capital since the stadium was built in 1924 was a 14-14 tie in 1948.

That '48 team of Harry Stiteler's took the field with nine straight defeats. This year's Aggies go into the game with a 1-8 record, but their 41-9 loss to Texas Tech in the season opener was the only game in which the Cadets looked bad.

A&M's other seven losses have been by a total of 45 points. Three of the five SWC defeats were by a total of 11 points.

Twelve Cadet seniors play their last college game Thursday and five are listed as probable starters by Head Coach Paul Bryant.

Kachtik At Halfback

A&M's probable starters are Bennie Sinclair and Gene Stallings at ends; Larry Winkler and Dee Powell at tackles; Ray Barrett and Dennis Goehring at guards; Herb Wolf at center; Elwood Kettler at quarterback; Don Kachtik and Joe Schero at halfbacks; Jack Pardee at fullback.

Sinclair, Winkler, Barrett, Kachtik and Schero are seniors. Others are ends Billy McGowan and Paul Kennon, guards Norb Ohlendorf, Sid Theriot and Marvin Tate, halfback Charlie Hall and fullback Richard Vick.

Light Drill Today

The Cadet starters have a light 35 minute workout set for today and will leave for Austin by bus at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Yesterday the first stringers worked for 40 minutes in a no-contact offense and defense drill. Then they practiced extra points, kicking and field goals. Saturday morning the Aggies went through a light drill in sweat clothes.

Bryant said of the Longhorn game, "It's our 10th tough game of the year; it's just on a Thursday instead of Saturday."

Kettler, the Aggies' much-improved man-under, lost his total offense leadership over the weekend to Baylor's Billy Hooper. Kettler has gained 852 yards rushing and passing to 886 for Hooper.

Kachtik is A&M's leading runner with 332 yards in 75 tries. Sinclair has caught 18 passes for 233 yards, Schero 7 for 78.

A crowd of about 55,000 is expected.

Construction On Agenda For Meeting

Next to talking about the football game, receiving bids for campus construction will be the main order of business when the A&M System board of directors meets Wednesday in Austin.

The meeting will be at 2 p.m. in the Driskell hotel. Job bids to be received include remodeling Sbis hall, remodeling the Exchange store, air conditioning the library, and construction at the farm service center.

Contracts may be let on some of these projects. The board will also consider recommendations for increasing the electrical power supply on the campus.

The board will pass on the distribution of Exchange store profits for the last fiscal year. The proposed distribution is Memorial Student Center, \$20,000; intramural athletics, \$1,000; and band, \$2,900.

Also on the agenda are the usual appointments and promotions, and acceptance of gifts and grants.

The board meets in Austin every time A&M plays Texas there.

Local Seal Drive Now In Progress

The 1954 Brazos county tuberculosis Christmas seal sale started yesterday and will run through Dec. 25.

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.

Letters containing the seals will be handed out to students and are to be returned by mail. Each letter will contain two sheets of seals at \$1 per sheet although any amount is appreciated by the association.

Address of the Brazos County Tuberculosis association is Masonic Building, Bryan.

UT Builds Spirit For Big Game

The annual Turkey Day game between A&M and the University of Texas is a big thing for the Texas students, too. They have parades and bonfires and parties just like the Aggies.

Or almost like the Aggies. The University will have its big pep rally and bonfire-burning Wednesday night at 7 at a park near the campus.

Miss Shirley Strum, editor of the Daily Texan, did not know how big their bonfire is, but she said there is a contest between all the campus groups to see who can collect the most wood for the bonfire.

A contest is also sponsored for the best 'Beat A&M' sign put up by campus groups.

The Longhorns will have their Orange and White automobile parade Wednesday afternoon. The decorated cars will go from the university through the downtown area. A prize is given for best car decorations.

During the half-time of the game, the Longhorn band and a 200-voice chorus from two Austin high schools will put on a program in memory of the Texas war dead.

The chorus will sing the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" while the band forms a cross on the field.

The band will also honor Ed Olle of the University athletic staff, who had been with the school 25 years.

Squadron 15 Wins Best Sign Prize

Squadron 15 was awarded first place for the best sign around the drill field this year.

Second and third place awards went to C field artillery and squadron 17.

Cash awards of \$10, \$5 and \$1 for the first three places were donated by Eugene Rush, local insurance man.

The winners of the dormitory signs for the Texas game were C field artillery, A ordnance and A signal corps; first second and third, respectively.

MSC Will Hold Auction Tonight

The Memorial Student Center will hold an auction from 7:30 to 8 tonight of all articles left in rooms.

Articles will be sold to the highest bidder, but may be claimed before the auction in room 2A.

Will We Get A Holiday If We Win?

One of A&M's "traditions" is that the students get a day's extension of the Thanksgiving holidays if A&M beats Texas in the annual Thanksgiving day football game.

Needless to say, this tradition has not been used too much in the last few years—the last time was in 1951, when A&M beat Texas, and M. T. Harrington, then president, announced that the next Monday would be a holiday.

President David H. Morgan was asked yesterday if the tradition would hold this year, and all he said was "Let's win the game first."

"I shall be prepared to make a statement when we win the game," he said.

The catch is that the president can't declare a holiday without the approval of the Executive committee. Legally that is.

But the light in the president's eyes seemed to indicate that the tradition would be good again, "when we win the game."

Amendments Studied By Civilian Council

Two amendments to the Civilian Student Council's letter of intent were discussed at the group's meeting last night.

One amendment would limit unexcused absences of council members to two each semester. Any councilman violating this rule would be removed both from his position on the council as a dormitory representative and also as a floor representative in the dormitory. The amendment was referred to a committee.

Another amendment proposed would include a civilian member of the Battalion staff on the council as a voting representative. This amendment was also referred to a committee.

The council also voted in favor of asking the colonel of the corps to appoint one man from his staff to sit with the council as an ex-officio member.

In other action, the group voted against discussing any further the civilian discipline at college functions. The council's action was in accordance with the report of a committee appointed earlier to study the matter.

Lolan Pullen, Aggieland co-editor, told the council that he would "like to include more civilian activities in the yearbook." A civilian section is being considered, he said.

John Cozad reported that a large majority of civilian students polled indicated they would be in favor of having a dance for civilian students. A committee was asked to study the matter further.

Aggs To Win Says Batt Staff

Sports Editor Jerry Wizig tossed up the coin and former sports editor Bob Boriskie called it right, so the Aggies will down the Longhorns Thursday for the first time in Austin's Memorial stadium.

Wizig, whose percentage of accuracy on his weekly predictions is between 20 and 60, predicted a score of 20-17.

(Sports Shorts, with predictions on Saturday's games, will appear in the Thursday paper.)

Biggest One Yet Says 'Pinky' Downs

By BILL FULLERTON
Battalion News Editor

Blisters and aching muscles will be forgotten tonight when the torch is set to what P. L. (Pinky) Downs calls "the largest bonfire in the world."

A&M's annual University of Texas bonfire will be lit at 7:30 tonight, said Howard Childers, head yell leader and bonfire chief. The burning will be earlier than last year, to allow students to study for tomorrow's classes, he said.

"Everybody who worked on the bonfire did a wonderful job," he added, "but, there are still logs to be put on and we will work until 7:30 tonight to finish, if we have to."

D. P. (Red) Dowling, head of log stacking, said that the bonfire as of noon yesterday was larger than last year's.

Guards will continue their watch right up to the time that the senior yell leaders, Bob Carpenter, Frank Davis and Childers, apply the torches to the crude oil and kerosene soaked logs.

The armor units will apply the oil and kerosene. This job is under the direction of Ted Richey. The oiling will start about 5 p.m. today.

Speakers for the bonfire ceremonies are Downs, senior football players, and the yell leaders. The speaking stand will be the bed of a truck parked in the southeast corner of the drill field.

10,000 Expected

"I expect at least 10,000 persons will be watching," said Childers.

Cutting site for this year's bonfire was donated by Dr. W. E. Street, head of the engineering drawing department. Trucks were borrowed and students pitched in to cut and haul logs. The 73-foot tall center pole was donated by Dr. Spencer Buchanan of the civil engineering department.

Although "hundreds" of students suffered cuts and bruises, only one boy was hurt bad enough to be hospitalized, reported hospital authorities.

The weather for the work on the bonfire has been excellent with just enough coolness to keep students from getting too hot. Cutting was finished this past weekend and the logs hauled to the bonfire area.

Two Units Punished

Two units, the band and squadron 12, were punished for stealing commercial signs to put up around the drill field. They had to pay for and replace the signs and were not allowed to put another sign up on the field this year.

Fire trucks from the city will be standing by in case the fire should get out of hand. It will be allowed to burn and then will be cleared away by the Building and College Utilities department, said Childers.

Corps Parade Set Thursday For Austin

The A&M corps of cadets will parade for the city of Austin Thursday.

The biennial Austin corps trip parade will begin at 10 a.m., and move out down Congress street to the state capitol.

Units will begin forming for the parade at 9 a.m. on East 2nd Street, from Congress to Red River.

Uniform will be Class A winter, with blouse, green cap, and white gloves. Sabers and boots will be worn.

The reviewing stand for the graded parade will be in front of the Austin hotel.

Order of march for the parade will be corps staff, band, first regiment, second regiment, first wing, second wing.

The 240-man A&M band will also perform during the 2 p.m. game's half time with a longer than usual show.

The band will use the serpentine entrance used at the SMU game, moving up the field and breaking into two units, with the units then crossing each other.

They will also spell out 'Longhorns' and 'Texas Aggies.' The band will form the 'T' and do a minstrel turn off the field from the 'T' to end the performance.

Other Aggie activity in Austin for the corps trip will include the Austin A&M Mothers club dance in the City coliseum Wednesday night, and many private parties.

A&M To Be On TV

Humble Oil Company's "Texas in Review" television program will feature A&M tonight. The show will have films taken at the Fall Military Day corps review Nov. 6. Fifteen stations will carry the program.