

Bonfire 'message' wrong

Editor:

In the past few weeks several letters have appeared in The Battalion expressing opposition to the Bonfire. I have been impressed by these letters in the fact that more and more intelligent people have expressed dissatisfaction with the wanton destruction of our environment. Although I feel these letters have all been well-intentioned, I also feel that most of the letters have missed the major point in opposing the Bonfire.

Texas A&M University presents itself as being one of the leading schools in conservation and national resource management. Indeed, Texas A&M does have some of the world's finest in the fields of conservation, ecology and resource management. To the uninitiated, this propaganda sounds great and, undoubtedly is accepted. It would seem reasonable to accept, without question, the premise that Texas A&M is on the right road and leading the way to brighter days for all.

Therefore, when the administration condones—indeed encourages—the mass cutting of living trees for a two- to three-hour show, what is a person to think but that such actions are not in conflict with the most basic ecological laws and man's very

struggle for existence? Who is to question such authority?

This is exactly what is wrong with the Bonfire. It, in effect, tells several generations of young people, numbering in the thousands, that trees and the entire natural community of which they are but a part, are valueless. It is but a short step to transferring such trends of thought to other natural resources. Witness the death of Lake Erie.

The "burning desire to beat hell out of TU" is fine. It is the

attitude carried away from the bonfire by thousands of young people that deserves condemnation. If the students of Texas A&M really want to make this institution a leader in conservation and resource management, let's begin by ending one of the most wanton abuses of our environment and begin to think of instilling attitudes in our students oriented toward a compatible coexistence with nature and earth.

Curtis A. Spenrath

Bonfire workers on 5-day board plan need meal tickets

Texas A&M Bonfire workers who are enrolled under the five-day board plan must either purchase special meal tickets or make other food arrangements for Bonfire weekend, Head Yell Leader Keith Chapman announced Monday.

Students who have paid the seven-day board fee are not affected.

For the past two years, all Bonfire workers were fed in the dining halls or given sack lunches in the cutting area. It was estimated the free lunches cost the Food Services Department approximately \$2,000.

Yell Leader Committee Chairman J. Malon Southerland said a request to the Exchange Store Committee for funds to feed the non-board-paying students was denied. All Bonfire money comes from Exchange Store funds, he added.

Five-day board plan students may purchase a six-meal ticket for use Saturday and Sunday for \$4.56 per ticket, or a \$1.52 ticket for noon sack lunches those two days.

Southerland said the tickets must be purchased no later than 6 p.m. Thursday from Burton Suehs, Duncan Dining Hall steward, or Ed Hein, Sbis Dining Hall steward.

Day students are urged either to bring their own sack lunch or purchase the meal ticket.

Students will be asked to show their identification card or meal ticket before being fed, Southerland said.

The free meal problem has occurred during the past two years, after the university offered a seven-day and five-day meal plan.

Alpha Phi Omega, national service fraternity, will sell soft drinks in the cutting area but no food items, Southerland said.

Flowers elected to secretary of council

Dr. Archie I. Flowers of A&M has been elected secretary of the American Veterinary Medical Association's Council on Public Health and Regulatory Veterinary Medicine.

Dr. Flowers is head of the Veterinary Public Health Department. He received bachelor, doctor of veterinary medicine and master's degrees from A&M.

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PEANUTS



By Charles M. Schulz

Bulletin Board

TONIGHT

American Fisheries Society will meet at 7:30 p. m. in room B-25 of the Biological Sciences Building to hear Bob Kelly give a program on the cage culture of channel catfish. Society for the Advancement of Management will meet at 7:30 p. m. in room 202 of Francis Hall to hear a guest speaker. Political Science Majors will meet at 5 p. m. in room 301 of Bolton Hall for a departmental meeting. American Institute of Industrial Engineers will meet at 7:30 p. m. in room 220 of the Engineering Building to hear William D. Toney

speak on labor relationships in industrial engineering. American Meteorological Society will meet at 7:30 p. m. in room 305 of Goodwin Hall. Cepheid Variable Science Fiction Club will meet at 7:30 p. m. in room 3A of the MSC for a general discussion of occult sciences. Phi Eta Sigma will meet at 7:30 p. m. in room 113 of the Biology Building. Rugby Club of A&M will meet at 8 p. m. in the Art Room of the MSC to discuss the Lone Star tourney. Sociology Club will meet at 7:30 p. m. in room 2C of the MSC

to hear Dr. Donovan of the Genetics Department. All sociology majors will meet at 6:45 on the steps of the MSC to have Aggie-land pictures taken. Computer Science Wives Club will meet at 7:30 p. m. at the Lone Star Gas Co., 201 E. 27th, Bryan. Home economist Vicky Fleisher will give a program on baked goods for Christmas. Pecan Valley (Brownwood) Hometown Club will meet at 8 p. m. in the lobby of the MSC. Hometown club picture will be taken.

WEDNESDAY

Host and Fashion Committee will hold a \$5-and-under display of Christmas gifts from 7-10 p. m. in the Ballroom of the MSC. El Paso Hometown Club will meet at 8 p. m. in the lounge between dorms 10-12 to plan for the Christmas party and make arrangements for rides home. Agricultural Economics Students Wives Club will meet at 7:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. John Nichols, 1511 Barak Lane in

ROTC program topic of Tuesday meeting

A&M students who have or can qualify for the first two years of the four-year Air Force ROTC program will meet Tuesday for Professional Officer Course entrance discussion. Col. Keith C. Hanna said that the 7:30 p. m. meeting in 313 Military Science Building is for students who may have left the Corps of Cadets, had the first two years before transfer to A&M or feel they can qualify. The professor of aerospace studies said a copy of the birth certificate and ball point pen should be brought for completing Air Force contract forms.

tonight on the tube

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