



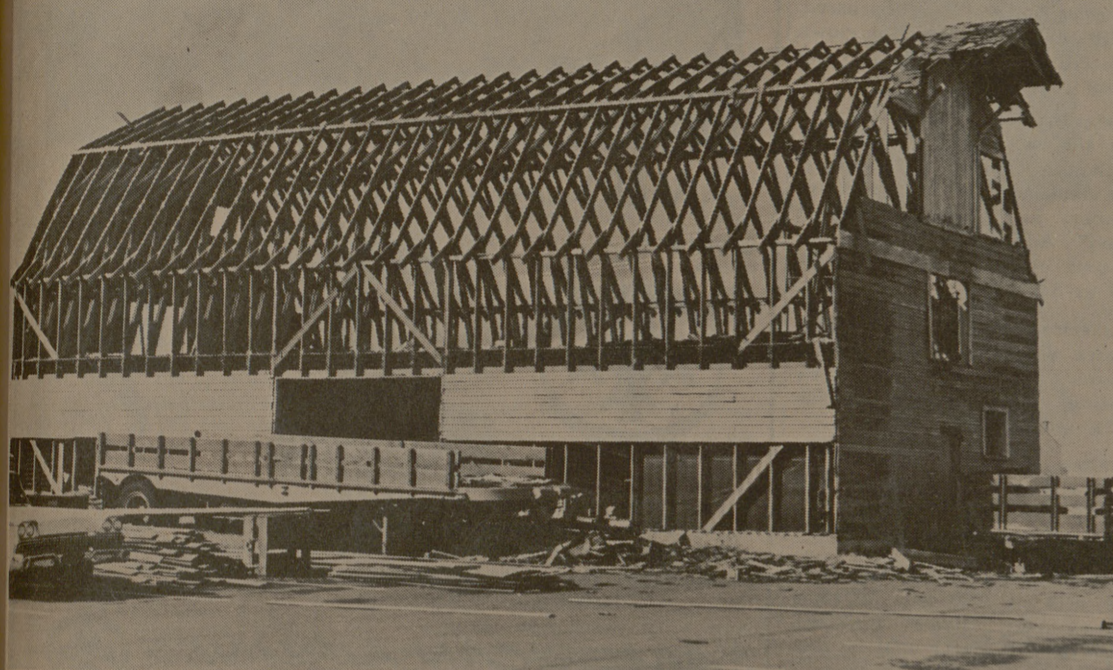
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## DEMOLITION STARTS

The Farm Research Barn, one of A&M's oldest buildings, nears the end of its days as lumber is removed from the framework. The 61-year-old structure is being demolished because it is "outdated." (Photo by Larry Frisk)

## 1917-Vintage Research Barn Falls To Demolition Crew

By DAVID MIDDLEBROOKE  
Battalion Staff Writer

One of the oldest buildings at A&M is being demolished.

The Farm Research Barn, also known as the Veterinary Research Barn, is being torn down because it's "outdated."

According to J. E. "Jocko" Roberts, supervisor of the research farm from 1938 until last year, the barn was built around 1917 by the College of Agriculture, and was first used to house eight hungry mules.

"Even in '38," Roberts said, "we used mulepower. They were hungry for the simple reason that we didn't have enough to feed them."

The barn was approximately 65 feet high, and construction was patterned after the Wisconsin style barn. This style, said Roberts, has the animals below and feed stored above.

"THE STYLE is very labor-wasting," Roberts pointed out. "The hayloft was high up, and the manpower needed to pitch the hay was unbelievable."

In addition to feed, fertilizing

chemicals, grain and related items were kept in the upper section.

The lumber used in building the barn is of a type that isn't seen much anymore, Roberts said.

"The quality cannot be approached today," he commented. "Lumber is not cured enough."

"By cured, I mean left to dry after cutting. The timber in that barn is well cured and well preserved. That barn is sturdy. It was built to last."

THE ROOF of the barn had three pitches, or angles, rather than being in a straight line. This type of construction provides more storage space in the upper section, especially at the top.

Since the roof angles three times, the sides of the upper section are straighter than a normal loft. At the top, it is more rounded than pointed. The effect is more space, plus "a sturdiness that is amazing," said Roberts.

Roberts added that he believes the style of the barn to have been brought to this country by the Dutch. The Wisconsin barn is used in the Midwest, especially for dairying.

FOR A dairyman, the set-up is ideal. In the summer, help is

available to pitch the hay into the loft. Then when winter comes, the animals can be kept inside, and one man can keep them fed using the force of gravity to help.

In 1957, the College of Veterinary Medicine moved west of the railroad tracks, on Farm Road 60, and took over the barn. In the 11 years it has had the barn, the College has used it as a dog research colony facility.

"We were using the dogs to do research on hip dysplasia, on a grant from the National Institute of Health," said Dr. Alvin A. Price, dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine. "Hip dysplasia is an abnormality of the hip joint that currently affects about 250,000 people in the United States."

NOW, THE Vet College no longer needs the building. New buildings have sprung up around it, and it has become an eyesore. There seems to be no use for the barn, so it is being torn down.

"It's kind of sad to see it go," sighed Roberts, "but it just became outdated. It is part of an era that this newer generation will never know."

# Bonfire Fund Drive Reported At \$630

## Work Is Underway At Cutting Area

By DALE FOSTER  
Battalion Staff Writer

Student donations of money to pay for the hunters' lease on the Bonfire cutting area officially totaled almost \$400 Wednesday afternoon, announced Memorial Student Center Student Finance Cashier Jo Scanlin. She said at least \$230 more was collected but not yet turned in.

"These first donations were mostly from Corps units in the First Wing and Fourth Group," Miss Scanlin said, "with additional contributions from other outfits and some dorms."

"I have \$230, turned in from the civilian students, which hasn't been recorded at the Student Finance Center," commented Civilian Yell Leader Garry Mauro. "I also know of two civilian dorms who turned money directly in to Jo."

"DAVIS-GARY Hall collected \$50 within two hours after the Battalion came out with the story Tuesday afternoon," he added. "Up until that time, nobody, not even dorm presidents, had known about the money problem."

"There are also numerous companies and squadrons as well as individuals who were unable to turn in their donations today," added Head Yell Leader Bill Youngkin Wednesday night.

Youngkin explained that the only way Aggies can use the cutting area is to buy up the hunters' lease on the land. The Bonfire budget has insufficient funds to absorb the added cost.

Cost of buying the lease is also gone well so far," he said. "The only thing we might need is more trucks and tractors. We have 10 trucks assured, several more promised, and a few not sure."

"A HUNTERS' lease has never been bought on the cutting areas in the past," noted Youngkin. "Actually, last year hunters were using the back part of the cutting area as their deer lease. This posed some problems, though, and this year we had to get the area all to ourselves."

In the future, he continued, the financial problem involved in buying the deer leases on cutting areas will be only one worry for those in charge of Bonfire preparations.

Even if the funds are available, another problem will be that it is getting harder to find large enough timber stands. Property owners are finding that the trees are good for the deer, which in turn provide a substantial extra income for landowners during hunting season.

JUNIORS AND seniors who do not have afternoon classes today and Friday will be working in the cutting area. Lanes will be cut into the cutting area both days with the possibility of the first logs being brought out late Friday evening.

Actual construction of the Bonfire began Monday with the setting up of light poles. Lights were installed Tuesday and Company D-1 erected the 93-foot centerpole. Full-scale work will begin Saturday and continue through Tuesday. All undergraduate classes will be dismissed on Monday, but graduate classes will meet.

Plans for the Bonfire are proceeding well so far," said Youngkin. "Everybody is working hard and the work is on schedule."

"DONATION of equipment has also gone well so far," he said. "The only thing we might need is more trucks and tractors. We have 10 trucks assured, several more promised, and a few not sure."

"I would like to have from 16 to 20 trucks. The more we have, the faster we can haul the logs to the stacking area. We can also always use more tractors as they cut in half the time needed to haul the logs at the cutting area."

The finished Bonfire will be lit before several thousand spectators Tuesday night, preceding the Thursday "Turkey Day" football clash with the Texas Longhorns.

Signifying "the undying love of every Aggie for his school and the burning desire to beat the hell out of TU," the greatest symbol of Aggie Spirit will culminate many hours of hard work.



## TIMBER!

Walter Dabney, of Company D-1 watches as the top of a newly-installed light pole starts earthward at the Bonfire site south of Duncan Dining Hall. Once smoothed, the pole tip had floodlights installed to light the work area during night stacking work in the next few days. (Photo by W. R. Wright)

## UC Approaches 88 Per Cent

College Station's United Chest fund-raising drive has attained almost 88 per cent of its \$27,500 goal, announced Edwin H. Fenner, campaign chairman. Wednesday's tabulations show the drive has collected \$23,000.

"I am very optimistic that we will reach our goal, if the cooperation of the donors continues," said Fenner, assistant director of the Engineering Extension Station at A&M. "I appreciate work of all solicitors of the campaign and cooperation of the donors to the campaign."

Joining Fenner in heading the drive are Joe Sawyer, Jack Bradshaw, W. T. Riedel, and Dr. Luther Jones.

The United Chest divides the funds earned with 16 civic and charitable agencies.

These agencies are Boy Scouts of America, Boy's Club of America, Brazos County Counseling Service, Brazos Valley Rehabilitation Center, American Red Cross, College Station Community House, Inc., College Station Recreation Council, Girl's Club of Brazos County, Girl Scouts Area Council, Salvation Army, Texas Association of Mental Health, Texas United Fund, Traveler's Aid of America, United

Cerebral Palsy of Texas, Inc. and United Service Organization (USO).

## Flag-Raising Set Before Fish Game

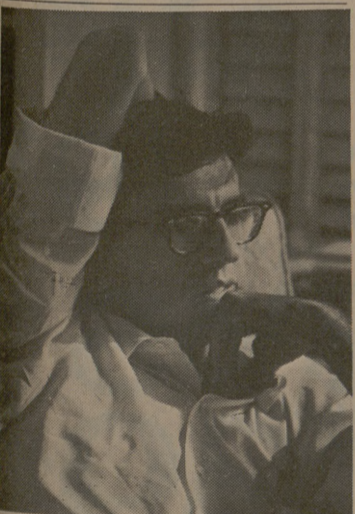
A special flag ceremony will be part of the pre-game activities when the Texas A&M Fish clash with the Texas University Short-horns on Kyle Field Friday night, D. A. Anderson, Brazos Valley Shrine Club Vice President, has announced.

"The flag raising ceremony will be conducted by the Legion of Honor Unit from Shrine Arabia Temple in Houston," Anderson said, "and promises to be a most impressive event."

The Legion of Honor unit within Shrine is made up of members of the VFW with activities centered around the U.S. Flag.

The Fish-Shorthorn game is sponsored by the Brazos Valley Shrine Club in cooperation with the A&M Athletic Department to raise funds for charity.

Tickets for the event are available from local banks, or from any Shriner, Anderson concluded, in urging a big turn-out for charity.



LARRY McMURTRY

## McMurtry Speech Slated Tonight

Texas novelist Larry McMurry, whose novel "Horseman, Pass By" became the movie "Hud," will speak on "Contemporary Texas Literature" at 8 tonight in the Memorial Student Center Assembly Room, according to Clint Machann, Literary Arts chairman.

Literary Arts is a subcommittee of the MSC Contemporary Arts Committee. The public-free program will be its first presentation of the year.

McMurtry grew up in North Central Texas ranching country, near Archer City. He is a graduate of North Texas State and a Guggenheim Fellowship recipient.

A faculty member and artist in residence at Rice University, McMurry is known as a literary critic and writer on contemporary Texas life.

He twice won the Jesse Jones Fiction Award given by the Texas Institute of Letters.

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"On the side of Texas A&M."  
—Adv.

## 101 Fish File For Posts In Dec. 4 Voting

More than 100 freshmen have filed for the first freshman elections this year. Gerald Geistweidt, Election Commission president, said Wednesday night.

By the end of filing Wednesday afternoon, the number of candidates had reached 101, representing a "tremendous increase since last year's elections," according to Geistweidt.

"A list of the candidates can't be given out until all of their qualifications have been checked," Geistweidt explained. He said the names would be released Thursday evening.

"Each freshman candidate should make sure he has read and understands all the rules of the elections," Geistweidt emphasized.

A place for the balloting has not been secured yet. So many freshmen have filed, Geistweidt said, that two balloting places may have to be used to handle all the voters.

Positions up for election are president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, social secretary, 4 Student Senate positions and 5 Election Commission positions. Elections will be held Dec. 4, and the run-offs Dec. 12.

## 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°.

## Seniors Plan Annual Walk

The Elephant Walk will be held Tuesday, starting at the statue of Lawrence Sullivan Ross and winding across the campus, announced Head Yell Leader Bill Youngkin.

Seniors will gather on the mall in front of the Academic Building at 12 noon. The Walk annually precedes the football game between the Texas Aggies and the Texas Longhorns.

Seniors traditionally participate in the Elephant Walk to

symbolize the fact that they are nearing the end of their membership in the "Twelfth Man." The Walk is so named because it has been traditionally compared to an old elephant wandering off to some secluded spot to await the coming of death.

As part of tradition, seniors will wear only one spur on their boots for the last Corps Trip, Youngkin noted, because "it takes just one spur to ride a steer."

## Student Fees Here Rank Among Lowest

By TOM CURL  
Battalion Staff Writer

An education at Texas A&M may be expensive as far as the students are concerned, but the same education at most other colleges and universities would cost much more.

A recent study of student charges at the 100 member institutions of the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges showed that A&M ranks ninety-third in costs of tuition, fees, room and board. In other words, only seven of the 100 schools are less expensive than A&M.

The total for these charges for two semesters at A&M averages \$848. The least expensive school to attend is the University of Puerto Rico, with average charges of \$694. The most expensive is Cornell University in New York with a cost of \$3,450. Massachusetts Institute of Technology follows closely with \$3,214.

BY VIRTUE of its ranking of ninety-third in order of expense, A&M ranks eighth in order of

increasing costs. The University of Oklahoma ranks fifth just behind Prairie View A&M, which ranks fourth in increasing order of cost.

Besides Texas A&M and Prairie View A&M, four other Texas schools are members of the association. They are the University of Texas at Austin (\$864), Texas Southern University (\$899), University of Houston (\$1,025) and Texas Technological College (\$1,091). These six schools make Texas the state with the most members.

Considering only tuition and student fees, Texas—Austin and the University of Puerto Rico tie for the lowest with \$144 each. MIT is the most expensive school for student tuition fees with \$2245. Texas A&M has an average of \$192.

DELAWARE STATE College has the lowest room rent at \$175 for the two semesters. The University of California is highest with \$1025. A&M rates are \$224.

Of the schools reporting separate figures for room and board,

the University of Oklahoma has the lowest board costs with \$225 for two semesters. Highest is the University of Massachusetts with \$680. A&M is \$432.

The low cost of an education here is no accident. Careful planning and wise purchasing help keep the costs to students relatively low, according to A&M officials.

"The act of Congress that established land-grant colleges and universities had as a major purpose the finest possible education at the lowest possible cost," noted Howard Vestal, director of management services.

"TEXAS A&M has held to this charge better than any other land-grant institution," he continued.

Vestal explained that the dormitory system, food services department, student apartments and the laundry service are self-sustaining organizations. They exist solely on funds they take in and are not dependent on each other or some other outside source of funds.

Col. Fred Dollar of the food services department explained how A&M can charge less for board.

Extreme care is taken in purchasing different foods with the emphasis on economy, he said. Canned goods are stored in the basements of Duncan and Shisa dining halls.

"INsofar AS possible, we buy our annual requirement only once a year," Dollar said.

He explained that samples of the canned goods are opened and checked for quantity, weight, and quality by the trained staff of the food services department.

"This system of purchasing has proven rather satisfactory over the years," he remarked. This economy-minded buying method results in savings of as much as 30 per cent over the food costs of some cafeteria chains.

Perishables such as fish and meat are purchased only from plants under inspection by federal health agencies.

MEAT IS purchased in the

form of wholesale cuts and reduced retail cuts by the A&M staff. Money is also saved by the department doing most of the baking.

Dollar pointed out that the student menu committee repeatedly approves menus that are economical rather than more expensive ones offered for their consideration.

Dollar was especially complimentary of the staff of the food services department.

"They work very diligently to make the money stretch as far as possible," he commented.

Unlike food services departments at many other schools, A&M has its own maintenance staff for the dining halls. This staff is on constant call to repair any breakdown or handle any problem that arises in the dining halls.

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