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Windy,
cold,
clear

Tuesday and Wednesday—Clear,
partly cloudy. Wind southerly
10-15 mph. Low 33°, high 67°.

Thursday—Wind southerly 10-
15 mph. Clear to partly cloudy.
Low 44°, high 72°. Austin at
kickoff, partly cloudy. Southerly
winds 10-20 mph. 72°.

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30,000 to see Bonfire burn

By HAYDEN WHITSETT
Battalion News Editor

When the Bonfire goes up in flames at 7:30 tonight on the field south of the corps dorms there will be approximately 30,000 people there to watch it burn. The bulk of the people there will be students, both Corps and civilians, those who worked on it, those who didn't.

There will probably be a fair sized turnout of sweet young things, former students, and College Station people. Mixed in will be lost travelers from Highway Six who turned off at the wrong place and then decided to see what it was all about.

It is different to each. To the old Ag it is assurance that all those long-haired non-regs he sees around the campus haven't totally ruined the place. To the ecologically minded it is a symbol of flagrant abuse of the environment. To the man who built it, it's something else.

"It's supposed to symbolize our burning desire to beat the hell outta t.u.," a chainsaw operator in the stacking area said. "But when we're the doormat of the conference, that reason seems sorta ridiculous. I guess it is just that we've gotta show everybody we can do something better than they can, something they couldn't hope to touch in a million years."

"It's fantastic," another said, "that big monster burning out there, it's just fantastic."

"I don't know what it is," said a civilian freshman, "I've never

seen one before. But looking at that stack, it makes anything else look small in comparison."

To a "head honcho" in the stacking area "it's hell man. Just plain hell, don't ask me any questions 'til it's over."

The Bonfire originally began

5th Dimension tickets to have special selling

Special ticket office hours for the 5th Dimension performance after the Texas A&M Bonfire have been arranged.

Due to the heavy demand for tickets Monday, the Student Program Office in the Memorial Student Center will remain open to 5:30 p. m. Tuesday, announced Hal Gaines, advisor.

Windows at G. Rollie White Coliseum will open at 7 p. m. for those unable to get 5th Dimension show tickets earlier. Doors will open for the 8:45 p. m. TAMU Special Attraction at about 8:15 p. m., so students attending the 7:30 p. m. Bonfire will have a chance for choice seats.

Town Hall chairman Bill Leftwich said ticket sales for the post-Bonfire special were brisk Monday. He pointed out that all persons admitted to the Coliseum for the show must have 5th Dimension performance only tickets.

in 1909 when two students set fire to a pile of trash on the drill field. It has kept up every year since then, with the exception of 1963, when it was cancelled in remembrance of President John F. Kennedy.

The first Bonfire with a center pole came about in 1948, it was a telegraph pole from Missouri Pacific. In 1949, the center pole, and with it the world's largest Bonfire, rose to 65 feet.

In 1950, the completion of the Memorial Student Center south of the drill field forced movement of the Bonfire to the area south of the Corps dorms. It has been there ever since.

It was not until 1952 that the first all log Bonfire was built.

The highest Bonfire built was last year. It reached over 105 feet into the sky, from the ground to the top of the traditional out-house.

This year's Bonfire will reach about 90 feet and contain about 3,000 logs.

According to Keith Chapman, head yell leader, the emphasis will be "on a sturdy, symmetrical Bonfire."

Recently it has been hard hit by criticism, mainly from those concerned with ecology, and student apathy when it comes to working on it.

"I don't know," said one senior who has worked on it for four years, "I doubt sometimes that there will be a Bonfire next year. If we have a bad accident this year, or not enough people show up, they probably won't have one next year. I hate to see this die. To me it symbolizes everything the Aggies are. Only true Aggies work on the Bonfire and only Aggies could build a Bonfire like this. Times like this, I'm proud to be an Aggie."

Bonfire tradition to continue: Williams; no changes planned

President Jack K. Williams said Monday that, as far as he knows, the Bonfire will continue as is, at least next year.

"There have been no official or unofficial decisions to change the Bonfire," Williams said.

No administrative studies are underway to examine the ecological aspects of the project, he added.

Williams said he and the Board of Directors would attend his first Bonfire today and have dinner after it. The board meets today and Wednesday.

Williams said he was out looking at Bonfire stacking Sunday but was chased out of the perimeter because he didn't have on a hard hat.

"I think it (the Bonfire) is a good way to venture wrath on the University of Texas and the timber that needs thinning out," he said.

Williams said environmental projects conducted in lieu of the Bonfire were "useful projects," and that there is room for both these and bonfire building.



30,000 are expected to witness the Bonfire burning tonight at 7:30 on the field south of the Corps dorms.

Ags challenge Texas streak

By CLIFFORD BROYLES
Battalion Sports Editor

In 1956 the Texas Aggies under Coach Paul Bryant were 6-2-1 and the University of Texas Longhorns with Ed Price at the helm were 1-8.

On Thanksgiving Day that year the Aggies dealt the Longhorns a 34-21 loss in Memorial Stadium. A senior and captain on that team was Coach Gene Stallings.

The next year the Longhorns changed coaches, they hired a former Oklahoma All-American quarterback, Darrell Royal.

Game to honor POWs, MIAs

San Antonio (AP) — The University of Texas and Texas A&M will dedicate their traditional Thanksgiving Day football game in Austin Thursday to Americans imprisoned or missing in action in Southeast Asia.

The decision to dedicate the game to the men came after officials of the Air Force Air Training Command, headquartered here, proposed it to the University of Texas, military spokesman said.

Since then the teams have met 13 times. Royal has been the winning coach on 12 occasions.

Stallings was the head man when the Aggies pulled the lone victory over the 'Horns in 1967. The 1956 game was the last win for the Aggies in Memorial Stadium.

Thursday at 2 p. m. the Aggies will try once again to defeat a Royal-coached football team on the Longhorns' home turf. The task at hand is large and viewing past performance doesn't bring the Aggies any closer.

The Longhorns, since their 31-22 loss to Texas Tech in the second game of the 1968 season, have won 28 straight and that includes 35-14 and 49-12 wins at the expense of the Aggies.

Texas brings one of the most awesome offensive units you can find anywhere into the game. Even though they're averaging a shade over 40 points and 445 yards short of last year's pace.

That pace steered the Longhorns to number one ranking in the country, a ranking which they have maintained for a portion of the 1970 season with Ohio State and Notre Dame also sharing time in the top spot.

Fullback Steve Worster, a Heisman Trophy candidate, is the heart of the Longhorns with the

second-best rushing total in the history of the Austin branch of the University of Texas.

Worster, with 2,217 yards and 34 touchdowns, has already been named to the Newspaper Enterprise Association (NEA) and Football News All-American teams, the only two thus far announced.

His status for Thursday is not known, however, as he was injured in the TCU game, a week ago.

The Texas offense has scored 46 percent of the times it has had the ball. The rushing offense is the prime reason. They average just under 70 plays a game and just over 360 yards.

A&M quarterback Lex James, who missed the Rice game with an injured elbow, is expected to be ready. If he is not, Joe Mac King, who piloted the Aggies to their third highest offensive production of the year against Rice and engineered the drive for the tying field goal late in the SMU game, will again handle the controls. King was the leading rusher in the SMU game and was one of four A&M backs who gained about 40 yards in the Rice game.

That improvement in the running game was a big boost to the Ags, who had been forced to



LOADING LOGS is all a part of the bonfire and these members of the Corps know it as they work in the early hours of Saturday morning. The loading crew had most of a truck filled before the sun managed to get above the tops of the trees. (Photo by Hayden Whitsett)

To Bonfire Students discover alternatives

By FRAN HAUGEN
Battalion Managing Editor

Constructive dissent is surfacing as students search for alternatives to the 61-year-old bonfire or its more recent manifestation began in 1952, the all log Bonfire.

Three groups of students this year decided that instead of chopping and heaving logs, they would do something which they think demonstrates environmental awareness.

About 25 students painted a Travis Elementary School building in Bryan. They scraped the paint away Saturday and Sunday,

and will finish painting tomorrow.

The project was the brainchild of a group of environmental design students who read about the school's rundown condition in The Daily Eagle, but students with many majors participated. Math, engineering and agriculture students alike were present.

"We didn't want to work on the Bonfire," freshman Dudley Anderson said. "It's a waste of time. But there's a lot of energy and material expended on Bonfire. It's emotional. Students are going to do something. For us this worked, but it didn't exactly

make us think we were going to beat t.u."

As Drew Williams said they didn't want to just "go home" because they were against Bonfire, they wanted an alternative.

Many of those who worked, worked on Bonfire last year.

"This was easier," Steve McClesky said, "and more constructive."

Eric Opitz added:

"You can't get poison ivy, and there's more spirit."

Paint for the project was provided by car dealer Harvey Watson. Travis provided the rest of the material.

"The whole building looks tremendous, they've done a great job," Travis principal Roy Presley said.

"I worked on Bonfire for three days last year and was so tired I didn't even go," McClesky said.

"Next week this will still be here, and we can come by and see it any time we want," Sydney Young added.

A group of 14 graduate students in environmental engineering will sample stagnant water and creeks in and around College Station today to determine the amount of pollution in the water.

Since all graduate students can't work on Bonfire, this was chosen as an alternative, Pete Sunsvage said.

David Zoellner, who is in charge of the project said the collection of the water was supposed to be conducted Monday, but was unfeasible because of the wind. The testing of the samples will take a week to a week and a half.

Water from 12 sights will be tested for fecal coliforms. Some samples will be tested to see the amount of dissolved oxygen and the type of organic compounds in the water.

Sights include Tarrow Road, behind Carter's Grove, beside Redmond Terrace where in a section of the creek that runs across the A&M golf course and a sight behind Monaco Apartments.

Wild life students will clean up a playground behind College Hills Elementary school, today and Wednesday, Doyle McKey said.

Students who wish to work tomorrow should meet in the parking lot between the Biological Sciences Building and the Biological Science Annex at 8 a. m., McKey said. All students are invited.

The students plan to pick up paper, chop up already cut wood that was cut down when a power line right of way was built, clear brush and build small erosion (See Students, page 3)



STUDENTS PAINT Travis Elementary School and chat with reporters Monday. (Photo by Patrick Fontana)

Executives approve pass-fail

The Executive Committee of the Academic Council passed the resolution on a limited pass-fail system, passed earlier this year by the Student Senate and the Liberal Arts council, with a few minor changes Monday morning.

The resolution now goes to the Academic Council for consideration Dec. 3.

Academic Vice President Horace R. Byers said the committee recommends unanimously to the council the resolution in "essentially the form the Senate proposed it."

He said he would not disclose the changes made until the resolution is accepted or rejected by the council.

Kent Caperton, student body president and Bill Hartsfield Senate Secretary, who were present for a portion of the meeting, presented the Senate's resolution and answered questions.

Caperton said he talked with

President Jack K. Williams and Dean of Students James P. Hannigan Monday afternoon after the meeting.

"As I understand it, there were two major changes in the senate resolution," he said. "Sections stating, 'Professors will not know which students are taking a course on pass-fail basis,' and, 'In the event a student decides to major in a subject in which he has taken a course on pass-fail basis, the college concerned will decide whether the course can be counted as part of the student's major requirements,' were deleted."

Caperton said committee members had discussed the first point with him, stressing fair dealing and honesty between student and professor.

Other provisions of the pass-fail resolution are:

—Only juniors and seniors with an overall grade point ratio of 2.4 or higher be allowed to take

courses on a pass-fail basis and no more than six hours credit may be taken on that basis.

—A student must have the written approval of his academic adviser or department head to take a course on pass-fail basis.

—Transfer students must have earned at least 30 hours at A&M to be allowed to take courses on a pass-fail basis.

—Colleges may refuse to accept students on pass-fail basis for courses requiring a prior in-depth knowledge of the subject.

—Hours for which a student is given a pass (60 or better) grade will not be counted in computation of a semester or overall GPR, but hours for which a fail (below 60) grade is given will count in computation of a GPR as 0.0 grade points per semester hour.

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