

Travis aid draws praise



"It's good to be back in class, where we can get our rest!"

tonight on the tube

Table listing TV programs and channels. Includes 'Edge of Night', 'Sesame Street', 'Gomer Pyle', 'Town Talk', 'University Instructional', 'Dark Shadows', 'Bewitched', 'What's New', 'General Hospital', 'CBS News', 'Evening News', 'Beverly Hillsbillies', 'Campus and Community Today', 'Green Acres'.

If you're on Midwest Video's cable you are going to see more.

Editor: Having been a resident of the B-CS area for several years while my husband attended TAMU, I feel as loyal to Texas A&M and its traditions as any Aggie. My feelings concerning the Bonfire and the traditions behind it are with those who participate in making it the success it always is.

All students in the past have not been participants for various reasons. However, this year there has been another type of activity for this season shown by another group of Aggies. Some of the so-called "non-reg," "anti-corps" or otherwise "indifferent civilians" volunteered their "bonfire building holiday" to a much different type of construction.

The conduct and attitudes of these young people during this work has been to say the very least admirable. The distractions caused by the scraping of old paint and good-natured, clean humor of those working was well worth it.

Long after the ashes of the Bonfire have grown cold and have been blown to the four winds, the "construction" of this crew will be a reminder of Aggies who care and want to be counted as such—even though they do not choose to show their loyalty to their school in the same traditional way—maybe this is the first year of a never-ending tradition at Aggieland.

Thanks, Aggies — especially

from many who care and love you all! Gig'em!

Shirlene Meyer, R.N.

Editor: In recent weeks it has been difficult to read an edition of The Battalion without encountering letters from people concerned about the Bonfire.

I feel there definitely are more productive channels available for the manpower and time now expended on the Bonfire. I heartily support those who offer alternatives.

However, some have indicated the cutting of trees for use in the bonfire is a form of environmental degradation. I must move to question this.

The land in and around College Station, now referred to as the "Post Oak Belt," was originally a savanna—a grassland matrix with trees scattered throughout. Early settlers wrote of the lush grass and scattered trees.

Unwise land use practices such as cultivation of land not suited for agronomic production, and overgrazing by cattle resulted in the disappearance of this grass cover. Post Oak and other trees invaded the area previously occupied by grass. The removal of grass fires as an environmental factor by the white man gave the trees added protection and allowed them to survive.

The resulting vegetation is referred to as "thicketization" rather than a forest. It is easy to identify the veteran trees that were a part of the climax vegetation. The grass fires effectively pruned the lower branches and it may be several feet to the first limb.

Bulletin Board

TONIGHT Cepheid Variable Science Fiction Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in room 2A of the MSC to discuss Dune.

WEDNESDAY Civil Air Patrol will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Teague Building to hold an instrument ground school. Nonmembers may attend, but are requested to pay a \$15 fee.

Entomology Wives Club will meet at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Carol Everett, 2501 Roundtree Dr. in Bryan.

THURSDAY Pecan Valley Hometown Club will meet at 8 p.m. in room 2A of the MSC. San Antonio Hometown Club

will meet at 7:30 p.m. in room 145 of the Physics Building to discuss plans for the Christmas party.

Dallas Hometown Club will meet at 8 p.m. in rooms 2A-B of the MSC to discuss the New Year's party.

Sociology Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in room 104 of the Agriculture Building to see a slide show by Dr. Nelson on the Middle East.

MONDAY Industrial Education Wives Club will meet at 8 p.m. at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Donald Clark, 3801 Stillmeadow Dr. in Bryan to elect officers for the spring semester and hold a "Holiday Tasting Bee."

Correction

The Battalion last Tuesday unintentionally left out A. M. Waldrop and Co. when it ran a list of merchants donating money to the Bonfire.

We wish to apologize for the omission and hope we did not inconvenience anyone greatly. We also appreciate the error being called to our attention.

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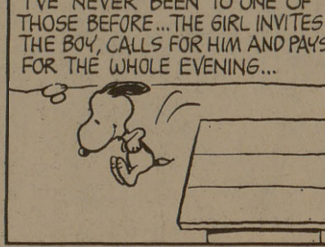
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