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arterback

Saturday

defensive

ist, worked with the Associated

that had been bleaching in the was attuned to the spacemen's deserts of the moon for 31 week. When the moon-men slept, months."

tence never saw an editor's desk. the world. but then it was never intended the pressure of trying to cover lunar exploration. When four

the AP slept. When each crisis Even science writers have a was reached, the AP was sharing sense of humor. This lead sen- it, with the astronauts and with

Coverage was nearly instantafor use in a story. It was some neous. Within 10 minutes of any harassed writer's way of relieving major event detailed stories were on the wire to newspapers and the Intrepid crewmen's dramatic radio stations around the world. Parts of stories were often writhours of moonwalk tension have ten ahead of time. Thanks to the built up, any bit of laughter is abundance of technical information provided by NASA, the Luckily for the newsmen at writers knew exactly what would

scientific ghouls today, stripping the Space Center, the pressure happen at any given moment, of time the astronauts were takthe carcass of a surveyor craft wasn't continuous. Their week unless something went wrong.

Sense of Humor During Space Flights a Must

With this knowledge, the writers could write "skeleton" stories uled to walk, Rosenthal suggested in advance, leaving room on each page for quotations from the astronauts. As soon as each event was accomplished, the writers finished their stories and handed them to the editors, who made quick revisions and handed them to the teletypesetters.

The night of the moon landing, writers Harry Rosenthal, Howard Benedict and John Barbour, and editor Ken Siner were discussing possible leads for the lead story on the landing. Noting the length

ing in dressing for the walk, and length of time they were scheda paraphrase of astronaut Neil Armstrong's first words on the

"How about 'Twenty minutes for man, seven hours for mankind," he deadpanned.

"Oh, well. It was just an idea." Stories on the families of the astronauts are boring to read and discouraging to write. But competition between AP and UPI extends into the never-never land

ABOARD USS HORNET (AP)\_

bull's-eye splashdown in tropic

mile trip, man's second lunar

scientific exploration of the

back on man's first moon land-

ing mission. Apollo 11 last July

had landed on the moon to prove

man could do it. Apollo 12 went

tion and to carefully document

scientific data. It also made a

pinpoint lunar landing, clearing

in craters and mountain valleys

The spacecraft seared into

under three huge orange and

on television. The splashdown

miles southeast of Samoa.

on the moon.

of family writing. Both wire services and magazines ranging from "Life" to "Ladies' Home Journal" crowd the lawns in front of the astronauts' homes, and follow the wives and children wherever they

Wives' quotations are seldom original. On the day of splashdown, one reporter radioed quotes to me from his car. I took down the quotes from the radio in the wirephoto room, which was crowded with editors and tech-

"I've got a quote from Mrs. Sue Bean," the reporter said. "She

Moon Men Home Safe

After Historic Voyage

open, . .

"It was the most beautiful sight I ever saw," the wirephoto crowd finished the sentence for the reporter.

. it was the most beautiful sight I ever saw'."

It was the the astronauts' kids that kept the family beat from being dull. After a week of pranks, one of the kids topped it when he climbed onto the roof of the Bean house, in the rain, and bombarded the soaking photographers and reporters with firecrackers.

# Che Battalion

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WORK CONTINUES

moon while hauling logs up to the second stack. Completion (Photo by Bob Stump) of the Aggies' symbol of their burning desire to beat the

A civilian Bonfire crew puts its back into it Monday after- hell out of Texas is estimated at Wednesday afternoon.

### Bonfire Stack Grows Larger At Town Hall after Bonfire

#### As Ags Crank Up Machinery, Pour Coffee, Check ID's

ttalion Staff Writer "May I see your ID please?" The sound of buzz saws and avy machinery almost covered outs for assistance, coffee and ore men. Two trucks loaded ith logs from the cutting area ere pulling up the street beween Duncan Hall and the stack-

"Thank you, sir." in, requesting someone to re-

ort to the safety tent. "May I see your ID please?" The 105-foot centerpole loomed gh in the floodlights. Work on he third stack was in progress.

"Thank you. Go on ahead." The field was muddy. Dozens tired, haggard looking men ere heading to the control trailr, safety tent, coffee trailer and ick out toward the centerpole. hey were carrying axes, shovigh, as most were laughing or almost spilling the two cups of

of 1947, was named Dean of the

Graduate School of Business Ad-

inistration Monday by Harvard

Fouraker, who is currently di-

ector of research and holder of

A native of Bryan, he is a

pioneer in experimental econom-

University National Bank

"On the side of Texas A&M."

the Edsel Ford Chair, succeeds

Dean George Baker Jan. 1.

cs using computers.

A long-distance call for Sam Torn, head yell leader, was an-

nounced over the loudspeaker. "I'm sorry, you can't come in beyond this point unless you're working on the stack."

Security was being handledadequately—by the athletes in the stacking area at 10 o'clock last night. They were polite, but insistant. Proper identification A loudspeaker cut above the was needed to be admitted. Even proper identification wasn't good beyond certain points.

The Aggie Bonfire had already cost thousands of man-hour of hard work. It was not going to be lit pre-maturely by anyone, local or otherwise, if the guards

could help it. Two Aggies, wearing heavy field jackets and protective helmets, covered with mud, were hurrying toward one of the small fires around the centerpole area. , and coffee. Spirit seemed One almost slipped in the mud,

Speaker at last fall's Century

Club luncheon, Fouraker did his

graduate work at the University

of Colorado and taught economics

joining Harvard, J. Wayne Stark,

He joined the faculty of the

While at Harvard, he has been

a friendly contact for former

A&M students and has helped

in recruiting for the A&M Col-

lege of Business Administration,

director of the Memorial Student

Harvard graduate school in 1961,

Stark noted, and became a full

professor in only three years.

University President Nathan at Penn State for 10 years before

Center, said.

Stark said.

unloading those trucks," he said. "We need logs on the stack." The words echoed back into the 'We're hauling logs around the clock," Janek said. "And we

> need all the help we can get. It's all volunteer work from now on." Classes start again today and work can no longer be required

Spirit was high in the control

trailer. Aggies with three and

four days growth of beards, per-

spiration — stained sweatshirts

and parkas, and mud-caked boots

were drinking steaming coffee

out of plastic and styrofoam

Larry Jenek, hadn't had over

eight hours sleep since Saturday

Wednesday," he said, "and then

One of the seniors in the trail-

"Somebody get over and start

er picked up the mike that con-

nected with the loudspeaker.

beat the hell outa tu!"

One student, a senior in G-1.

"We're gonna burn this thing

on the Bonfire. Tom Condry, a senior and one of the four stack bosses, said that work is still a little ahead of schedule.

"The mud has been a hindrance," he said, but it's packing pretty well and hasn't been a major problem."

Equipment has been holding up real well but there is still a shortage of trucks," he said.

"The Bonfire should be complete early Wednesday afternoon.." he said.

Activity to and from the control trailer was heavy. People were constantly coming in for instructions or requests and then leaving to go back to their

"I think somebody better have a talk with the weatherman. It was supposed to start raining at

"Nine, hell," another Aggie answered. "It's supposed to rain clear through tomorrow.'

Another added that there has been rain during Bonfire work nine out of the last 10 years.

Janek said Coach Gene Stallings has been at the stacking area every morning since Satur-

"He was here this morning," he said, "and said it looks like we're winning here, so we're going to have to win Thursday, too."

Janek said one of the students asked Stallings what he thought about the Ohio State-Michigan upset. He said Stallings' only comment was that should make Texas number 1 and the higher they get the easier they fall.

On the edge of the stacking area, nearest Duncan Hall, was one of the coffee trailers. A&M coeds were again working long hours, serving coffee, working in the safety tents and, in general, helping to boost morale.

The loudspeaker sounded again with another request for men to unload the trucks and get more logs to the centerpole.

The buzz saws stopped momentarily and all that could be heard was the sound of shouts giving orders and directions. A truck started up and spun its rear wheels in the mud as it drove off the field into the street. The saws started up again, covering the area with their high pitched whine.

A guard stopped someone coming into the area.

"May I see your ID please?" "Here's my senior ring," he

said, raising his left hand, "Is that good enough?" He started to walk around but

(See Bonfire, page 2)

Apollo 12's moon voyagers came chors Aweigh," the all-Navy home safely Monday, making a space crew went directly into a silver van on the hangar deck of waters. It ended their million- the carrier, starting an isolation ho! I've got a visual contact." that will end Dec. 10 at the Lulanding mission and first detailed nar Receiving Laboratory in chutes stood out brilliantly The quarantine is designed to

Then, while a band played "An-

Charles "Pete" Conrad Jr., prevent spread of any possible Richard F. Gordon Jr. and Alan germ or disease the astronauts bring back with them from the L. Bean rode their Yankee Clipper spacecraft to a landing lonely surface of the moon. No amidst foaming whitecaps in such germs were found after the South Pacific seas. American telfirst moon-landing voyage and evision audiences viewed the officials say the chance is resplashdown live and in color. mote this time. Stowed aboard their charred

Inside the silver van, a doctor spacecraft were more scientific and a technician start an extreasures than were brought haustive physical examination, the first of many planned during the long quarantine period. The physician, Dr. Clarence Jernigan, will perform extensive blood back to begin detailed exploratests, searching for any possible alien organism. Apollo 12's return to earth

went flawlessly from the mothe way for future touchdowns ment it started its final plunge downward. The crew jettisoned the cy-

lindrical service module just beearth's atmosphere at 24,000 fore the spacecraft collided with miles an hour and floated down the earth's upper atmosphere. Gordon then turned the spacewhite parachutes, easily visible crafts' blunt end forward, and the metal cone of the command was only 3.1 miles from the re- ship smashed into the steadily thickening atmosphere.

covery ship. stationed some 400 Friction from the air caused The spacemen were lifted from the blunt end to glow cherry red a raft attached to their floating as it plummeted earthward. The spacecraft and flown by helicop- three astronauts, protected by a

the cabin that carried them to the moon and back.

A helicopter came in quickly with the excited report: "Tally

The orange and white paraagainst a blue sky as the spacecraft approached the water. The chutes collapsed as the craft splashed into the ocean and turned upside down, its small end pointing into the water instead of into the air as it should.

Conrad, Bean and Gordon waited, their spacecraft windows under water, while inflatable bags forced the cone-shaped ship to turn upright.

Overhead, helicopters clustered with swimmers crouched inside, waiting to go to the spacemen's

After Apollo 12 righted itself, swimmers closed in. They attached a floatation collar to hold the six-ton craft stable. "We're all okay," the astronauts report-

rators and fresh suits to the astronauts, who dressed aboard the tossing spacecraft, preparing to go into quarantine aboard the recovery ship.

Unlike the astronauts from the first moon landing mission, Apollo 12 crewmen did not wear headto-toe coveralls to prevent contamination. Officials said the coveralls were too uncomfortable

(See Apollo 12, page 3)

## Johnny Rivers To Perform

An entertainer who has won six gold records in as many years ly performed in clubs. will perform Wednesday at Texas A&M to a sold-out audience.

Johnny Rivers will go on the G. Rollie White Coliseum stage as the first Town Hall Special of 1969-70, announced chairman Rex Stewart. About 19,000 tickets have been sold for the post-bonfire performance.

Tickets will be required for admission. Stewart reminded. As a Town Hall special, the ID-activity card admission policy is not in effect. Stewart noted the show has been sold out for more than

The Thanksgiving game bonfire yell practice starts at 7:30 p. m., coliseum doors open at 8:15 p. m. and Rivers starts his onehour show at 8:45.

A diversified talent with his own record label and involved with the successes of The 5th Dimension, Al Wilson and poet-singer James Hendricks, Rivers shaped his personal career from the heart of the traditional blues area, Baton Rouge.

From there, the 27-year-old superstar observed music world happenings in Nashville and New York. He wrote songs, sang dem-

Coeds to Sign Up At Housing Office

A&M coeds are to accomplish their Housing Office pre-registration for the spring semester at the Housing Office instead of the Legett Hall lounge, as previously announced, according to Allan M. Madeley, housing direc-

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onstration records and occasional-

Rivers worked closely with Roger Miller, Elvis Presley and Johnny Cash, learning, exchanging ideas and meanwhile admiring and studying the works of Fats Domino, B. B. King, Ray Charles and other southern blues per-

Armed with solid roots, a burgeoning musical talent and considerable enthusiasm, he went to Los Angeles in 1960. After three years of writing and occasional performing that made him known throughout the world, the popular performer hit gold with "Mem-

Gold records for "Seventh Son." "Mountain of Love," "Mabillene," 'Secret Agent Man" and "The Poor Side of Town" followed in

John Rivers has recorded eight albums for Imperial Records,

appeared on television shows in cluding "The Hollywood Palace" and Ed Sullivan's and was the subject of a TV documentary.



RIVERS

#### 'Ideal' Weather Forecast For Bonfire and Game

Ideal bonfire and football weather is predicted for mid-week at Texas A&M, when almost 50,000 persons will begin assembling for the A&M-Texas football game.

A&M meteorologist Jim Lightfoot, who called the shots precisely for early Monday rainshowers, said the intermittent precipitation should begin clearing Tues-

Lightfoot had no revisions in the seven-day forecast he made last Thursday.

It calls for northerly winds of 10 to 15 mph and temperatures in the mid-50s for 7:30 p. m. Wednesday, when Aggie yell leaders put torches to the annual Thanksgiving Day game bonfire on the drill field south of Duncan Hall.

The thermometer is expected to dip to 33 Thursday morning and, under clear to partly cloudy skies, climb to an afternoon high of 61 by the time the 1:30 p. m. game gets under way. The wind is expected to remain from the north, at about five to 10 mph during the

No rain is forecast for either Wednesday evening or

Former Student Named Dean Of Harvard Business School Lawrence Fouraker, A&M class

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