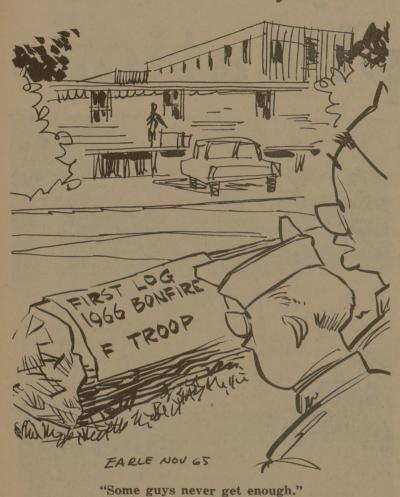
- Tommy DeFrank -

Bonfire: Tradition Or Tedium?

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle



Monkeyshines

Everyone has seen the three little monkeys. They sit on their hind legs and cover their eyes, ears or mouth with their hands.

Their names are "See No Evň", "Hear No Evil" and "Speak No Evil."

They are presently unemployed. It is their own fault. They could be professional jurymen.

In the recent trial concerning the registration of the Communist party in the United States, qualifications for the jury were agreed upon that matched the attributes of

Time Magazine listed a juror's qualifications as foll-

.. swear that they 1) did not regard the Communist Party as "subversive" or a threat to themselves or their families; 2) felt no hostility toward the party; 3) had "not read, seen or heard anything derogatory about the party," and 4) would not doubt the truthfulness of any officer or the party itself.

"The jurors also swore that neither they nor their families had ever worked for the U.S. Government or belonged to the John Birch Society, Ku Klux Klan, American Legion, American Nazi Party, Young Americans for Freedom, Americans for Constitutional Action, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Daughters of the American Revolution, Conservative But the Corps Commander re-Society of America, Liberty Lobby, Americans for National Security, Christian Anti-Communist Crusade, Christian Crusade, American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, Labor Youth League, Civil Rights Congress, Communist Party, Jefferson School of Social Science, New York School of Marxist Studies, Young Communist League, American Peace Crusade, National Council of American-Soviet Peace Crusade, Nation of Islam, International Workers Order, Washington Bookshop Association, Fair Play for Cuba Committee, or the Southern Conference for Human Welfare.

"None of the jurors had ever read books by Elizabeth Bentley, Whittaker Chambers, Louis Budenz, J. B. Mat-thews, Herbert Philbrick, William F. Buckley Jr., Gerald L. Smith, L. K. Smith, Westbrook Pegler, Dan Smoot, Robert Welch, Dr. Fred Schwarz or Dr. George Benson, or listened to radio programs conducted by Fulton Lewis Jr., John T. Flynn, Life Line, Facts Forum or the 20th Century Reformation Hour.'

Despite these qualifications, or lack of them, the jury was filled in just two hours.

See No Evil, Hear No Evil and Speak No Evil. When you set a monkey to do a man's job, you get a monkey's re-

sults, monkey-shines.

Bonfire is one of the most hallowed of all Aggie traditions. The Bonfire is supposed to

symbolize the love Aggies have for their school, and also their burning desire to beat the hell out of the University in Austin.

But about all it symbolized this year for many Aggies was their burning desire to enjoy a threeday weekend.

The traditional off-Monday before Thanksgiving, which the university allows each year to permit students to devote more time to the Bonfire, merely meant an extra day of sleep for more Aggies than we would like to

This let-the-freshmen-work-onthe-thing attitude is nothing new, however; it happens every year. But what was more alarming this year was the number of "leaders" who felt it below their station to work on the Bonfire.

True, many Aggies worked round-the-clock to insure a successful Bonfire.

And they ranged from freshmen to graduate students.

And one of the hardest working units was F Troop, the civilian outfit that stacked logs nearly 24 hours straight and were still at the cutting area when many Corps units had gone home.

But while many Aggies who scream the loudest about their spirit were enjoying their extended weekend passes, most students were slaving on the Bonfire. Notable exceptions were the

members of Corps Staff. Now, Corps Staff is supposed to provide leadership for the Corps. So where was Corps Staff while other Aggies worked?

With the girl back home. With the girl in Denton. Playing football. In the rack.

It doesn't really matter where they were; they just weren't where they should have been. The Corps Staff seniors set the

example by not showing up, except for one or two. And four of the six staff

juniors felt it below their stature to expend effort on such a project.

One of the four, who has already complained that his position on a staff merits more respect than other junior "peons" (his words), explained that he went home because the Bonfire was for "gung-ho" Aggies.

portedly succeeded in saving them from such a distasteful duty.

But the four who laid low finally repented on the last day, Wednesday.

"We caught so much flak about not working on the Bonfire we decided we'd better get out there," one explained.

So all six were working on the final day, when there was little left to do, save for stacking logs. But not everyone was pleased that they showed up.

"I tried to throw them out every time I happened to see one of them," a stacking area boss said. "They wanted us to reserve a special section for them."

Each year's Bonfire belongs to the freshman class, but it's still the Aggie Bonfire.

The Bonfire would never have

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It says somewhere that the blazed without the dedicated effort of Aggies, Corps and civilian from all classes who gave up a three-day weekend to participate in one of our hallowed traditions.

Let us hope that the miserable attitude of some, who feel their positions of "prominence" exempt them from service, is not contagious.

Or else some day Texas A&M will be a school without tradition -only "leaders."

Mortimer's Notes

FOR THE RECORD: Word has been received that "wildcatting" in the mess halls will be prohibited by an upcoming order from the Trigon .

The latest change in cadet dining habits is intended to add dignity to mealtime and provide a more refined atmosphere . . .

A Corps junior commented: "If refinement is what they want, why don't they put white linen tablecloths and candles on the tables and serve us huge steaks every night?"

Next thing to go, some disgruntled cadets predict, are outfit jodie calls .

Well, why not? After all, some of them aren't quite in keeping with our "good, clean, Christian atmosphere."

Another phrase that could develop into a Texas A&M cliche cropped up Tuesday night when Board Chairman H. C. Heldenfels told an Associated Press reporter: "I don't know why so many people have been calling me about this."

Of course, coeducation is such a minor issue and he is only determine whether on not girls will attend A&M. . . .

Pretty soon someone will write a book entitled "1,001 Aggie Cliches."

It would probably include: "Best I've seen since I've been at A&M" - Hank Foldberg; "Good, clean, Christian atmosphere" - Dean Hannigan; "Goodness gracious" and "Make something happen" — Gene Stallings; "Academic Excellence" -President Rudder; "The Corps has gone to hell" - Corps Member; "Gig 'em Aggies" - Pinkie Downs; and "Groady Non-Regs" - Anonymous . .

Of course, there's nothing wrong with cliches as long as they're not overused See Ya 'Round - Mortimer.

Short Snorts

Atty. Gen. Waggoner Carr ruled that the Rio Grande Independent Rehabilitation District is part of the public school program of Texas and is eligible for financial assistance under Title III of the National Defense Act of 1958.

Truckers and insurance underwriters representing them have until mid-December to file briefs to back protests against the State Board of Insurance's proposed truck rule amendment relative to statistical data, policy limits and equipment.

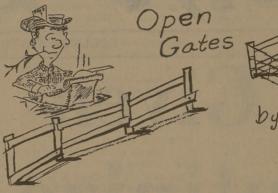
Governor Connally has approved these seven Neighborhood Youth Corps Projects: Wellington, \$28,900; Houston, \$257,760; Cooper, \$41,430; San Antonio, \$102,480; Kingsville, \$81,410; Sulphur Springs, \$79,320; and Mission, \$14,600.

U. S. Soil Conservation Service has been authorized to assist local conservation organizations in Hill, Johnson, Hood, and Parker Counties, based on applications approved by the Texas State Soil Conservation Board.

State Supreme Court declined to review a Houston church's appeal for tax exemption on house used as residence for its "educational minister," leaving in effect Court of Civil Appeals ruling that tax exemption applies only to church and minister's dwelling.

By Charles M. Schulz







Texas A&M University's senior livestock judging team has won the International Collegiate Livestock Judging Contest for the third time in the event's 66-year history. The contest was held during the International Livestock Exposition in Chicago.

The team edged out 35 other teams from agricultural colleges and universities. Kansas State University was second and the University of Illinois and Iowa State University tied for third. Aggie team members are Bill Sanders of San Angelo, Dennis Ellebracht of Fredricksburg, Jimmy Newsom of Azle, Malcolm Osbourn of Valley Spring, Rex Stultz of Ballinger and Ross Conner

of Izoro L. D. Wythe of the Animal Science Department coached the team.

Two Texas A&M University freshmen are among a 38-member delegation from Texas which is representing the state and other 4-H Club members at the 44th annual National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago, Nov. 26-Dec. 2.

The two are Roy Childers from Iowa Park and Michael Murphay from Elgin. Childers won the state electric program and Murphay won the Sante Fe award.

During the week more than 20 boys and girls will be designated national winners of educational scholarships.

James Natho of Cuero, freshman animal science major has been presented a Youth Conservationist of the Year Award. The award was presented Monday night in

Austin by Gov. John Connally during a Driskill Hotel banquet honoring winners in each of 10 categories. Purpose of the awards is to stimulate in-

terest in natural resource conservation. Sponsors are the Sportsmen's Club of Texas, the National Wildlife Federation and the Sears-Roebuck Foundation. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Natho

of Cuero. Natho has been a member of the Lindenau 4-H Club 10 years and is a member of the A&M Band. Natho has two brothers who also are Aggies. One is Bernard, who graduated in 1960 with a BS degree in animal science. The other

Some of the major livestock shows have passed for another year, but yet to come are the Houston Livestock Show, San Antonio Livestock Exposition, the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show chairman of the group in whose and others. A good thing to look for at these shows is a hoof-carcass hands lay the final authority to class. Many shows across the country have these contests which provide practical ways of comparing meat animals and showing producers the type of meat consumers want.

is Thomas, now a sophomore in agricultural economics.

Anyone who has worked livestock knows how much trouble it is to load animals, carry them to a scale, unload, weigh, load, return home and unload. The Judson FFA Chapter came up with an idea for a mobile scale which

saves time for the livestock man and wear and tear on the animals. The mobile scale consists of a used platform scale, found around most feed stores, some old jail frames (iron rods or boards could be used instead), a set of wheels and odds and ends. It cost about \$25 and took about 10

Construction involved making a trailer frame and setting angle iron frame was welded to the scales and a floor built on it then sides and ends added.

Hitch the mobile scale to a pick-up, drive to the pasture and you're ready to weigh animals. * * * * *

More and more farmers are finding that underground electrical circuits to buildings, light post and equipment are practical, says W. S. Allen, Extension agricultural engineer.

"Electrical cables especially designed for underground installations have been on the market for many years," he points out. "These cables withstand moisture and corrosion in wet soil." Cables intended for dry locations in residential construction

should never be used for underground circuits. Underground cables should be buried deep enough to avoid

the risk of being cut by farm implements. Where these buried cables may be run over by heavy loads, a board should be laid over the cable before the trench is filled to help distribute the weight above the cable. In planning for unusual installations involving long distances,

expensive equipment, or heavy loads, it is safest to seek the advice of the local power supplier, an engineer, or a qualified contractor, Allen advises.

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