

Bonfire Appears 'One Of Best Ever'

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World's Largest Burns Tomorrow

Good weather and a good cutting area have combined this year to bring promise of one of the best bonfires A&M has ever seen.

Crews stopped hauling logs out of the cutting area at 1:50 p. m. yesterday, and work was concentrated on clearing the loading area by nightfall. And that deadline was met, too. All logs were in the stacking area and all that was left at dark yesterday was stacking.

Fueling is scheduled to start at 4:30 p. m. tomorrow, with the lighting to be at 8 p. m.

"We are definitely going to double stack, and perhaps triple stack before it is finished," Head Yell Leader Jim Davis said Monday night.

"Between 500 and 600 logs have been brought out, and we hope to get every one on the bonfire by Wednesday evening," he added.

Accidents have been few and minor this year. Steadman Davis, safety officer, said a fine degree of cooperation with safety officials and dry weather were the major reasons.

Several minor cuts and bruises were treated at First Aid tents and at the hospital during all work days, but no serious injuries had occurred by press time Tuesday.

Crews worked during off hours today, and that schedule will continue tomorrow until all logs are stacked.

Col. Joe E. Davis, corps commandant, said crews working today and tomorrow would be hand-picked by the stack officer, Jack Odell, and the services of the whole Corps would not be needed.

Following the bonfire, from 9-12 p. m. the Aggieband Dance Band will play for the annual bonfire dance on the second floor of the MSC. Tickets are \$2.25 stag or drag, and refreshments will be served.

During the afternoon, the annual MSC Lost and Found Auction will be held in the Fountain Room. It will run from 3-10 p. m. except during the bonfire. Articles to be auctioned were on display on Room 2-A of the MSC from 2 to 4:30 p. m. today and will be from 9-10 a. m. tomorrow.

Proceeds from the auction will be used for decorations for the MSC during Christmas, check room service and poll tax service. The auction will be conducted by Keyes Carson of Cuero, assisted by Charlie Brandt, Eddie Duncan and Gilbert Forehand.

About 1,000 tickets were returned from UT yesterday to the ticket office, and late in the afternoon sales were running steadily with about 700 left, all end zone seats.

Members of the University of Texas Student Congress will be honored by the Student Senate with a reception from 9-11 a. m. Thursday.

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The University of Texas will
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United Chest Drive Slows; \$12,993 In

Fund totals in College Station's United Chest drive continued yesterday to creep slowly toward the \$16,000 goal, drive general chairman Dr. John C. Calhoun has reported.

"The drive is going more slowly than last year's, but we are confident of reaching the goal," Calhoun said.

He added that \$12,993 had been turned in to drive headquarters as of 2 p. m. yesterday. He said more funds have been collected but not yet reported.

Calhoun also said the drive will be held open until the goal is reached. The original goal was Nov. 15, with the second goal to be reached tomorrow.

Two contributors have already passed totals they submitted last year, Calhoun said. They are federal employees, who showed an 11 per cent increase, and A&M Consolidated Schools, who have increased their contributions 36 per cent.

Agencies which will participate in this year's fund, and the amounts recommended for each by the Budget and Admissions Committee, are:

American Red Cross, \$2,000; Bryan Boys' Club of America, \$500; Boy Scouts, \$2,000; Brazos Committee on Alcoholism, \$300; Brazos Valley Crippled Children's Therapy Center, \$1,800.

Brazos County Hospital Fund, \$300; Brazos County Youth Counseling Service, \$1,400; Bryan-College Station Girl Scouts Area Council, \$2,500; College Station Community House, Inc., \$350; College Station Recreational Council, \$1,700; Salvation Army, \$750.

Texas Rehabilitation Center, \$300; Texas United Fund, \$750; College Station YMCA, \$300; and College Station Local Chest Charity Fund, \$950.

CONA Pulls Equal Efforts

In what can be considered the most important unified effort before conference time, approximately 100 students and over preparations for the seventh annual Student Conference on National Affairs Sunday and yesterday with equal emphasis to that shown on the

center of operations was the Memorial Student Center and there were few places in the building left unoccupied or unattended by the committees at work. The VII had fully invaded the center for the first time this year.

The conference, set Dec. 6-9 with the theme of "Trends in Government: Liberal and Conservative," featured top leaders in government and international affairs as speakers, panelists and round-table co-chairmen.

Delegates from over 70 schools in the United States, Canada and Mexico will begin arriving during the early part of next week. Before they get to A&M, thousands of hours' work from SCONA committee members will have gone into completing preparations for the conference.

An important and essential effort in soliciting the funds for the VII was begun last spring, as students contacted leaders of labor, labor and foundations in Texas, Louisiana and Mexico for contributions to the conference.

These finance calls were made periodically through the months by letter, phone call and personal calls. This year's SCONA budget is in excess of \$16,000, the funds coming as a result of these efforts.

Another vital area of work was in obtaining speakers, panelists and round-table co-chairmen. Great Issues and SCONA VII worked jointly on this phase, and are featuring Senator Hubert Humphrey, Democrat from Minnesota, and Senator Roman L. Hruska, Republican from Nebraska, as keynote speakers.

Also scheduled are Laurie Battle, representative of the National Manufacturers' Association, and Ralph Schowalter, representing the AFL-CIO, combined in a discussion panel.

A second panel will include five national congressmen. Roundup speaker for the conference will be William S. White, noted Washington correspondent and New York journalist.



"... you've gotta pull yourself together!" Without you we're nothing!"

LAST YEAR STILL REMEMBERED

Bonfire Workers Welcomed By Unusual Good Weather

Near perfect weather welcomed bonfire workers both Sunday and yesterday as the world's largest bonfire began taking shape for its Wednesday night lighting.

The good weather was in sharp contrast to conditions students faced during last year's three-day working period. Temperatures Sunday and yesterday ranged from highs in the high 60's to lows in the mid 40's.

Skies were partly cloudy Sunday but almost perfectly clear yesterday. More of the same has been predicted for the remainder

of bonfire activities.

Last year's 65-foot tall bonfire was considered "nearly a miracle" by workers in the stacking area. Over four inches of rain was recorded from Friday night to the Tuesday night the 50-foot diameter stack went up in flames.

The 300 gallons used to ignite the blaze were barely sufficient as the blaze sputtered for quite a while before blasting into the customarily large flames.

Several times during last year's construction period work was brought to a complete stand-still.

Less than 24 hours before the bonfire, water covered the entire area where the blaze went up in flames.

The rains, which came in torrents, made manual labor impossible the day before the blaze. Practically all stacking work was done by cranes working 24-hour shifts.

In the cutting area, many units were forced to push trucks from the mud rather than bring in logs. Others spent nearly all their time on roads to allow the trucks to roll through to the stacking area.

Corps Seniors To Form Block "T" Before Game

Approximately 400 Corps of Cadets seniors will form block "T" on Kyle Field before Thursday's Turkey Day game, Head Yell Leader Davis reported yesterday.

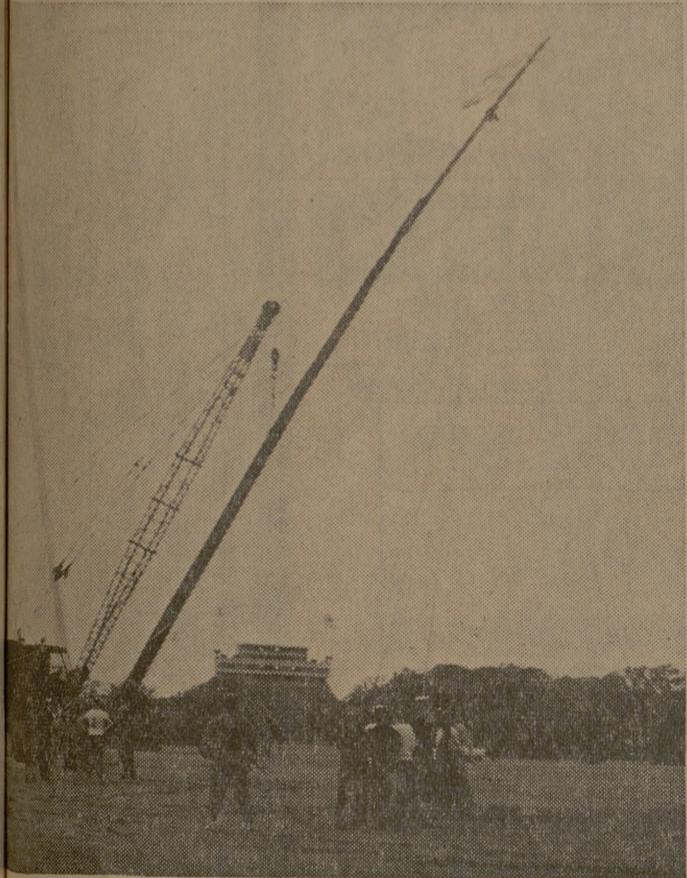
The "T" will replace the usual Corps march-ins since marching chairs will be placed in the cinder track on the west side of Kyle Field to accommodate the national television audience that will view the clash on the ABC television network.

Davis said the seniors would form in the southeast corner of Kyle Field's cinder track, march north at 1:05 p. m. and turn onto Kyle Field at the 50 yard line. They will move the field in time for the prayer, national anthem, meeting of the captains and school songs.

The highly-ranked Longhorns, among the nation's top all season, will be heavily favored in the 1:30 p. m. grudge game.

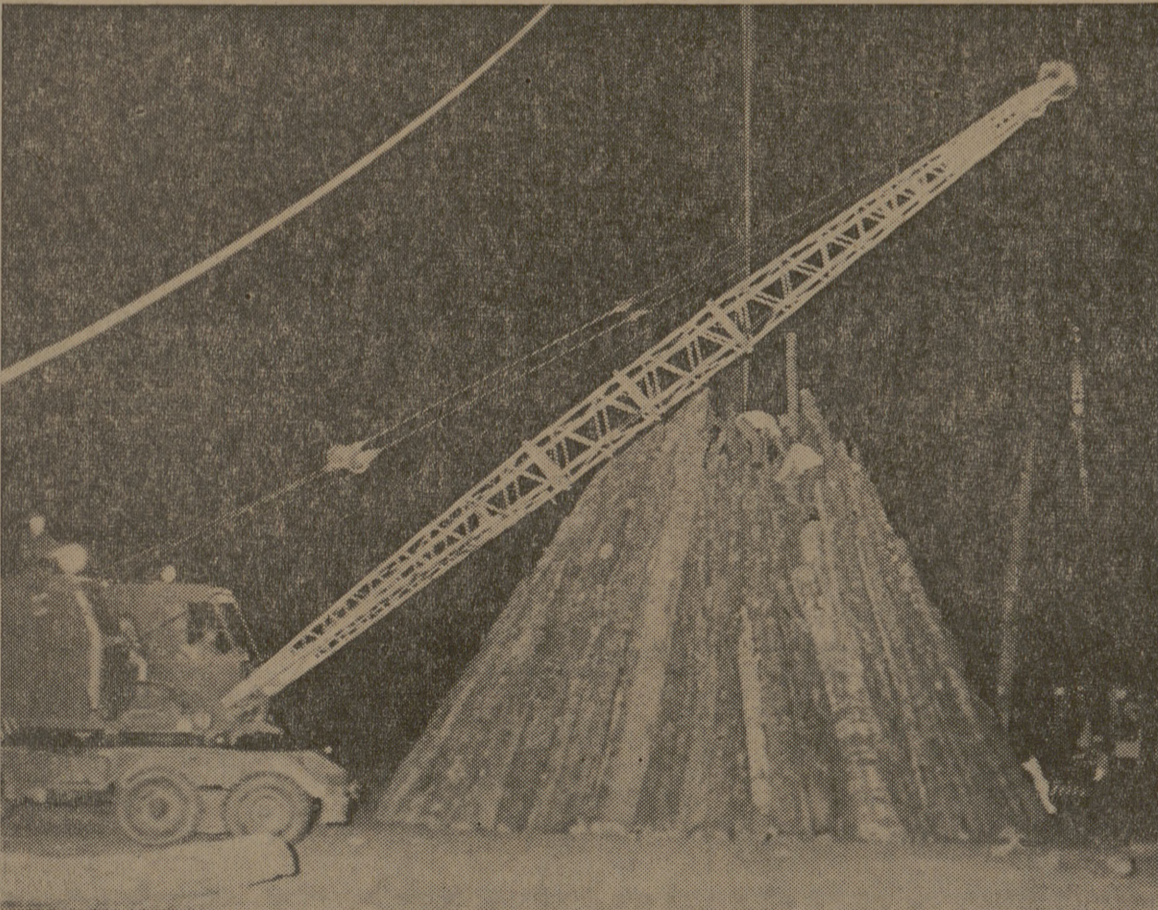
Coach Jim Myers' Aggies will carry a 4-4-1 record into season's final contest.

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Center Poles Goes Up

Workers step aside as a crane lifts the 110-foot center pole into position Friday. One hundred feet of the pole are above ground level, with a flag from Company D-1 perched at the pole's top. (Photo by Bill Semmelrogge)



At Night The Work Continues

Darkness did little to slow down activity in the stacking area, with crews working "round-the-clock" to put the big logs in place. Two giant flood lights helped crane operators and ground crews continue the 24-hour job. (Photo by Johnny Herrin)



Heave!

A junior directs members of a Band stacking crew as they bring another log into place. The giant bonfire, made up of more than 600 such logs, is set to burn Wednesday night at 8 p. m.