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Bonfiremen On 5-Day Plan Will Get Weekend Meals

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Students on the 5-day board plan who identify themselves as working on the Bonfire will be allowed to eat in the dining halls Saturday and Sunday, announced yell leader and Bonfire Committee adviser Malon Southerland.

Southerland stressed that the student must be working on the Bonfire to be allowed this privilege. He also noted that all students should have their identification cards on their person at all times while working.

FOOD SERVICES will furnish coffee and cookies during the night while the stack is being guarded. The service will be handled by the YMCA, with the help of several campus women's

groups, including the Aggie Wives' Club.

Safety was also stressed by Southerland. He noted that safety meetings for freshmen and sophomores, both civilian and cadet, will be held Thursday evening in the Grove. The exact time and place, he continued, will be announced in the mess halls.

"IN THE CUTTING area, everything is set and ready to go," said Southerland. "We have one request to make, however.

"The only entrance to the cutting area is a road running off of a farm and market road. Those working in the cutting area may park anywhere along the farm road. We do ask, though, that people enter only through the gate, and do not climb over the fence.

"THE POINT is not to tear things up."

The cutting area this year is in the same area as last year's. To reach it, students should go 12 miles north on Highway 6 to the Old San Antonio Road. They should turn left on OSR and continue to Benchley, then make another left turn. After crossing the railroad tracks, another left should be made. The cutting area will be on the driver's left.

THE TRUCKS will use a different route, noted Youngkin.

They will go west on FM 60, then cut over another farm road to Highway 21. They will head back east on 21 to FM 1093, 1/2 mile before the 21-6 intersection. Trucks will travel 1093 to OSR, then right two miles to the cutting area.

"Collections so far for the lease purchase amount to \$4," said Memorial Student Center assistant cashier Jo Scanlin, "mostly from the office staff here. We have heard, however, that student contributions are being collected and will be turned in soon."

"COLLECTIONS are going fine from what I hear," Youngkin said, "and I hope it continues. The need has been announced in the mess halls today, and printed in The Battalion. I urge all those who love the Bonfire to help."

Southerland also noted that volunteer help is needed Thursday and Friday in the cutting area. Any Junior or Senior who does not have afternoon classes may work, according to Dean of Students James P. Hannigan.

"The owner of the land being used for the cutting has placed only one restriction on our use of it, concluded Southerland. "We must beat the hell out of t.u."

The owner, Henry Seale, is a Texas graduate.

Selective Service Announces Grad Student Draft 'Reprieve'

Draft Director Lewis B. Hershey's reprieve for the nation's graduate students was welcome news here—but also anticipated.

Earlier this year, Hershey ordered an end to academic deferments for all graduate students other than those studying medicine, but Tuesday he altered the policy to allow drafted students to complete their current terms.

"This is the basis on which we have advised students since last summer," noted Graduate Dean George W. Kunze.

"If they (the graduate students) had not received their draft notices prior to enrolling in the fall," he added, "we felt there was every assurance they would be able to complete the semester."

DESPITE AN A&M survey last spring which indicated up to 40 per cent of the university's graduate students could have been affected by the new draft laws, a record graduate enrollment was registered this fall.

Graduate students this semester total 2,661, the dean noted, for an increase of 396, or approximately 17 per cent, over last year.

Dean Kunze noted, however, that draft calls have been low ever since the new law went into effect.

Still, he estimated A&M's graduate enrollment would have been at least 100 higher if students had known they could have completed the fall semester. He explained approximately 100 to 150 students withdrew their applications in view of the draft.

"AS FAR as I know, however, no student has been pulled out of school during the semester," Kunze remarked.

"I think General Hershey's statement for clarification of the draft law is helpful, in that it will enable the students to make firm plans for at least a semester in advance," the dean observed.

Hershey's advisory, dated Oct.

24 and published Tuesday in the Selective Service Newsletter, reads:

"When college students are ordered to report for induction during a school term in which they are satisfactorily pursuing whole-time post-baccalaureate courses, consideration should be given on an individual case basis, to a postponement of induction until the end of the term (quarter, trimester or semester)."

HERSHEY'S new policy was intended to insure that the student's investment of time and funds for tuition, housing and books would not be lost by the arrival of a draft notice while the students were in the middle of a term, a Selective Service spokesman said.

The draft director's advice, in the form of an advisory, is not binding, the spokesman pointed out, but the advice is usually followed by local and state boards.

Civilian Program Expansion Hoped

"I have high hopes that the civilian residence hall program will be expanded," Ed Cooper, civilian student activities director, told the Memorial Student Center Directorate Tuesday.

Cooper credited the large number of civilians expected for the Bonfire to the residence hall programs.

"I'm looking forward to the day when the civilians and Corps members can work together to make this a better university," Cooper told the Directorate, "and I think an expanded residence hall program would go a long way in making it happen."

The directorate decided to send 27 or 28 students to the Association of College Unions Convention in New Orleans Dec. 5-7.

Bonfire Pole Is Raised By Company D-1

Company D-1 cadets raised Monday the first flammable material toward the Bonfire.

"Spider D," commanded by Walter D. Dabney of Dallas, traditionally raises the Bonfire center pole. Several thousand logs will be leaned and stacked against the 93-foot long shaft before the first is burned Tuesday.

Four other poles also were embedded in the Duncan area drill field by D-1, to support lights for night work. Additional preliminary work to stacking included ditching and burying electrical conduit to the lights and a one-inch pipeline for fueling the interior of the stack.

Head yell leader Bill Youngkin of Gilmer said Bonfire work the majority of this week will be concentrated in the cutting area north of Bryan. Careful placement of interior logs will be carried out before stacking speeds up Saturday.

The Bonfire Yell Practice will be held at 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Installment Due

The third installment of board payment is now being accepted at the Fiscal Office in the Coke Building. Payment of \$74 for seven-day and \$67 for five-day plans must be paid by Tuesday to avoid penalty.

Nixon, Humphrey, Wallace: They're All Students Here

By TONY HUDDLESTON
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A careful perusal of the new student directory reveals the secret Aggie listings of not only all three major presidential candidates, but also a rare assortment of distinguished authors, television stars, and a few wild animals to boot.

In the political arena, at A&M this year are listed three Nixons, five Humphreys, nine Wallaces, two Paulsens, five Reagans and 73 Johnsons.

Religiously, there are listed six Bishops, one Priest, one Cardinal, four Popes and one Goldstein.

In literature are five Faulkners, two Hawthornes, four Burns, five Frosts and 26 Scotts.

In the entertainment field are one Jerry Lewis, one Johnny Carson, one Steve Allan, one Sammy Davis, two Rowans and 42 Martins.

For great names in history there are two Washingtons, one Lincoln, one Robert E. Lee, one Daniel Boone, one Jim Bowie, two Custers, one McArthur, three Hoovers, nine Grants and one Jim Garrison.

Among the wildlife are three Birds, two Crows, one Crane, one Wren, three Beavers, six Foxes and one Bull.

Colors include 14 Blacks, 32 Whites, 11 Grays, 28 Greens and 57 Browns.

Reigning are 25 Kings, five Princes and six Dukes.

Miscellaneous monickers include one Spring, six Snows, one Boos, one Beers, one Tom Collins, two Hams and six Houses.

Also, nine Fords, five Shepherds, one Fisherman, two Meadows, one Dollar, one Dollarhide, three Gunns, two Gutters, two Flowers and six Cherrys.

And finally there are five Wongs and 26 Wrights.

JUSTICE SPEAKS

Dr. Blair Justice, research assistant for race relations to Mayor Louis Welch of Houston, addresses an audience of 80 in the MSC Assembly Room in the last of a five-part "People in the Cities" Great Issues Seminar. (Photo by Larry Frisk)

Riot 'Danger Signs' Listed In Seminar

By TIM SEARSON
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"Racial violence is like a cancer, in that the danger signals are present in both situations," Dr. Blair Justice said Tuesday in the final presentation of the Great Issues program, "People and the Cities."

Justice has worked for the past two years under Mayor Louis Welch as the head of the human relations division. He is the author of a number of papers on minority groups and he wrote the manuscript "Violence in the City."

"THE WAY THE people live

and the way they are distributed in a community are all factors that contribute to race riots," he said. "Two factors determine the direction of a minority group: how the people accept life; and how the people are trying to better their life."

Justice told the audience of 80 in the Memorial Student Center Assembly Room that the mass media cannot be cited as the cause of race riots. However, by focusing the spotlight of attention on a minority group, it lowers inhibitions.

"WHEN A COMMUNITY becomes the target of attention, inflammatory incidents can result," said Justice. "After the riots in Watts, attention was focused on Oakland because of poor conditions, and a few months later racial riots did start."

The noted lecturer used Houston as an example by relating the trouble that led to the riots on the campus of Texas Southern University in May, 1967. He mentioned that Houston came close to being on the "riot map," but since the problems were not community-wide the disturbance did not grow.

"THERE ARE TWO different ideas in the black community," said Justice. "Those Negroes from rural areas seem to have the opinion 'You can't miss something you never had.'"

"However, it can not be assumed that minority groups are not aware of the world around them."

In Justice's opinion, overcrowding does not deter the migration to urban areas by minority groups. The need for improving housing, education, and jobs becomes ever more evident by overcrowded conditions.

"A RANDOM survey of members of the Negro community in Houston showed that the majority of the people felt jobs were the most important issue, followed by education and housing," said Justice. "Housing ranked so low because 46 per cent of Houston's Negroes own their own homes."

Justice cited the geographical dispersion of the Negro population as one reason for the lack of rioting. The separate Negro communities share little solidarity and do not mix.

"Houston is unique in that it

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'Snake Doctor' Seeks Degree

Dr. Mike Herron never grew out of his boyhood fancy for snakes.

He simply likes them as a person might like a dog, or some other pet.

Matter of fact, it's hard for Herron to remember when he didn't like snakes, but he dates it roughly age 12 when most boys would rather catch snakes and frogs than eat a hamburger.

AT 28, HERRON, an assistant professor in the College of Veterinary Medicine, is seeking his Ph.D. degree in "herpetological" medicine and surgery.

To the laymen it readily connotes "snake doctoring."

But to Herron it means learning in a field where little or no information is available for treatment of zoological specimens or household pet snakes.

"WE'RE SEEING more exotic pets," Herron, a native of Evansville, Ind., observes.

"In talking with people," Herron added, "I find more and more people are getting boa constrictors for pets."

And, he acknowledges, most zoos have extensive reptile houses with some snakes costing up to

\$3,000, "especially if its a good feeder."

"SNAKE HOUSES are the second most popular exhibit—next to monkeys," he adds.

Herron has "no fear of being called a snake doctor" by his colleagues, and readily admits "there is a fascination with snakes."

More than a fascination, however, Herron adds, "There is a need for someone to have this knowledge so snakes can be treated."

A QUALIFIED veterinarian, Herron earned his B. S. degree in zoology at George Washington University, and his M.S. and D.V.M. degrees at Purdue University.

Although his vocation is small animal surgery, he hopes his new degree program will offer basic study of normal anatomy and microanatomy, as well as work in pathology and microbiology, as a specialty.

"I hope to start out with specific diseases and correlate the causes of diseases," he notes.

HE POINTS OUT his main goal is to treat snakes, and "to properly treat, one has to identify and know the cause of disease."

He admits that there are some diseases "harbored in snakes" and that "they are often difficult to treat because snakes may not respond."

Herron noted too, that snakes



PREPARES INJECTION
Dr. Mike Herron prepares to inject a snake with an abscess at Texas A&M's College of Veterinary Medicine. He is seeking a Ph.D. degree in herpetological medicine and surgery. To the layman it means snake medicine.

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WEATHER

Thursday — Cloudy, occasional rain afternoon. Winds Easterly 5 to 10 mph. High 63, low 46.
Friday — Partly cloudy. Winds North 70 to 15 mph. High 62, low 38.
Kyle Field — Partly cloudy. Winds Calm. 58°.