## Listen up

# Students offer defenses for Bonfire activities

The letter of Nov. 18 by Emil Pela et. al. suggested that the Bonfire may be in violation of the Texas Clean Air Act.

The signers quoted from the act, "Except as authorized by a rule, regulation, or variance of other order of the board" no person may pollute the air. They stated that, "To our knowledge A&M has received no such variance." Had they checked the Air Control Board Regulations, they would have found that no such variance is required. In the interest of a factual Bonfire debate, I submit the following information.

Regulation II, "Control of Air Pollution from Outdoor Burning," states in paragraph III "the outdoor burning of waste material or other combustible material is prohibited except as provided in Paragraph IV." Paragraph IV, "Exceptions to Prohibition Against Outdoor Burning," provides that "outdoor burning of waste material or other combustible material may be conducted in the situations enumerated below if no public nuisance is or will be created and if the burning is not prohibited by and is conducted in compliance with other applicable

Among the situations enumerated is subparagraph C., "Campfires and fires used solely for

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mine). Thus it would appear the Bonfire is legal unless it could be demonstrated that it constituted a "public nuisance"—a situation that is unlikely in view of the composition of the board. James T. (Tom) Ivy

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There's been a lot of griping this year by a lot of pseudo-environmentalists about the disasters that will inevitably come about when we go out this Saturday to destroy a stretch of slash pine out

As I understand the situation, TIS wants cleared land for a parking lot, and the choice to be made is between burning off the ground cover or having the Aggies clean it off.

As far back as I can remember, the Bonfire has been a poverty affair with barely enough cash to pay for the box of matches for the torch to light the woodpile. The tall timber that goes on the heap comes off land that is being cleared to make way for food crops or livestock grazing to feed a few more people on this hungry planet.

We who are out there proving ourselves to be a little bit gutsier than you sit-at-homes are taking advantage of a situation that could otherwise be pretty wasteful. Now, there may be and probrecreational purposes or for cere- ably are some people out there

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at 2 p.m. in the Ballroom of the

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how prejudice touches the lives of

Mexican-American and a white

Catholic, a Jew, a Negro, a

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occasions" (emphasis who really are chlorophyl freaks and aren't trying to hide behind the green power banner to hide from a challenge that might lead

> There's only one suggestion I can make to separate these men from those of the opposite sex: Go out to some part of the 95 per cent of Brazos County that A&M owns, chop out weeds, strangler vines, scrub oak and all the rest of the trash species and grow us some trees.

> The great lumber companies do it to make sure they have a wood supply, why not us? I for one would be willing to respect someone who's willing to bust a gut now for something his son can work with for his Bonfire. This Bonfire of ours isn't remembered so much for the fine light it puts out for yell practicewhat we remember is the trial by ordeal that puts the pile up, that proved our spirits to be at least as big as that woodstock.

> > Jim Zeman

Editor:

I have had about all I can stand from people who don't want the Bonfire to be burned. Excuses range from legality, pollution and economical waste to the degenerating of the ecology.

We who support the Bonfire are aware of these problems. We cannot find harm, however, in building a physical symbol of our loyalty to the team and the university. The wood we burn is hardly the remains of a forest we have slaughtered. Usually it is timber which is scheduled to be bulldozed and burned as trash to make way for our "expanding population.'

We who support the Bonfire are proud of the fact that we can coordinate the efforts of several thousand young men and produce such a structure in so short a time. We are proud of the fact that so much time and effort are contributed without the promise of names in the paper, or pats on the back from school officials.

We who support the Bonfire find more use to our "waste" of timber than in the waste in thousands of fireplaces where the heat isn't needed and very little spirit is born. We who support the Bonfire are proud of the hard work involved and appreciate the spirit of brotherhood that comes to those who work so hard togeth-

The group I speak of isn't nameless. We are called AGGIES! We know that many people condemn the Bonfire. We know that that ALL will come to watch it burn. Maybe it's irony. Next Tuesday night in the silence that follows Yell Practice, those who

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condemned it and those who built I feel that we need an alternative. it . . . look the same.

Bill Braddy '71 \* \* \*

As an Aggie who has worked on the Bonfire five years, and who knows the spirit that is exemplified by a Bonfire, but who is also aware of one of our national priorities today - Prevention of Ecological Degradation-

This alternative could utilize the manpower, hours, and labor that has in the past developed the qualities of leadership, teamwork, and pride that all Aggies have.

Our negative ecological actions, which lead to the destruction of forests, jeopardizes our future as leaders. However, if we resurrected the original tradition of burning debris, we would recover our

lost image and influence. Also as an additional constructive alternative, I propose the planting of Cypress trees along some of our streams, rivers, and lakes-thus greatly enhancing the esthetic and ecological values of our environment. This enhancement would last for centuries-not one night, and would be symbolic of Aggie Spirit-which lasts forever.

Michael A. Champ

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