

...And Determination To Beat t.u.

From start to finish, the Aggie Bonfire symbolizes "Every Aggie's burning desire to beat Texas on Thanksgiving Day and the flaming loyalty he has for A&M." Each bonfire is considered that

of the freshman class that builds it. The fish furnish most of the manpower, though seniors and juniors oversee cutting, trucking and stacking. The fish hook arms under short saplings on which the 400 to 900 pound logs are

toted to trucks.

Power cranes are used almost exclusively for stacking now, where manual labor was once the only force. Double stacking achieves 60 to 80 foot heights, but requires careful placement

of logs end-to-end on top of the first stack. Considerable research and experimentation has gone into making the center strong and compact.

Numerous safety precautions are followed, including only jun-

iors and seniors handling axes. Gloves and goggles are required and transportation regulations are rigidly enforced.

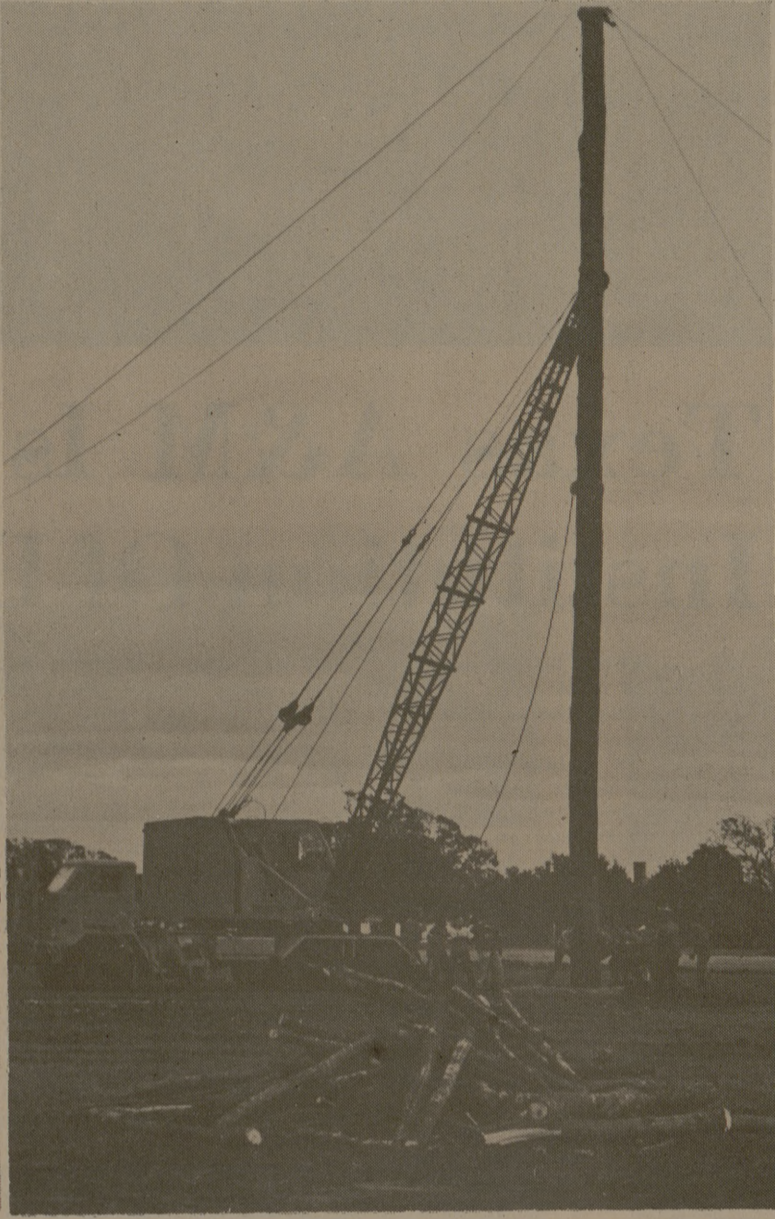
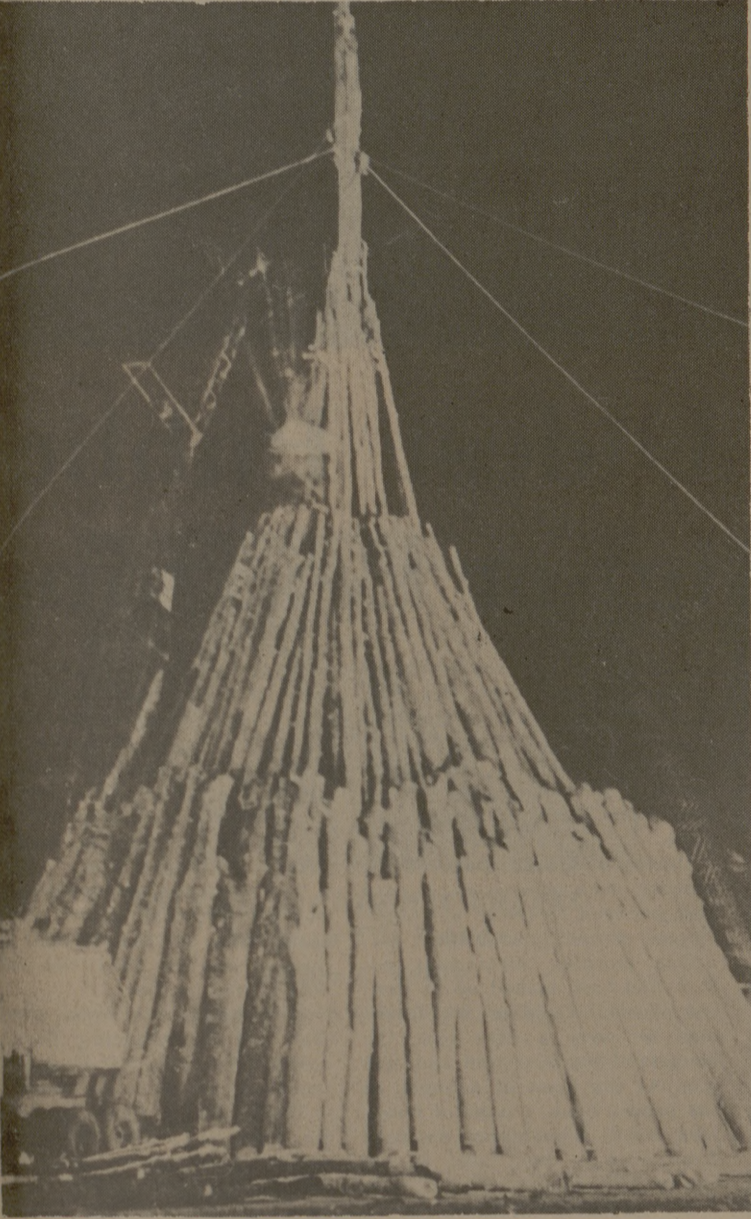
As the logs are moved from the cutting area to the stacking area on the Duncan drill field

just east of President Earl Rudder's home, the spirit and pride swells within everyone who works on the Bonfire.

A strict security and safety ring is maintained around the site at all times and only those

who are working directly with the stacking are allowed to come near the Bonfire.

The work goes on for days and into the nights, right up until the torch is thrown onto the stack.



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