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Up, Up and Away . . . To the Drill Field

A group of Corps supermen prepare to lift scheduled to burn Nov. 27, one of the first logs for the 1958 bonfire

## Biggest, Safest Bonfire In A&M History Begun

By GAYLE McNUTT

Once again the sound of axes biting into trees echoed through the woods, trucks ground into gear and fatigue-clad Aggies swarmed to the task as work began in earnest yesterday on the annual Thanksgiving bonfire.

The centerpole, approximately 60 feet tall, went up yesterday afternoon, marking the first big step in the construction of the world's largest bonfire.

Although yesterday's work consisted mostly of cutting trees, raising the centerpole and making preparations, hauling and stacking was scheduled to begin today to build the huge stack of logs which on the night of Nov. 27 will form the blazing symbol of every Aggie's

love for his school and his desire to beat Texas University.

Only one accident was reported after the first day's work was completed. Bill West, Corps sophomore received an axe cut on the foot requiring several stitches.

This year the bonfire safety committee's theme is "The Biggest and Safest Ever," stressing personal safety throughout building.

Each year, about one out of every 100 Aggies working on the bon-

fire receives an injury of some kind, Armon Hewitt, head of the five-man safety committee, said. This year, the committee hopes to make the average much lower by stressing safety, he said.

Most injuries occur in the cutting area, and poison ivy also takes a heavy toll each year, Hewitt said.

Enthusiasm ran high among workers as the first day of building got underway, he said, especially among freshmen.

"The freshmen are determined to make this the biggest bonfire in A&M's history," he stated. "I overheard many freshmen wanting to bet seniors this year's bonfire would be bigger than theirs was."

Ted Lowe, head yell leader and student leader of the building committee, said enough trucks were available for this year's hauling, but urged all others with trucks, or who are qualified to drive trucks, to contact him at Corps headquarters in dorm 2.

Lowe said roads were muddy in the cutting area, but it would not impede hauling unless there was more rain. The cutting area is located south of the college in the same area as last year.

Lt. Col. Taylor Wilkins, assistant commandant, is in charge of all bonfire organization.

## Corps Seniors Meet, Draw Up Orientation Plan

Corps seniors met last night and drew up definite plans for beginning orientation on the honor code initiated by them two weeks ago.

Plans were laid for beginning the orientation on the group and battalion level, with one senior heading the orientation in each. This senior, who will be elected at large from the group or battalion, will select three other members, one from each of the three underclasses, to serve with him on the honor orientation committee.

Also discussed at the meeting were the problems of Corps orientation and efficient means of solving them.

Jon Hagler, Corps commander, was designated to see if classroom time in military science classes was available for orientation.

# US, Western Nations Plan Compromise On Disarmament

## House Urges Twelfth Man To Come Out

A resolution urging the Aggie 12th man to come out of hiding wherever it may be, was passed by the Texas House of Representatives yesterday.

The brief session could have been called "Legislative sports in review"—or some such title.

First, before Speaker Waggoner Carr could start the proceedings he had to untangle a Texas A&M pennant, draped with black ribbon, from his rostrum microphone. Numerous floor comments let Carr know the display pertained to Rice's defeat of the Aggie Saturday.

Second, Rep. Sam Bass, of Freeport offered a resolution to exempt crab fishermen from the recently passed universal fishing license law. It was sent to committee.

Third, Rep. H. J. Blanchard of Lubbock offered a resolution of sympathy to Texas A&M which called upon "The 12th man to come out of hiding wherever you may be." By amendment Oklahoma, defeated by Notre Dame, was added to the resolution. Ignoring a chorus of "noes" Carr announced the resolution was unanimously passed and presented a large black draped wreath to Rep. B. H. Dewey of Bryan, an outspoken Aggie supporter.

Dewey was allowed to make the motion that the House adjourn until tomorrow morning.

"That's all he can do now, after Saturday," Carr commented.

## Board Member RV Initiation Speaker Tonite

H. B. Zachry, member of the A&M board of directors, is guest speaker tonight for Ross Volunteer initiation ceremonies when 71 Corps juniors become members of the company.

Ceremonies will be held at 7 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom.

Zachry, class of '22, was a member of the RV's when he attended A&M as a civil engineering major and member of "B" Field Artillery.

Zachry is president of the H. B. Zachry Contractors, of San Antonio, president of the Associated General Contractors of America, and president of a Laredo bank. He started his business career in Laredo after graduating here, and remained there until moving to San Antonio in 1941.

Besides being a business executive, Zachry is also a family man. He is married and has two sons and three daughters.

## 2 AH Profs Head Fat Stock Show

F. I. Dahlberg, professor of animal husbandry, and A. L. Darnell, retired professor of dairy husbandry, have been named department superintendents for the 1958 Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show.

Dahlberg will head the swine department and the junior pig show; dairy cattle and the junior dairy calf show will be supervised by Darnell.

## 2 Suspended By Military Board

Two first classmen, found guilty of "conduct unbecoming a cadet and a gentleman and their influence harmful to the moral and successful operation of the Corps" have been indefinitely suspended by a military board of officers.

Names of the two cadets dismissed were withheld.

Suspension provided for application for re-admission to the college no earlier than September 1958.

Both students had been involved in "repeated disciplinary action," according to Col. Joe E. Davis, commandant.

## May Stave Off Soviet Boycott

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y.—The United States and other Western powers yesterday accepted a compromise plan for expanding the U.N. Disarmament Commission to 25 nations. Diplomatic sources said it would stave off a Soviet boycott of future disarmament negotiations.

The U.N. General Assembly is expected to meet today to give quick and perhaps unanimous approval to a six-nation resolution offered in the hope of assuring continuance of East-West efforts to resolve the long-standing disarmament deadlock.

A Canadian source said he had been informed that the Soviet Union was awaiting instructions from Moscow on a request that its delegation here vote in favor of the compromise plan, rather than abstain. Many U.N. diplomats conceded privately that the Soviet Union had got what it wanted.

## Baumont Editor Stresses Truth

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their professions so they could be a part of the public service of finding the truth.

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After viewing the talent, the delegates danced to the music of the Dave Woodard Combo.

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This morning delegates were taken on a tour of the student publications and Journalism Department quarters.

Colleges attending were: Tarleton State, LeTourneau Technical, Tyler, Amarillo, Blinn, Kilgore, San Angelo, Odessa, Arlington State, Navarro, Panola, Paris, Howard County, Henderson County, Wharton County, Schreiner Institute and San Antonio.

The TJCPA is jointly sponsored by the A&M Journalism Department and undergraduate chapter of Sigma Delta Chi, Professional Journalistic Fraternity.

## Ike Declares Discrimination Can Hurt U.S.

AGUSTA, Ga., (AP)—President Eisenhower said yesterday that with U. S. strength being tested at every point, the nation can ill afford any discrimination on the basis of race, creed or color.

The President, in a statement issued at his vacation headquarters, appealed for the greatest possible use of the talents of all Americans as he made ready to confer here today with Secretary of Defense McElroy.

At the conference at the Augusta National Golf Club, Eisenhower and McElroy will discuss how much defense spending must be increased in the fiscal year starting July 1 to meet the Russian challenge in development of space era weapons.

Eisenhower's appeal against discrimination was set forth in a statement noting that tomorrow, the anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, has been designated as Equal Opportunity Day. "One of the ringing declarations of our time," the President said, "is that 'All men are created equal.'"

## Grants Given For Organic Research

C. K. Hancock, professor of chemistry, has received a one year extension of his research grant from the Robert A. Welch Foundation of Houston.

The extension provides \$13,720 for studies on the effect of structure on the reactivity and properties of organic compounds and will support the research of three pre-doctoral fellows, Louis A. Jones, Morris Rapoport and John S. Westmoreland.

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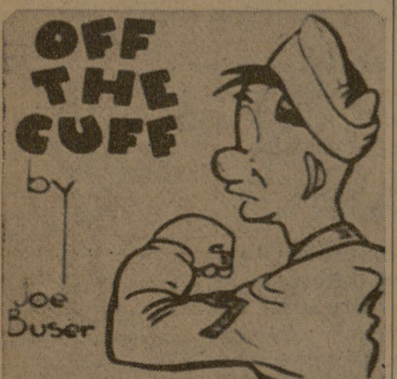
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Even Teasips recognize and acknowledge the football prowess of Texas Aggies.

At the national Sigma Delta Chi convention Saturday morning in Houston, one "Sip," proclaimed the power of the boys from Bryant far and wide.

A sports editor for the paper printed on the campus at Austin, Bob Greenburg proposed the following resolution at the final session of the convention:

"Whereas, the Texas Aggies are currently rated No. 1 in the nation and several other whereases, . . . let us recognize and congratulate that fine team and wish them the best of luck."

Either this Greenburg:

1. Secretly wishes he went to college
2. Couldn't get a ticket for the coming game in Kyle Field
3. Has a brother at A&M
4. Secretly wishes he went to college

What ho, Teasips?

## Japanese Jury Gives Girard Three Years

MAEBASHI, Japan, (AP)—A three-judge Japanese court convicted GI William S. Girard yesterday of killing a woman brass scavenger on a "childish whim" and placed him under suspended sentence for three years.

Either prosecution or defense may appeal within 14 days, but there were strong signs that both were satisfied.

Girard and the U. S. Army and Japanese metal scavengers who trespass on American firing ranges all drew rebukes in the decision of the three black-robed judges for the circumstances that led to the death of Mrs. Naka Sakai, 46, last Jan. 30.

Girard, 22, a specialist 3.C. from Ottawa, Ill.—whom the court described as a simple soldier, immature in his thinking—must show good behavior for four years as an aftermath of the case that strained American-Japanese relations.

If the appeal period passes without an appeal, Girard may return to the United States with his Japanese bride, Haru Candy Girard.

## Weather Today

Local forecast issued by the college weather station calls for clear to partly cloudy and cool through Wednesday.

A low of 39 degrees was recorded at 5 this morning, with yesterday's high being 60 degrees at 3 p. m.



Robert Akers