

## Cutting Area Secured For 1969 Bonfire

Bonfire activities for the year are underway, beginning with the acquisition of a cutting area near the Texas International Speedway south of College Station.

Head Yell Leader Sam Torn of Houston said that Leo B. Margolian, TIS general manager, has donated his land near the auto race track for use as a cutting area.

Torn said he contacted Margolian and arranged with him to use the land for a cutting area. The agreement was confirmed by letter with J. Malon Southerland of the commandant's office, he said.

The nearness of the area to the campus, about seven miles, increases the possibility of the

'69 bonfire being the largest ever, Torn noted.

"We are aiming for a 105-foot-high stack this year," he said, "the tallest ever. The current record is 101 feet."

Torn explained that he has overall responsibility for bonfire construction and emphasized that all groups working on the project should coordinate with him.

He said that senior yell leader Bob Harding of San Antonio will be in charge of the cutting area, and David Fisher, the third senior yell leader, will command the stacking area, west of Duncan Dining Hall.

Garry Mauro, Civilian Student Council Bonfire committee chairman, will be the overall coordi-

nator of the civilian effort, Torn said.

Work on the bonfire will begin Nov. 17 in the cutting area, Torn said, and concentrate there until the weekend. Beginning Nov. 22, he said, the big effort will be in the stacking area, with most of the work being done that Saturday, Sunday, and Monday.

The Bonfire, symbol of the Aggies' undying love for their school and their burning desire to beat Texas in the annual Thanksgiving Day game, will be lit the night of Nov. 26, Torn said.

Equipment of all types is still needed, Torn noted, and he urged all persons having access to equipment that could possibly be used on the Bonfire to contact Chuck Hollimond or Dudley Vickers.

Chain saws are especially needed, Torn emphasized, and said that those who have one or know of one that can be used should contact Ray Dabney.

Those who donate equipment will be allowed to use it, the yell leader said, noting that gasoline, oil, and maintenance for equipment is provided by the student body, not by those who own the equipment.

First aid is being handled by Larry Schilhab, CSC president, and Mark Satterwhite, Torn said. He also said that the two have access to safety instructions and first aid films and will be holding safety meetings soon.

University Women will be helping out in the first aid tent and in other areas, Torn said.

"I hope everyone who can will turn out to work on this bonfire," Torn commented. "We really need manpower, and the more we have the merrier."

## Ski Group Plans Preview Thursday

Previews of the Courchevel area of France, for those interested in the ski trip planned for the semester break in January, will be shown Thursday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., announced David Mayfield, ski trip committee chairman.

Two color films of the area the A&M group will be skiing in will be shown continuously during the two hours in the lobby of the Memorial Student Center, Mayfield said, and an information booth will be set up near by to answer questions that people might have about the trip.

"Ski the Alps—1970" is aligned with the Memorial Student Center Travel Committee but is not a university-affiliated activity, Mayfield pointed out.

Scheduled during A&M's 1969-70 semester break, the program backed by a faculty member, his wife and two prominent A&M executives chartered jet transportation for 150 persons to Geneva, Switzerland, and skiing at one of the world's famed resorts.

Group Travel Associates Inc. chartered the 250-seat Transcontinental Airlines jet, which will be shared with 100 "Ski the Alps" participants from the University of Houston.

Travel Committee chairman

Paul Scopel of Seguin announced that further information and registration forms for the \$308 round trip are available at the MSC Student Finance office. Deposits are required by Nov. 17.

The \$308, which includes Swiss and French tax, provides round-trip travel, eight nights lodging at the condominium apartments at Courchevel, eight days ski tow ticket, chartered bus travel from Geneva to and from the resort area 20 miles northeast of Grenoble, France, ski races and 12 hours of ski lessons by English-speaking qualified instructors.

Called by "Skiing Magazine" the "skiing supermarket of France," Courchevel's 75 miles of ski slopes are located in three valleys below the foot of the Glacier de Gebronz, 83 miles southeast of Geneva in France's Savoie province.

The Courchevel-Moriond 1650, area where the A&M-UH group will be located, has 12 ski lifts with long areas of gentle, open slopes perfect for the beginner-to medium-type skier.

"Some A&M students plan to go though they don't ski nor plan to," commented Scopel. "The cultural enrichment and broadening experience of the trip are also worthwhile features.

Provision has been made for those not interested in skiing being furnished a rent car and the first tank of gasoline for travel.

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**PAYING HER FARE**  
Marilynn Redford, A&M coed, gives her \$308 for the January ski trip to France to Dave Mayfield, trip committee chairman, in the Student Finance Office in the Memorial Student Center while Gary Martin, Travel Committee chairman, look on. (Photo by David Middlebrooke)



**WORKING TO HELP OTHERS**  
The Biafran situation. Durgin the two-day stand in the post office area the group collected over \$300. They plan a collection within the residence halls Thursday night (Photo by David Middlebrooke)

## \$1,000 Is Their Goal Aggies Solicit Aid for Biafrans

By David Middlebrooke  
Battalion Managing Editor

A group of students on the A&M campus has organized an effort to fight starvation in Biafra.

The Biafran Children's Relief Fund, as the group's project is called, was organized by Richard DuBois about a week ago for the sole purpose of raising money to

help combat starvation conditions in Biafra caused by its conflict with Nigeria.

"In terms of statistics, loss of life, and displacement of persons," DuBois said, quoting from an article in the Oct. 4, 1969, issue of "The New Yorker," "the war has already taken a greater toll than the Vietnam conflict."

The group, composed of about 10 students, obtained permission from Dean of Students James P. Hannigan to solicit funds on the campus, and, with the dean's approval, had a booth set up in the post office area of the Memorial Student Center Monday and Tuesday.

"We collected over \$300 during those two days," DuBois said. "The response was really great. About 50 or 60 per cent of the contributions came from people in the Corps."

DuBois said that members of the relief fund organization will be collecting door-to-door Thursday night in the residence halls,

in a further effort to reach their goal of \$1,000.

"I think the Corps will do its own collecting," he said, "so we will concentrate on the civilian dorms. All the people collecting for us have written authorization from Dean Hannigan and I urge people to ask to see it, because there has been one unauthorized solicitor that I know of."

"This is a fine project, one I feel will bring credit to the university," DuBois continued. "The whole student body is rallying behind the project. I think it's more of a humanitarian thing than a war effort of any kind. Our main

thought is the relief of starvation in Biafra."

Funds collected, DuBois said, are being kept in an account in the Student Finance Office in the MSC. Once all students, department heads, and deans have been asked to contribute, he said, the money will be sent to Joint Church Aid, on the Portugese island of Sao Tome off the coast of Africa.

The JCA is composed of several world relief organizations, DuBois explained, including the World Council of Churches and Canadian Air Relief.

The JCA, he said, flies five planes a night into the area to deliver food, and each plane usually makes two or three trips.

"I want to emphasize that the money we collect will be used only for food," DuBois said. "None of it will be used for war supplies of any kind. We are not war-oriented, but a humanitarian-minded ad hoc committee of students who want to do something to help these people."

such as hometown club meetings, dorm notices, and corps administrative notices are not acceptable.

The system, which was initiated by the Student Senate last year, is now being handled by the YMCA, said YMCA President Ed Donnell. The system, Donnell said, is located in the room 102 of the YMCA building.

People wishing to make announcements may do so by filling out forms available in the YMCA office Donnell said, adding that forms should be filled out legibly.

Donnell noted that announcements should be as brief as possible and will be for one day only.

Recordings are done first thing in the morning, he said. Recordings for Friday, include announcements for Saturday and Sunday.

## Kennedy Named to Head 1969-70 Fish Drill Team

Beverly S. Kennedy of Austin, political science major, has been named commander of the Fish Drill Team for 1969-70.

Kennedy was selected from 80 members of the unit, which will be defending two straight national championships.

The 18-year-old Air Force ROTC cadet commanded the Reagan Guard at Austin's John H. Reagan High School. He is a member of Squadron 7.

Kennedy will lead the team into its first competition Dec. 6 at the University of Houston. Senior adviser Richard Gonzalez of San Antonio said the unit's first public appearance probably will be at the A&M-SMU football game here Nov. 8.

Col. Jim H. McCoy, commandant, pointed out to Kennedy that he has "a big pair of shoes to fill in commanding the unit." The 1967-68 team won the National Intercollegiate ROTC Drill Cham-

pionship at Washington, D. C. and the 1968-69 team repeated for an unprecedented second straight national title.

"After interviewing six candidates for the commander's post and in spite of last year's record, I'm convinced the freshmen can do it again," commented adviser J. Malon Southerland. "They want to defend the national championship."

The six candidates were selected by upperclass advisers headed by Gonzalez, and narrowed to three. Kennedy was elected by his teammates.

Interviews were conducted by Southerland, Air Force Maj. Eric E. Miller and Capt. John I. Anglin, Army ROTC adviser.

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**EVENING VIEW**  
As evening approached College Station Monday, this was the view from the east side of the A&M power plant looking out over the water cooling towers. A special filter on the camera helps dramatize the view. (Photo by Bob Stump)