

# Pyre Smaller But Still Shows Aggie Spirit

**Traditional Bonfire Theme:  
Beat The Hell Outa TU!**

While the 1965 Aggie Bonfire will be 21 feet smaller than 1960's record 101 feet, its flames will no doubt carry the heat of the Aggie Spirit all the way to Austin.

Dating back to 1909, Aggie Bonfires have traditionally been A&M's way of welcoming returning exes and crowning the Spirit of Aggieland. The standard theme of all A&M Bonfires has been "Beat the hell out of TU."

As Aggieland has grown, so have its Bonfires. The height of A&M's flaming symbol has more than tripled since the 25 foot log Bonfire of 1942. Prior to that date Bonfires had been constructed of old boxes and scrap lumber.

Industrious Aggies added a center pole in 1945, and the following year two poles were spliced together for a much taller fire. The fall of 1949 gave A&M the claim to the "world's largest bonfire", as the center-pole stretched to a then seemingly impossible 65 feet.

A need for a greater area forced the Bonfire to be moved from the center of the drill field in 1955 to its present location near Navasota parking lot.

Over the years all Bonfires have guaranteed at least three things . . . blood, sweat and blisters.

Hospital officials find tranquilizers almost necessary as great masses of unfortunate Bonfire builders come trickling into their offices each year reporting severe lacerations from axes,

splinters in the most embarrassing places, plus numerous cases of poison ivy.

Due to a great many injuries suffered from the 1955 Bonfire, the 1956 Bonfire workers wore signs on the backs of their jackets reading "Safety First."

At times the tremendous task of constructing the big fire seems overpowering. A discouraged Paul Halladay, 1955 Head Yell Leader, described a behind-schedule log stacking effort thusly: "The logs out there are just like the Aggie football team: they're many, mean and marvelous."

Mischievous Longhorns have attempted to burn the Bonfire prematurely several times, but even the cleverest of schemes have failed.

The wildest attempt at sabotage came the year TU students dropped a fire bomb from a low-flying airplane. Unfortunately for the students, the bomb missed, and alert Ags caught the plane's serial number as it buzzed overhead. The would-be saboteurs were turned in and promptly expelled.

Another bomb missed its mark in 1956 when two Teasips attempted to explode the Bonfire with a detonator device installed in their car. The explosives were buried many feet from the stack, and the ensuing explosion destroyed nothing more than a few weeds and the not too ingenious Sips' pride.

A&M students have outsmarted their pals from Austin several times by prelighting the Teasip homecoming bonfire. Texas usually wins the football games, but devoted Aggies manage to dominate the pregame hocus-pocus.

Tragedy struck the Bonfire in 1955 when James E. Sarran, an A&M sophomore, died by pushing two buddies to safety as he was crushed between a car and truck. The car went out of control and crashed into the student's guard post.

In 1963 the Bonfire was canceled in honor of the slain President John F. Kennedy.

Bringing back memories of horseplay, tragedy and hard work, the 1965 Aggie Bonfire will be the final spark of the Aggies' burning desire to saw Varsity's horns off — SHORT!

## PINKIE . . .

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is always open to any Aggies. Mrs. Downs, Pinkie's wife for 48 years, has fed many homesick Aggies and provided a "home away from home" that for many made the difference between sticking it out or pulling up stakes and heading down Highway 6. Another loyal A&M supporter in his home is his daughter, Grey Downs, who is a secretary at the Exchange Store here on the campus. Despite all his love for Aggieland, Pinkie has never neglected his family or his church, which he places above all. He has been a member of the Methodist Church for 81 year and a Mason for over 51 years.

Part of Pinkie's kindness to others was repaid him in 1955 when he found himself in the hospital with a growing hospital bill and personal debts. The Brazos County A&M Club organized a variety show called "In the Pink," with proceeds to be used to pay off Pinkie's debts and hospital bill. With the \$3,000 they collected, they did this as well as pay the mortgage on Pinkie's home.

Pinkie's plans for the immediate future are to live to be at least 92. This will enable him to witness Texas A&M's 100th birthday in 1976, at which he plans to deliver the centennial address!

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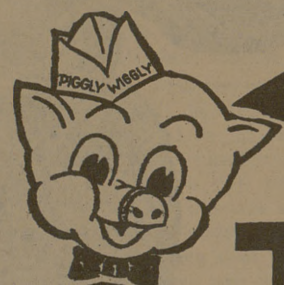
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