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Bonfire Blazes at 7:30 Tonight; Aggie Spirit Shifts Into High

Five flaming torches welded by yell leaders will set off the traditional pre-Thanksgiving Day game Bonfire tonight at 7:30.

David Fisher, senior yell leader and stacking chief, said Tuesday night that things were going so smooth that he was thinking in terms of six stacks instead of five.

"Unless something holds us up," he said, "I think we can have six stacks."

The Bonfire is already planned to be the biggest ever and the first with five stacks. It will be 105 feet tall, according to Sam Torn, head yell leader and Bonfire supervisor.

Head Coach Gene Stallings and the senior members of the football team will attend the yell practice, and Stallings will talk to the student body.

The gigantic Bonfire symbolizes the burning desire of every Aggie to beat the hell out of Texas.

Fisher said that the work was "even with, or ahead of, last year, despite the rain and problems with broken trucks."

"We've had about 3,000 men out here working," he said, "and we've had real good effort and cooperation from everybody, civilians and corps."

"We've had real good luck with the trucks and heavy equipment."

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Aggies Try for Win Thursday

That crash you heard Saturday was the Ohio State Buckeyes falling from the ranks of the unbeaten.

Of course, around Austin, Tex., the crash was a little louder because the Texas Longhorns were straining their ears with fingers crossed hoping that the Michigan Wolverines could do the impossible. To the Longhorns, who have been frozen in second place in both of the wire service polls for most of the season, it must have been like Avis beating out Hertz for No. 1.

Michigan did a double duty with their 24-12 victory over the Buckeyes, who saw their winning string snapped at the end of the game.

Television broadcasting of the A&M-Texas game was ruled out by university officials Tuesday because the game is not sold out.

Tickets were still available at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday.

A&M Athletic Council chairman Dr. O. D. Butler said that the game had to be sold out 48 hours prior to the kickoff before televising it could become possible.

More than 4,000 unsold student tickets were placed on the general public Monday.

They got themselves a Rose Bowl bid and opened that No. 1 door to the Longhorns.

The Longhorns have heard themselves called the greatest Southwest Conference team in history, and starting tomorrow they will have three chances to prove it. They will leave their trusty Astroturf and invade Kyle Field where they will

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Bonfire, Town Hall Are First on List

Tonight at 7:30 on the drill field behind Duncan Dining Hall the spirit of Aggieworld will reach its yearly apex with the burning of the Bonfire.

The five yell leaders will light the fire that symbolizes the Aggies' desire to beat the hell out of Texas to start pre-Turkey Day game activities.

The Bonfire will be one of seven events on the calendar for students, their dates and visitors here for the game.

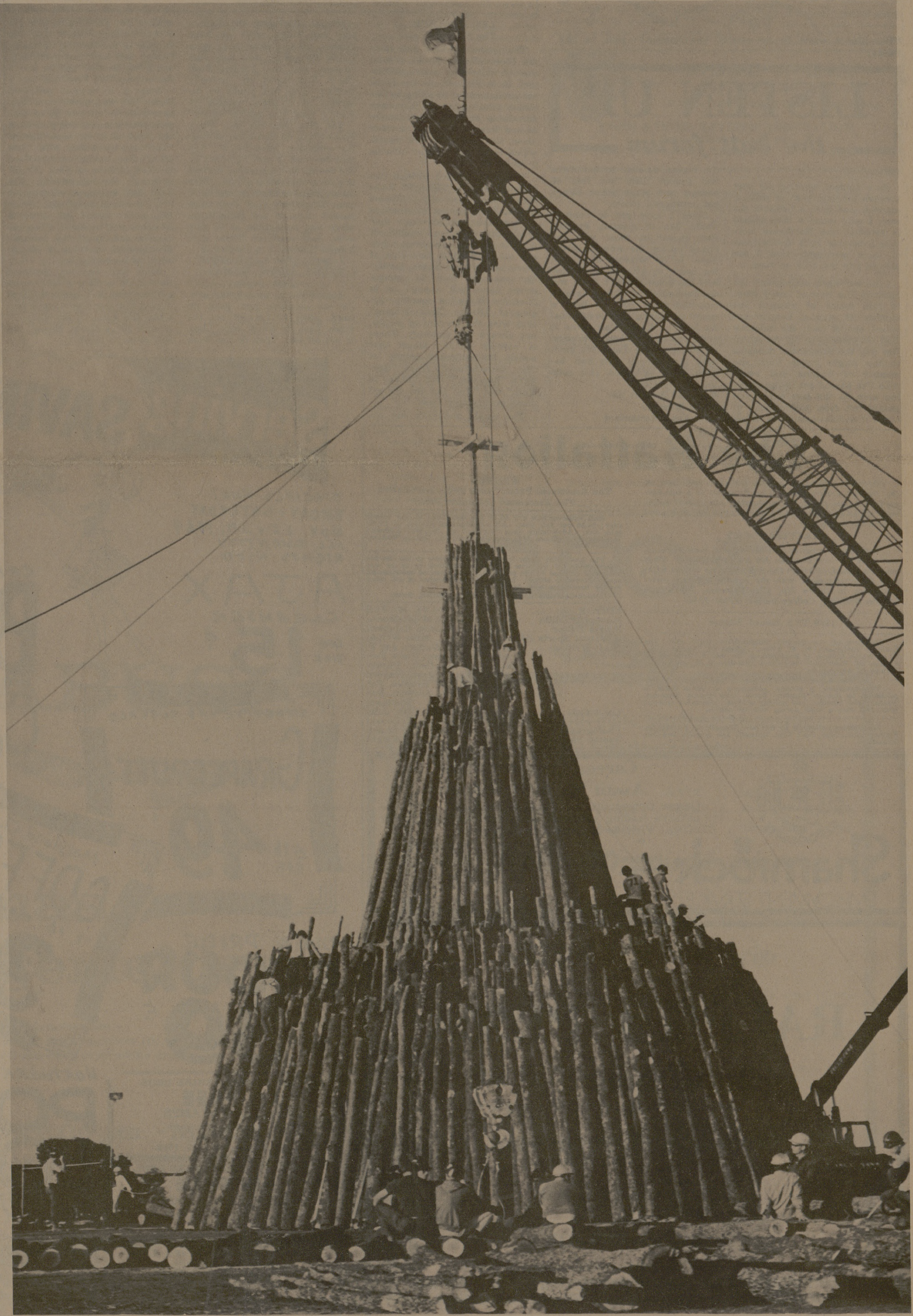
The highlight of the week will come at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, amid the shouts of "Gig 'em" and "Hook 'em" from the stands of Kyle field as the Aggies and Longhorns collide for the 76th time.

Curtis Mills, Aggie junior who set the track world on fire last summer when he ran a world record time of 44.7 seconds in the 440-yard dash at the NCAA Track Championships in Knoxville, Tenn., will be honored in a short pre-game ceremony.

Following the Bonfire, Town Hall will present singer Johnny Rivers in G. Rollie White Coliseum before a sellout crowd of 8,000.

The 27-year-old musician, who has won six gold records, will stage a one-hour show starting at 8:45. Doors to the coliseum will open at 8:15 to the capacity throng.

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