

# Johnny Cash Concert Canceled; Town Hall Looks For Replacement

TOWN HALL EXTRA

## 'Unfavorable Publicity' Bars Performance

By TOMMY DeFRANK

The personal manager of country-and-western singer Johnny Cash said late Monday it is "quite likely" court action will be initiated against Texas A&M for cancellation of Cash's contract to perform here Nov. 24.

University officials terminated the Cash contract Saturday after the singer was arrested in El Paso Oct. 4 and charged with smuggling and concealing illicit drugs.

Steps were immediately begun to obtain a replacement.

A telegram signed by J. Wayne Stark, director of the Memorial Student Center, stated the contract was broken "due to unfavorable publicity originating from El Paso."

Saul Holiff, Cash's manager, said from his home in Ontario, Canada, that he and Cash had consulted with attorneys and would continue discussion Tuesday before reaching a definite decision.

"But I will say it is quite likely that some sort of legal action will be taken," Holiff said.

Holiff was sharply critical of

the cancellation, charging that A&M officials were guilty of "trial by newspaper."

"This is a unilateral action based upon appraisal of facts without complete and accurate knowledge of the facts," he claimed.

"It could likely set a precedent with far-reaching ramifications," he continued, "by acting as a deterrent for other colleges wanting to secure subsequent bookings."

Holiff also revealed that Cash had sliced his standard \$5,000 guarantee in half for the A&M performance.

"It was Johnny's wish that, since he had such strong Texas attachments (he married a Texas girl), he wanted to give A&M a special deal by cutting his prevailing rate in half."

Cash and his troupe begin a 10-day tour Nov. 23 in Beaumont, then were to have performed here the next night before moving to Temple and then into Louisiana.

The other nine tour stops were charged the \$5,000 rate.

The performance contract, executed several weeks ago, provided that either party could sever the agreement by giving the other 30 days notice of termination.

University officials squelched the pact nearly six weeks after Cash was arrested and 11 days before Cash was to have appeared as a special Town Hall attraction.

"For reasons no one here can fathom they waited more than five weeks before cutting Johnny's show, while our tour was scheduled three months ago," Holiff noted.

Dean of Students James P. Hannigan defended the administration's stand in the incident, claiming Cash would have brought adverse publicity to the university.

"The administration didn't feel it was wise to present an entertainer with a cloud hanging over him," said Hannigan. "We try to provide a clean, Christian atmosphere for our students."

"Cash put us in an untenable situation of having to promote and sell tickets for a person under indictment for smuggling and concealing illicit drugs," he continued.

"We feel that amounts to breach of contract on his part."

Hannigan also pointed out he received "a terrific number" of complaints from parents and former students complaining that Cash was to have been allowed on campus.

He also revealed the university Executive Committee was consulted on the matter and "almost unanimously" favored the action taken.

Hannigan also dismissed Cash's chances for winning any lawsuits should they be filed for breach of contract.

"They wouldn't hold up in any court," he said.

The cancellation was criticized Thursday by Mike Nabors, chairman of the Town Hall Committee responsible for scheduling the Cash show.

"It is an unfortunate situation because the man is innocent until proven guilty," Nabors said. "If we judged all our acts before they came we would have very few Town Hall performances."

"Those who wanted him to be cancelled should have done it three or four weeks ago when there was time," he continued.

"But we are in the process of obtaining another act which we think will be a good substitute. I'm sure we'll have a replacement."

Cash was arrested at the El Paso Airport Oct. 4 allegedly carrying 668 dexadrine tablets and 475 tablets of equanil. He posted bond and was released until his trial, which has not been scheduled.

The rhubarb over Cash's appearance erupted last Monday when the Memorial Student Center Council, which administers the Town Hall program, retained the singer despite a strong protest by Joe Buser, supervisor of student publications and representative of the Association of Former Students to the council.

Buser argued that to permit Cash to fulfill his engagement would reflect unfavorably and generate a poor image of the university.

His motion to cancel the contract and immediately seek a replacement for Cash died for lack of a second.

Nov. 24th  
(Bonfire Night)



Here is a man who paces 'em in every time he calls a meeting, a man whose face and voice are known the length and breadth of the land... a man whose arrival in any city, town or village starts people to talkin', whistlin' and toe tappin', in anticipation of seeing and hearing him.

Set for Bonfire Night, this program is a Town Hall Extra. All persons attending this show must purchase Advance Tickets at the Student Program Office ticket booth in the Memorial Student Center, or at the door the night of the performance. SEASON TICKETS AND STUDENT ACTIVITY CARDS DO NOT APPLY FOR THIS PERFORMANCE ONLY.

### JOHNNY CASH SHOW SCRUBBED

A Town Hall extra, which was to star country and western singer Johnny Cash on Bonfire night, was canned Saturday by Texas A&M officials. The Cash contract was broken "due to unfavorable publicity originating from El Paso."

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## RV's Begin Work Friday On Bonfire

Ross Volunteers will begin work on the 1965-66 bonfire Friday by clearing cutting lanes.

Work for undergraduates will begin Saturday morning. Undergraduate students will be permitted to work on the bonfire Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Students will not be permitted to work any time prior to Saturday.

First call for work on the bonfire will be at 4:30 a.m. on all three mornings. Breakfast will be served at 5 a.m.

Students should meet in the stacking area behind Duncan Dining Hall to board trucks to go to the cutting area at 5:30 a.m.

The following safety rules have been adopted for this year's bonfire:

First aid stations will be located in both areas.

Students riding on trucks to and from the cutting area will keep their arms and legs on the body of the truck and will lock arms.

Only senior and junior cars will be allowed to go to the cutting area.

All persons in the cutting area will wear gloves.

All bonfire key personnel will wear red helmet liners and information may be obtained from them.

There will be concession stands in the cutting and stacking areas selling candy, soft-drinks and cigars. The profit earned will go into the Bonfire Fund to help defray the costs of the bonfire.

## Ducats Go On Sale For Faculty Fete

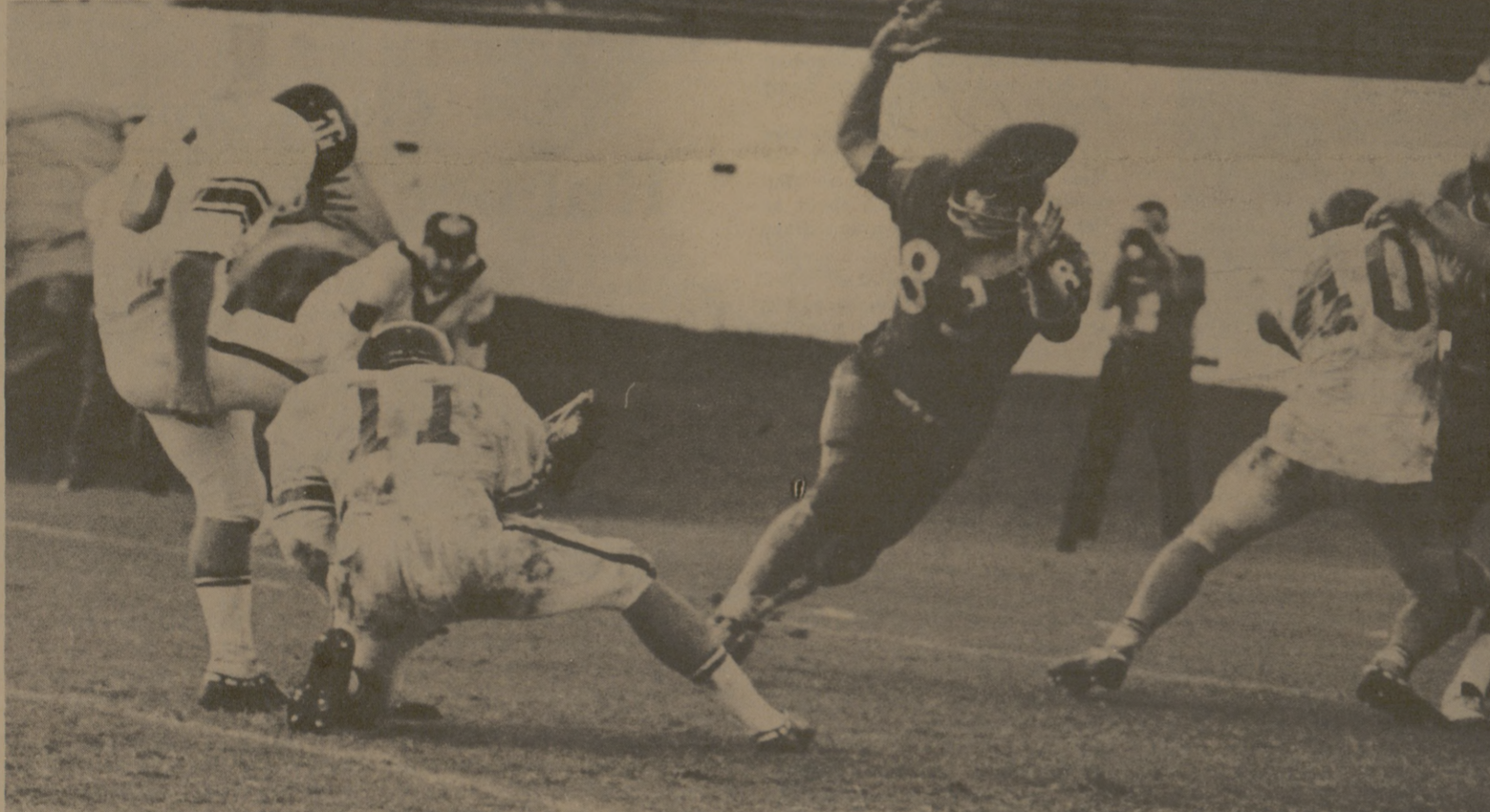
Individual tickets to the Thursday faculty-staff dinner dance at Texas A&M's Memorial Student Center are on sale. Chairman John E. Oliver announced.

Tickets, including reduced-rate season tickets, are available at the MSC main desk, and from Dr. Russell J. Kohel, research geneticist for soil and crop sciences.

Music for the 7:30 p.m. dinner dance will be by Dick Baldauf's Aggieband Combo.

Oliver said members of the A&M System staff at College Station are invited to join faculty and staff of A&M in the dinner club.

Other faculty - staff dinner dances are scheduled Feb. 17 and April 14.



### THE ONE THAT WON IT

Glynn Lindsey, A&M's kicking specialist, sends the football toward the upright to give the Aggies a 14-13 upset over Rice Saturday. Eddie McKaughan, who threw the winning touchdown pass to end John Poss, holds for Lindsey.

## RICE PAINT RAIDERS CONFESS TO A&M CAMPUS INCIDENT

Two Rice University undergraduates allegedly responsible for a midnight painting spree at Texas A&M turned themselves in to Rice officials in Houston Friday.

Rice student leaders convinced the two undergraduates, a freshman and sophomore, to turn themselves in.

Dr. Paul Pfeiffer, Dean of Students at Rice, said the students expressed extreme remorse after the incident, and they weren't aware they were desecrating the Aggie War Memorial.

"You can be sure the action was not approved by school officials," Pfeiffer related. "The students involved realize they have committed a serious error."

The Rice dean said disciplinary action would be determined by the Rice Inter-college court, a student organization, and the University would insist the students pay costs of repairing the damage.

Pfeiffer commended the A&M students for not retaliating, and added that he enjoyed the A&M-Rice football game because the Aggies demonstrated good

sportsmanship. James P. Hannigan, A&M Dean of Students, said the Rice officials and student leaders were "very profuse in their apologies."

"Rice" and "Go Owls" signs were painted on nine A&M buildings, entrance signs, the statue of Lawrence Sullivan Ross, a replica of the Liberty Bell, and the plaque honoring A&M war dead at the Memorial Student Center. An estimated damage of \$350 was reported by Building and Utilities officials.

The incident is the third such at A&M this fall. East Gate signs were daubed with orange paint early this semester and 13 Baylor students painted signs, buildings, and a student automobile Oct. 22.

### MSC To Continue Membership Drive

The Memorial Student Center's annual membership drive will continue through Wednesday in the main hallway of the Center.

The drive is sponsored by the Public Relations Committee and will feature exhibits by 14 major committees.

## Armstrong Sets Issues Lecture

The Great Issues committee will present a lecture by Kenneth S. Armstrong at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom.

Presenting a World Around Us Series lecture, Armstrong will speak on "South Vietnam... Endless Cricle?"

Armstrong will analyze the Viet Nam situation including pertinent elements of Vietnamese history, religion and customs that have contributed to the developments in the country.

"Armstrong brings an insight into the world problems that has been sharpened by observations recorded on the front lines, by interviews with leaders and by his extensive contract with the Vietnamese people," said Jerry Stevens, chairman of the World Around Us Series.

"He will document his report with a color film, some of it taken while flying above the front lines. His factual, forceful analysis and detailed back-

ground of Viet Nam will provide excellent preparation for the eleventh Student Conference on National Affairs this year which will have Viet Nam as its topic," Stevens added.

A&M students with activity cards will be charged 50 cents.



KENNETH S. ARMSTRONG

## Who's Who 36 Students Selected For Honor

Thirty-six Texas A&M students were selected for the 1966 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

All selected have excelled in both the classroom and extra curricular activities.

Students to be listed in "Who's Who" includes these Aggies with exceptional achievements:

Donald E. Allen, Fred, accounting, 3rd Battalion commander; James H. Allen Jr., Bryan, accounting Senate Student Life Committee chairman;

William C. Atkinson, Dallas, marketing, basketball player; John M. Beasley, Linden, business administration, basketball player; Craig C. Buck, Carthage, government, chairman of eleventh Student Conference on National Affairs; Narciso O. Cano Jr., San Antonio, aerospace engineering, senior class president;

Robert L. Cator Jr., Sunray, veterinary medicine, president of the local chapter of the American Veterinary Medicine Association; Ronny J. Chauviere, Waco, mechanical engineering, vice president of Tau Beta Pi; Lance Howard Cobb, Fort Worth, physics, baseball player; Richard Michael Dooley, Iola, economics, chairman of Contemporary Arts Committee; Glenn Allen Dromgoole, Sour Lake, journalism, Editor of The Battalion;

Ralph B. Filburn, San Angelo, aerospace engineering, Cadet Colonel of the Corps; William Edmond Galloway, Falls Church, Va., geology, chairman of Social Activities Committee, Tau Beta Pi; John Davis Gay, College Station, accounting, Deputy Corps Commander; David Eldridge Graham, Bay City, history, Cadet Captain of Combined Band Staff;

Jay Alan Gray, Fort Worth, management, Air Division Commander; Wayne William Hanna, Flatonia, agricultural education, Chancellor-Alpha Zeta; Leonard Donald Holder, San Antonio, history, Second Brigade Commander; Simeon T. Lake, III, Fort Worth, history, Scholastic Officer-Second Brigade; Thomas Mason Lunsford, Lake Jackson, pre-med., Commander - Fourth Battalion; Allen Werner Mathtys, Riesel, dairy science, Secretary Treasurer, American Dairy Science Association; Roy Louis May, Sherman, history, Commanding Officer-Maroon Band;

William Shepherd Moore II, Houston, accounting, Supply Officer, Company F-2; David Eugene Moreman, Hedley, veterinary medicine, Executive Editor, Southwestern Veterinarian; Thomas F. Murrain, San Antonio, accounting, Varsity Football Player; Malcolm Ray Osbourn,

Valley Spring, animal husbandry, president, Saddle and Sirloin Club; Ronald E. Pate, Waco, accounting, vice president of Student Senate; Lani Newell Presswood, Fort Worth, English, Summer Editor, The Battalion;

Lloyd Davie Ptak, Fort Lewis, Washington, chemistry, Second Battalion Staff; John Hunter Rodgers, Austin, economics, Scholastic Officer, Corps Staff; James Allen Rupley, College Station, mathematics; President, Singing Cadets; Roland D. Smith, Lawn, agronomy, Student Senate President;

David Edwin Stiles, Midolothian, journalism, Wall Street Journal Award, outstanding Journalism Senior, 1964-65; James Raymond Supak, Coupland, plant & soil science, Student Agricultural Council President; Charles Edward Wallace, Fort Worth, civil engineering, Special Consultant, MSC Council;

Frank Dwayne Watson, Spokane, Washington, physics, Commander, Second Wing.

The first publication of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges was printed in 1943-44. Its publication was encouraged by two years of research, travel and interviews with college administrators, students, and undergraduate organizations to create a national recognition for college students that would be democratic and devoid of costs.

Recognition by Who's Who means that the student was first recommended from the university or college he attends and then accepted by the organization.

Nominations may be submitted annually for four year degree-granting institutions. College juniors, seniors and graduate students are eligible for nomination.

Selection is conducted by campus committees usually involving student - faculty - administration participation. These committees consider the student's scholarship, his leadership and cooperation in educational and extra-curricular activities, his general citizenship, and his promise of future usefulness.