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Aggie Bonfire: 1909 — 197

By MARY JO PRINCE Battalion Reporter The chain saws will be silenced for

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another year after the few remaining scraps of wood are thrown against the massive structure that will burn back down to the ground in a matter of a few hours.

The traditional Aggie Bonfire is reported to have had its first lighting in the fall of 1909, according to docu-ments in the Texas A&M archives. The stack was about 12 feet high and made of trash and discarded boxes which were collected in an impromptu search of the campus.

That was how a few students, bored with studying and overcome with anxiety over the next day's Thanksgiving game with the Univer-sity of Texas, began the tradition of Bonfire.

The first picture of Bonfire can be found in the 1928 Longhorn (the ori-

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ginal title of Texas A&M's yearbook). Old scraps of lumber, crates, boxes, and even fences and gates were combined for that year's stack.

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The average overall height of bon-fire since 1946 has been between 75 and 80 feet.

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The military drill field across from the Memorial Student Center was the site of the Bonfire until it was moved in 1955 to its present location on Duncan intramural field, just south of the Corps of Cadets dormitory area

Bonfire security has weakened over the last few years. But even as late as 1972, as the Bonfire stack was taking shape, all major landmarks on the campus were heavily guarded round the clock. It was not unusual for a student's late walk across campus to be interrupted at any location y a request for proper student identification

Security was even tighter around the stacking area itself. Perimeter guard fires were placed at intervals around the stack, as they are today.

But those safeguards could not al-ways stop people from trying to bring an earlier-than-scheduled lighting date. One year, a group of enthusiasts from the University of Texas tried to drop an incendiary bomb on the stack from an airplane. The bomb missed — but some Aggies on the ground did not miss getting the plane's serial number. The perpetrators were expelled from their university.

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Foundation elects chair

Austin independent oilman Joe Hiram Moore has been elected chairman of the Texas A&M University Development Foundation, a

non-profit foundation which raises funds in support of the university's academic and related programs. Moore, a 1938 Texas A&M gradu-ate, succeeds Edward E. Monteith, a 1943 graduate and executive vice president of Republic National Bank of Dallas. The appointment is effec-

Ernest L. "Pete" Wehner of

one or all Bonfires. Environ ists claim that the Bonfire with it needless destruction ber and that the chemica fueling put unwanted pollutin the air. Others feel that the b THE SEV simply poses a fire hazard homes near the site. In 1970, Prof. Donald Clar in Roor wildlife science department of those who objected to Bo tried to have it canceled.

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dismissed the last Monda per per the Bonfire in an attempt to IUMAN] trate all efforts on com tromyo Room 3 stack. But University ad tors, deciding that many were concentrating on their efforts or on taking an er weekend vacation, did away ART EXH J.W. R the Li holiday. through

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residen This year's cutting area we come a lake, providing accor-power source for a propose plant to be built on the land dle Eas MSC POL p.m. ir by Texas Municipal Power/ And had it not been for th DRIENTI Militar Bonfire, the site of the Texa discuss Speedway south of College might still be a hideaway KANM R p.m. ir fowl, and other wildlife.

METHOI A group of Aggies was spar nar dis doing some extracurricula in 1973. At the A&M-Rice ga PENTEC year, the Marching Ow I (otherwise known as the MOB its half-time performance of and mimic some Texas A&M p.m. in welcon

This group of Aggies was not fied with blocking the MOS from Rice Stadium for several AGGIE E Intram after the game. The following they returned to Houston and PURE PH ped won Rice's traditional Colise tree," which Rice coach AlC HILLEL used for his team's pre-gam Found

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floor of All Soc In 1968, the Bonfire went in national. While on their sum VICTORY School cruise, cadets from the gate U Maritime Academy in Galan SAINT A purchased what would be Party f first contribution to the Bon sponso a 40-foot pine log, for \$ GROME Oslo, Norway.

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The Truth about Nitrosamines as we know it.

From the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Oct. 25, 1979 The Food and Drug Administration has received from the U.S. Brewers Association an update on the progress the industry is making in reducing the levels of nitrosamines in beer and other malt beverages

At the same time, FDA is releasing the results of testing it has conducted of nitrosamines in Scotch whiskeys. The Agency has found only trace levels of nitrosamines in Scotch.

On the basis of the report from the Brewers Association and of its findings on Scotch, FDA reiterates its previous position that there is no reason for consumers to alter their consumption of these products.

The U. S. Brewers Association reported on a survey it took of 44 brewing companies. It received responses from 95 percent of the firms. They make 99 percent of malt beverages brewed in the U.S.

Every respondent reported that it has taken measures to alter its brewing process to reduce nitrosamine formation, the industry told FDA. The method used to reduce nitrosamine formation consists primarily of lowering the temperature of the open flame used to dry the barley malt while extending the drying time. In addition, sulphur is added to the fire during this procedure to retard further nitrosamine formation.

Half the malt beverages now being made in the U.S. are being made with malt processed this way, and that should rise to more than eighty percent next month, the industry said.

In a statement today, Dr. Jere Goyan, Commissioner of FDA, said: "FDA will test domestic beers after January 1 for nitrosamine content. The results of these tests will be made public immediately. Any beers produced after January 1 that contain nitrosamines at levels that can reliably be detected — that is, above 5 parts per billion — will be subject to regulatory action."

It has been known since late last year that trace amounts of nitrosamines enter beer through the process by which the barley malt is dried. This was first reported by tests conducted in West Germany. In addition, tests by the Brewers Association, by a contractor for the National Science Foundation (NSF) and by FDA itself confirmed the presence of trace amounts of nitrosamines in beer. Research by the malt beverage industry to identify the source of the nitrosamines and to develop ways to reduce their presence has been closely monitored by FDA

The method used to detect nitrosamines is scientifically reliable only at levels above 5 parts per billion. Findings below this level are not regarded as being scientifically reliable because of lack of the method's sensitivity.

FDA's tests on Scotch whiskey also confirm findings by a contractor for NSF. The NSF study found trace amounts of nitrosamines — at an average of one part per billion - in six of seven Scotches tested.

FDA tested 29 Scotches and also found trace levels of nitrosamines ranging from none to 2.3 parts per billion. As with beer, FDA does not regard findings of less than 5 parts per billion in Scotch to be scientifically reliable. The FDA findings are similar to the levels found in the NSF-sponsored study.

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was named last year a recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award.



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In 1968, the Bonfire went into tional. While on their MSC BAS cruise, cadets from the Texas and Ba time Academy in Galveston ased what would be their firs

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