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Fountain art

Staff photo by Greg Gammon

The water spray at the top of the fountain on the west side of the Memorial Student Center

seems to create a modern art sculpture in this freeze-frame photograph.

Civilian women to cut at bonfire for first time

By LISA SURMAN

Battalion Reporter

When students begin cutting down trees Saturday for the 1981 Aggie bonfire, cadets and civilian men won't be the only ones participating.

For the first time, civilian women will work on the traditional bonfire stack which will burn Nov. 25 on the eve of the Texas A&M-University of Texas football game.

Since 1978, women in the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets have been permitted to join male cadets and male civilian students in cutting logs for the bonfire, but other female students weren't allowed beyond the sidelines where they served cookies and hot chocolate.

This year, however, along with male and female cadets and civilian men, about 40 civilian women will also take part in cutting activities, Micki Dunham said. Dunham, a member of Off-Campus Aggies, is in charge of recruiting women to work on bonfire.

She said OCA is encouraging both civilian men and women to get involved.

"My main purpose is to get these girls out there," she said. "This year is really a training and organizational year — to teach them, so that next year there will be people who have cut before and know what they're doing."

"If we get them (women) out there and they try it and they don't want to take part in that part of bonfire, they don't have to, but that door is open."

Dunham, who was in the Corps for four years, said the women will cut trees up to only 12 inches in diameter.

"We're not going out for the big logs," Dunham said. "The women in the Corps will sometimes take down some pretty good-sized logs, but we're going to keep them relatively small until we have enough people out there to cover it."

"The most important thing is safety. We really emphasize . . . not to worry about the speed — it's just to control the ax so that when they use it, no one will get hurt."

Women will cut in an area away from the men. "It gives them a chance to feel comfortable with themselves without having the pressure of somebody watch-

ing them," Dunham said.

She said there have been no injuries other than bruises and blisters since the women cadets have been cutting.

OCA, as well as other student groups, has been supervising classes to train cutters to perform their task safely.

"I've been trying to teach the women how to compensate for not having as much shoulder strength as the men," Dunham said. "They sometimes have to actually step in towards the tree or turn their waists more when swinging."

But even as female students prepare to work during the 6-week period of cutting and stacking the bonfire, some men are unhappy about the women civilians being allowed to participate.

"Bonfire is mostly a man's game — kind of a macho deal where the guys can go and get away and have a good time," Head Redpot Art Free, a senior from Company C-1, said. "But, we'll find them (the women) an area to cut in, if they want to cut."

Redpots coordinate bonfire cutting and stacking efforts.

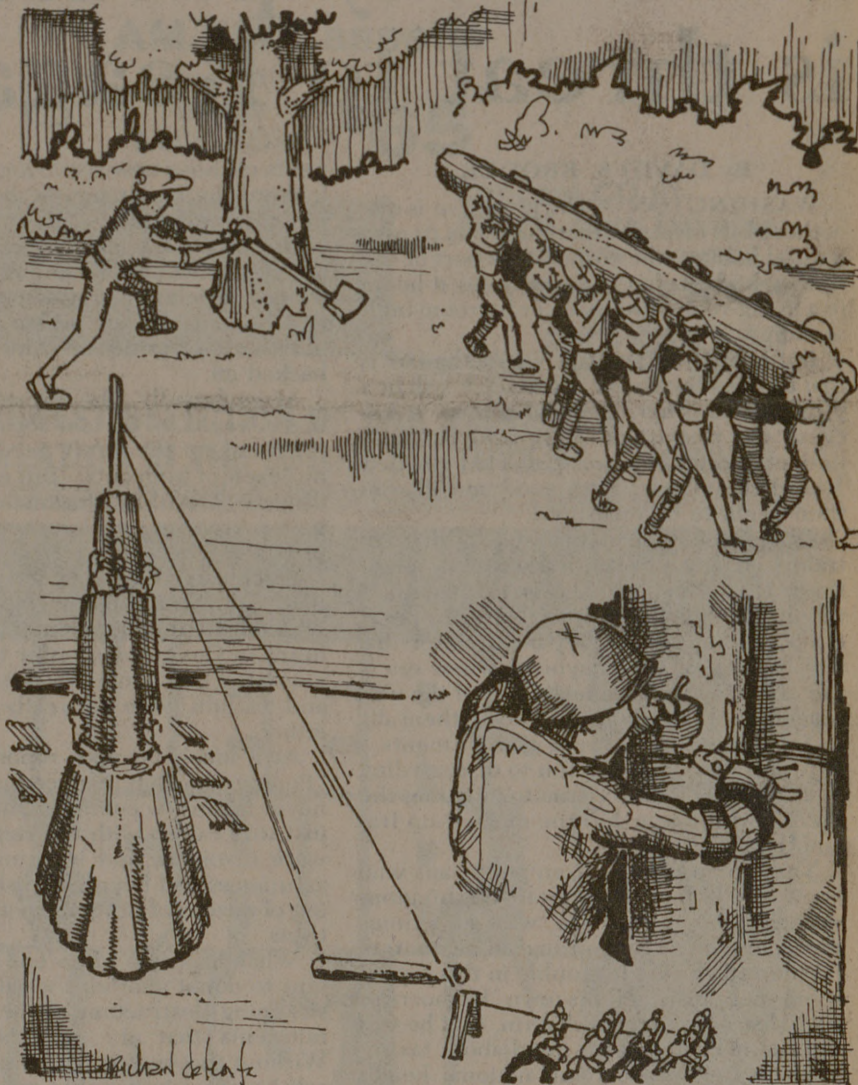
Also opposed to the idea of female cutters is James Birdwell, a senior redpot from Company F-1. "As a safety precaution to the women and everyone out there, we prefer they don't work."

"We're not doing it to pick on anybody or make anybody mad," Birdwell said, "we're just trying to be careful."

Disagreeing, however, OCA Vice President Bruce Martin said he always has favored women's participation in bonfire cutting. "I don't see why any woman who wants to get out there and be involved can't do it," he said. "There's no work out there the women can't do."

Civilian Redpot Mike Thomas said he also favors it, "as long as they can do it safely and not hurt anyone else around them."

"It's an Aggie bonfire for Aggies so we're trying to be as open-minded about it as possible," he said.



Barbecue to honor Zachry's dedication

By JENNIFER WAYMAN

Battalion Reporter

Bonfire.

For many, the word brings to mind the great Aggie tradition symbolizing the burning desire to "beat the hell out of t.u." For others, bonfire may also bring to mind the years of dedication and service of distinguished Texas A&M alumnus H.B. (Pat) Zachry.

For years — although he can't remember exactly when he started — Zachry, owner of H.B. Zachry Co., has donated several thousand dollars' worth of manpower and equipment to build the bonfire stack. He provides flat-bed trucks to haul wood from the cutting site to the bonfire site behind Duncan Dining Hall and small cranes to stack the wood. He also pays drivers to move this equipment.

"The boys just tell me what they need, and I'm happy to give it to them," Zachry, 80, said. "I'm glad to do anything to help A&M."

In recognition of his contributions, the Texas A&M Bonfire Committee is hosting a bonfire benefit barbecue in his honor.

"We feel it is time we honor such a great man who has done so much for us," said Duke Bonilla, junior finance representative for the committee. The proceeds from the barbecue will go toward bonfire expenses.

Zachry, Class of '22, earned his bachelor's degree in civil engineering. He said the make-up of bonfire is basically the same today as it was when he was enrolled at Texas A&M, although

the size of the bonfire stack has grown considerably.

"When I was up there (at Texas A&M) we didn't have the big trucks and cranes, so it wasn't as big as it is today," he said.

In addition to his bonfire donations, Zachry contributes to the University in many other ways. He provides two scholarships each year for outstanding Texas A&M students selected by the University president. He also serves on a committee that advises the civil engineering department on its curriculum.

Zachry was born and raised in Uvalde. After graduating from Texas A&M, he moved to Laredo in 1924 and founded the H.B. Zachry Co. The firm has since become a worldwide, multi-million dollar construction operation based in San Antonio.

He has other business interests as well, such as oil and gas, aggregate production, cement manufacturing, modular construction, ranching, insurance, a hospital and medical center and hotels. Zachry's far-reaching interest in education has led him to serve six years on the Board of Directors of Texas A&M, including two years as president; the Board of Directors of the Texas Board for Special Schools and Hospitals; and the Coordinating Board for Texas Colleges and Universities, which he helped to establish.

In 1972, the Zachry Engineering Center, the University's \$9 million engineering facility, was dedicated to him.

Bonfire work to begin Saturday

By GWENDOLYN HAM

Battalion Reporter

It's that time of the year again — time for the annual pyromaniac's delight — Bonfire '81.

Students Saturday will begin the ritual of driving out to a nearby woods to cut down hundreds of trees. Within the next few weeks, the logs will be hauled back to campus, stacked up and eventually burned — all in the spirit of tradition.

But the project is a little more involved than that; planning for the bonfire begins almost a year in advance.

First of all, a cutting site must be

found. This year, 450 acres of post oak trees were donated by the Texas Municipal Power Association. The site is about 15 miles away from campus off Highway 30 on County Road 190.

Senior Redpot David Godinich said no money is exchanged for the cutting site. "We're helping them by clearing their land and they're helping us by donating the trees," he said.

Money is needed, however, to cover the other expenses of the bonfire project. "By the time we spend money on gas, wire, chains, the center pole and everything else we need, it comes up to

about \$10,000," Duke Bonilla, junior bonfire finance chairman, said.

"We receive general donations but we still have to get out and raise the rest." He said close to \$2,000 has been raised from sales of tickets to the Oct. 10 Bonfire Benefit Barbecue.

"The girls' dorms are where a lot of our money comes from," he said.

Female students last year accrued over \$5,000 by selling backrubs at the cutting site, collecting pennies and by holding barbecues and other fund raisers.

This year women will also be cutting logs for the bonfire, in addition to running concession stands at the cutting site.

"It really means a lot to have them there," Bonilla said. "It's great to be able to get a cool drink of water, a snack or just have someone to talk to after you've been cutting an hour or two."

After the land has been acquired and some of the money starts coming in, it's time to start cutting down trees. The first cutting weekend begins Saturday, with other dates scheduled as follows:

- Oct. 19 — center pole arrives
- Oct. 23 — centerpole goes up
- Oct. 24-25 — civilian cutting weekend
- Nov. 7-8 — mandatory cutting weekend
- Nov. 25 — bonfire burns at dark.

Godinich said semi-diesels leave the field behind Duncan Dining Hall around 6 a.m. on cutting days. Anyone who needs a ride can leave then, he said.

Everybody is allowed to cut, if and only if, they have their cutting card, Godinich said.

A cutting card certifies that the holder has attended a safety training class. If for some reason anyone wishing to cut has missed the cutting classes, he may be issued one at the site where more classes will be held, Godinich said.

Godinich stressed that bonfire is just as much a civilian tradition as a Corps tradition. Men as well as women participate in cutting trees and stacking logs. Cutters need to supply their own axes, hats, gloves, boots and tape.

PLO says bombing part of 'secret war'

United Press International
BEIRUT, Lebanon — The Palestine Liberation Organization charged Israeli agents exploded a massive carbomb in Moslem West Beirut, killing 83 people and wounding 225 in the most devastating attack of a "secret war" inside Lebanon.

The Front for the Liberation of Lebanon from Foreigners, a shadowy rightist organization behind seven other recent bombings, claimed responsibility for the Thursday explosion in a telephone call to state-run Lebanese Television.

The bomb tore through a narrow street crowded with shoppers and militiamen from nearby PLO offices and was followed within hours by a second killer explosion in the Palestinian stronghold of Nabatiyeh.

Six other cars loaded with hundreds of pounds of explosives were found and defused in Beirut and Sidon in what was intended as a devastating blitz against Palestinians and leftist Lebanese militiamen.

Palestinian sources said 83 people were killed and 225 wounded in the bombing in Beirut and one person was killed and another wounded in the Nabatiyeh blast in southern Lebanon.

Despite the telephone call claiming responsibility, PLO central committee

member Shafik Al Hout charged at the United Nations that Israeli agents had planted the carbomb in West Beirut and he considered it "a serious violation of the cease-fire agreement" with Israel in July.

"It seems now it is sort of a secret war," he said at a news conference.

In Beirut, a leader of the leftist Lebanese National Movement Muhsin Ibrahim accused Lebanese intelligence and rightwing Phalanists of "complicity" in the bombings.

The Beirut bomb was the latest of a wave of terror bombings by the Front for the Liberation of Lebanon that have claimed 308 lives in two weeks.

The Beirut bomb, 220 pounds of TNT stuffed inside a car, tore the facade off buildings, destroyed 50 cars and left the street littered with debris and dismembered bodies.

Thursday's explosion occurred just 500 yards from the office of Salah "Abu Iyad" Khalaf, the number-two man in the PLO's mainstream Al Fatah organization. The Palestinian news agency Wafa said no PLO leaders were injured.

After the blast, bomb disposal experts dismantled a second bomb weighing 330 pounds planted in another car on the same street.

Employment workshop scheduled for Oct. 7-8

By GRETCHEN RATLIFF

Battalion Reporter

A workshop to familiarize Texas A&M administrators and employees with equal opportunity employment and affirmative action is scheduled for Oct. 7 and 8 in 601 Rudder Tower.

John Benavides, a specialist with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in San Antonio, is scheduled to present the workshop which is open to all University administrators and employees.

The speaker has worked with EEOC for 12 years, and has spent more than six years as an equal employment specialist.

His presentations at the workshop will focus on equal employment laws and enforcement procedures and trends. Participants will also have an opportunity to ask questions about the

issue, Yasin Ishaq, an affirmative action specialist at Texas A&M, said.

Ishaq said Benavides also plans to address the role of the EEOC and its enforcement authority and to provide the audience with an overall picture of equal pay and equal opportunity.

A film will be shown to illustrate the problem of sexual harassment on the job and to offer some solutions, Ishaq said. Benavides is scheduled to speak at four separate sessions. The first two will be Oct. 7 from 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m., and from 1:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. The other two will be held Oct. 8 at the same times.

Gerald Wright, the University assistant affirmative action officer, is in charge of the workshop which is sponsored by the Texas A&M System Affirmative Action Office.