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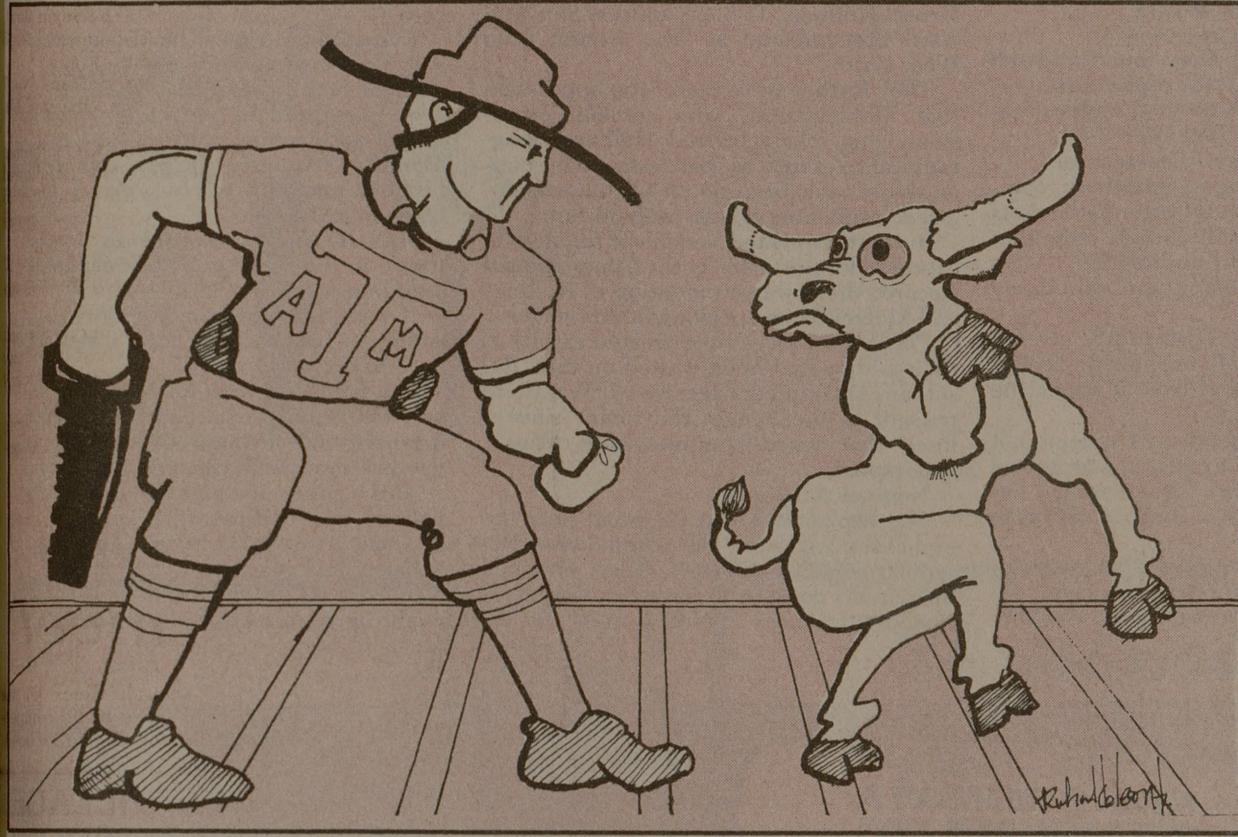
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Football battle to stir emotions Thursday

By LAURA J. LARSON
Battalion Reporter

A chance to "beat the hell out of t.u." stirs emotion at Texas A&M like nothing else. Aggies live for the annual football battle against the University of Texas.

Likewise, people in Austin are willing to discuss at great length the fact they hold natural superiority in numerous areas.

In fact, Longhorn fans have been known to call their school "The University," hence in Aggieland it became "t.u."

Each side would like to believe this rivalry is unsurpassed among Americans, for at times the passion seems more intense than that which separates Republicans from Democrats, Hatfields from McCoys or the Mafia from the FBI.

And its history may be just as old. The rivalry is based on what was at one time a difference in the schools' philosophies — with UT representing urban Texas, and Texas A&M representing rural Texas — at a time when the state was much more clearly divided along those lines.

Through the years the real differences faded, yet the rivalry sustains itself year after year with unmatched fever.

It all began in 1894 when the UT football team needed a practice game before its first interstate match with Tulane. UT sent W.O. Stephens, one of its players, to College Station to organize a team at the Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College — a team that could be brought back to Austin for slaughter.

The teams produced the state's first intercollegiate football game in suburban Austin's Hyde Park. A playing area was roped off and one dollar was charged for admission.

A&M fumbled the opening kickoff and UT scored in two plays. UT eventually chalked up 38 points to A&M's 0.

It was not until 1902 that A&M finally

Thanksgiving extension possible

Texas A&M students will have an extended Thanksgiving vacation if the Aggies defeat the University of Texas Longhorns Thursday on Kyle Field.

Students may be excused from classes Monday when our team is victorious on Thanksgiving Day," President Frank E. Vandiver said.

But, "It is, of course, not possible to relieve the faculty and staff of their obligations (on Monday), so campus offices will be open on Nov. 30," he said.

Similarly, The Battalion will be published Monday, regardless of the outcome of the game.

In 1979, former University President Jarvis Miller dismissed classes the Monday after Texas A&M defeated UT 13-7; however, classes were held last year despite a 24-14 victory over UT.

Kick-off for the Texas A&M-UT game is scheduled for 2 p.m. The game will not be televised.

the Southwest Conference. But, this year the game will be moved back to Thanksgiving Day.

Mascots began to play an important role in the rivalry with the branding of Bevo, the Longhorn mascot, in 1917.

Students at UT planned to bring a live longhorn steer, branded with their 21-7 winning score from the 1916 game, to the Thanksgiving Day battle in 1917. But after those plans leaked to College Station, three cadets found their way into the steer's stall in Austin the week before the game and branded him with 13-0, the result of the 1915 fight which the Aggies won.

Upon finding the brand, the animal's handlers altered the characters to resemble the letters BEVO. Thus, Bevo and the desire to "saw varsity's horns off" were christened.

The beast made his social debut at the game as scheduled. He was served as steak at an A&M-UT get together in 1921, and his head was mounted on a wall of UT's athletic office.

It was not until 1931 that Reveille debuted as the official Texas A&M mascot by leading the famous Aggie band onto the field at the UT game.

The stray puppy was picked up by a carload of cadets on a highway near Navasota. The cadets took her back to campus and, against regulations, let her sleep in the dormitory. When reveille sounded the next morning, the dog let out a howl of disapproval and was known ever more as Reveille.

The Aggie bonfire is another traditional aspect of the UT rivalry. The annual bonfire, which signifies Texas A&M's burning desire to "beat the hell out of" the other university, began in 1909 when two cadets lit a trash pile as a prank.

Since then, the bonfire has burned every year, with the exception of 1963 when President John F. Kennedy was assassinated. That was considered the greatest sacrifice the University could make in his honor.

Regents measure delays added engineering labs

By DENISE RICHTER
Battalion Staff

Additional academic laboratories for the College of Engineering will be delayed 12 to 14 months as a result of a measure approved by the Texas A&M System Board of Regents Tuesday.

In September, regents authorized the \$2.8 million conversion of the basement of the Engineering Laboratory Center to academic laboratories. The basement of the center, now under construction on the south side of the Zachry Engineering Center, originally was designed for parking.

However, the Board voted Tuesday to complete the Engineering Laboratory Center according to its original plans and to use space in the Engineering and Physics Building for laboratories.

The cost of the 141,000-square-foot Engineering and Physics Laboratory, to be located on the south side of the Cyclotron, is an estimated \$17.5 million. The building is scheduled for completion in the fall of 1983.

Using space in the new building instead of converting space in a building already under construction will cause a delay of 12 to 14 months, System Chancellor Frank W.R. Hubert said.

"The advantages of moving in this direction far outweigh the disadvantages of time lost," he said.

The regents also approved a plan designed to limit enrollment in the Department of Geology.

Under this plan, a minimum cumulative

grade point ratio of 2.25 will be required for enrollment in junior-level geology courses. A minimum GPR of 2.25 overall and 2.25 in all geology courses will be required for enrollment in senior-level geology courses.

This plan will take effect when students entering the University in the fall of 1982 or thereafter are ready to enroll in junior-level courses, Texas A&M President Frank E. Vandiver said.

The regents also approved the creation of up to 12, \$30,000-a-year, "alumni professorships." The professorships

will be located in the Memorial Student Center.

The regents also approved: a \$1.5 million 1982 summer residence hall renovation plan

a \$212,000 appropriation to supplement \$1.4 million already set aside for the purchase of 32 buses. The University plans to operate its own shuttle bus service starting next fall when the present contract with Transportation Enterprises, Inc. expires.

a \$142,000 appropriation for the detailed design of the Food Service Commissary, to be located on the east side of Agronomy Road

a \$60,000 appropriation for the detailed design of an expansion of the University's electrical capabilities. Wesley E. Peel, vice chancellor for facilities planning and construction, said the expansion will provide a back-up source of power and will fulfill Texas A&M's electricity needs through the year 2000.

a \$50,000 appropriation for the detailed design of the Transportation Center expansion. The proposed \$1.3 million building would provide service and maintenance areas, parking space for 34 buses and space for future expansion.

a \$35,000 appropriation for the first part of the Systems Building renovation a \$25,000 appropriation for the preliminary design of the Biological Control Facility. Estimated cost of the facility, to be located behind the Entomology Building on the west campus, is \$1.7 million.

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funded by the Texas A&M Development Foundation and the Association of Former Students, will be given to outstanding faculty members to supplement their salaries and research activities.

Granting the title of "System professor" to faculty members participating in a faculty exchange program between Texas A&M and Prairie View A&M University also was approved by the regents.

Contracts approved by the regents include a \$1.7 million contract to the Belco Construction Co. of Temple for the construction of the Animal Science Pavilion and a \$133,600 contract to the J.W. Cox Construction Co. of Alta Loma for the relocation of the dis-

Space shuttle commander to present flag

Astronaut John W. Young, commander of the Space Shuttle Columbia on its first orbital flight, will visit Texas A&M University Thursday to make a special presentation in memory of Congressman Olin E. 'Tiger' Teague.

Young will present the University a miniature U.S. flag -- now mounted on a plaque -- that was taken up in the shuttle in memory of Congressman Teague. The ceremony is set for 9:30 a.m. in Rudder Theater.

Congressman Teague, who died Jan. 23, 1981, was a member of the Class of '32 and recipient of the University's Distinguished Alumnus Award. He was a strong supporter of NASA programs during his congressional career and served 19 years - including five as chairman - on the House Committee on Science and Technology.

Young is chief of the astronaut office at Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center in Houston. He participated in several other manned flights before the space shuttle mission, including the first manned Gemini flight and Apollo XVI.

Other speakers at the ceremony will be Aaron Cohen, a Texas A&M graduate who is manager of the Space Shuttle Orbiter Project Office at the Johnson Space Center, Texas A&M President Frank E. Vandiver, Texas A&M University Systems Board of Regents Chairman H.R. Bright and Mrs. Olin Teague, widow of the congressman.

Brezhnev favors 'compromise'

United Press International
BONN, West Germany — Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev convinced West Germany before his return to Moscow today that he seeks substantial reductions in nuclear missiles in Europe at next week's Geneva talks with the United States.

"We never wanted to be stronger than anyone else and we do not have that aim now," Soviet government spokesman Leonid Zamyatin quoted Brezhnev as telling West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt during talks Tuesday.

"We have no thought of attacking anyone," Zamyatin made a new offer to reduce any nuclear weapons system if

the cut was matched by the United States "We have no weapon we do not want to part with, if this were mutual."

In Washington, the State Department said Brezhnev's offer Monday to reduce "by hundreds rather than dozens" the number of Soviet missiles targeted on Western Europe contains nothing that is significantly new.

"At the same time, we would hope that President Brezhnev's willingness to consider reductions is a sign that the Soviets are beginning to see the advantages of pursuing genuine arms reductions in this area, a statement said.

Schmidt said he emerged from the talks convinced Moscow wants to agree on substantial reductions in medium-

range nuclear weapons in Europe at the Geneva negotiations starting Monday.

"It is clear the Soviet side has recognized the necessity of compromise," Schmidt said.

But U.S.-Soviet differences emerged on the missiles issue during the three days before Brezhnev's return to Moscow today. In making his offer, Brezhnev rejected the proposal Reagan made last week to reduce medium-range missiles to zero.

Brezhnev did not say if his offer, voiced at a dinner Monday, meant dismantling the missiles or merely moving them behind the Ural Mountains — where they could hit most of Western Europe.

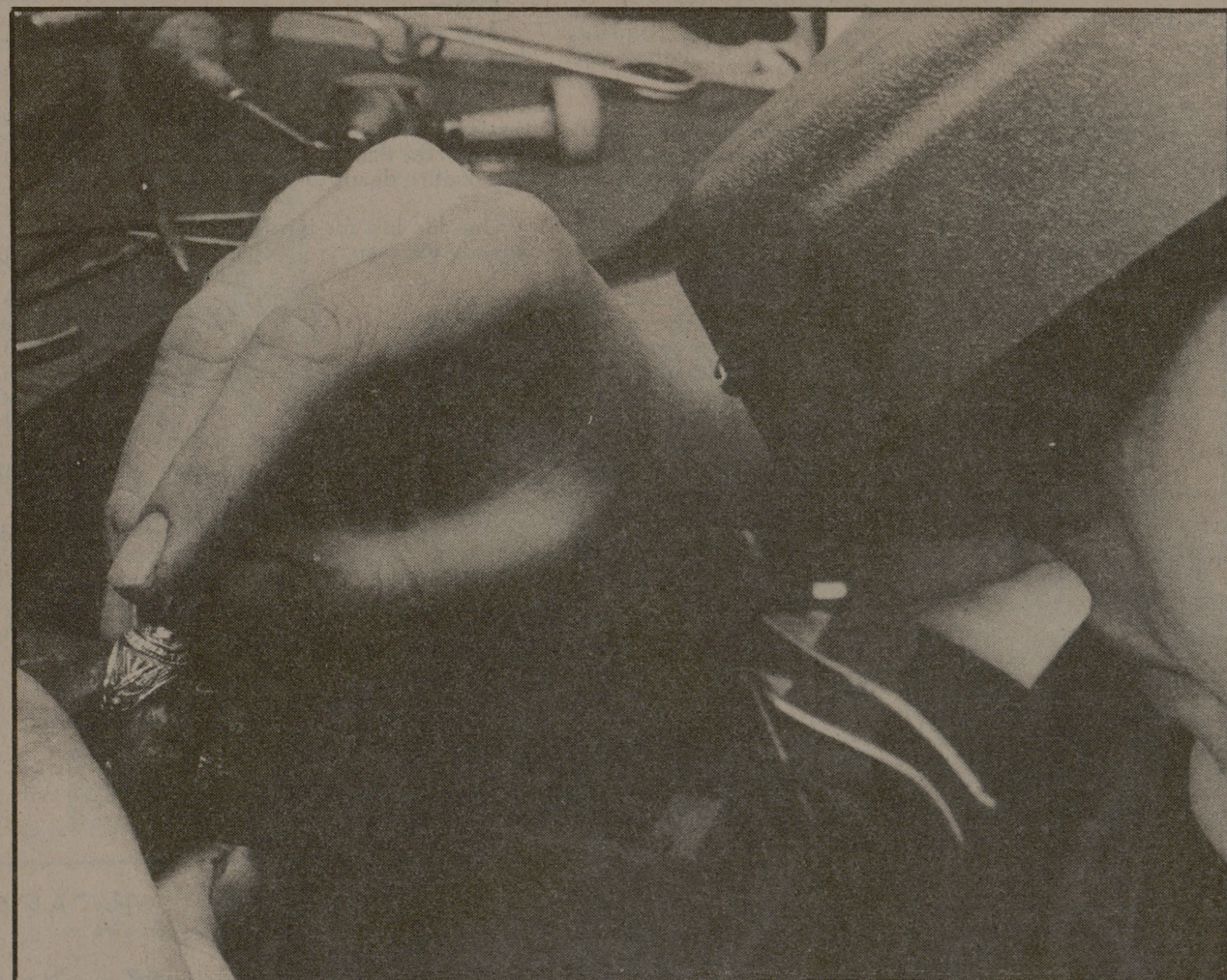


Photo by Jill Neathery

Touch of the master's hand

Placing diamonds in Aggie rings is big business for local jewelry stores. Dean Wile, of the Diamond Room, said men usually buy diamonds that are a fifth of a carat, and women

buy diamonds that are eight-tenths of a carat. He said it takes two to three days to finish setting the ring. Wile said the store usually places 20 or 30 diamonds in rings each month.

Bonfire to emblazon A&M sky at 7:30 tonight

By DANIEL PUCKETT
Battalion Staff

Bonfire devotees will see their endless hours of hard work go up in flames tonight at 7:30.

This year's bonfire is 60 feet tall, head civilian Mike Thomas said. It will be soaked with about 500 gallons of contaminated diesel fuel obtained from the Firemen's Training School. Redpots use this much fuel because of the large amount of green wood in the stack.

Bonfire ceremony begins at 7:15 p.m., when 10 to 12 torches will be ignited from a torch which bonfire supporters carried from Austin to the stack.

The redpots and the five yell leaders, each carrying a torch, will circle the stack once, accompanied by their girlfriends and the band, Head Yell Leader Mike Thatcher said.

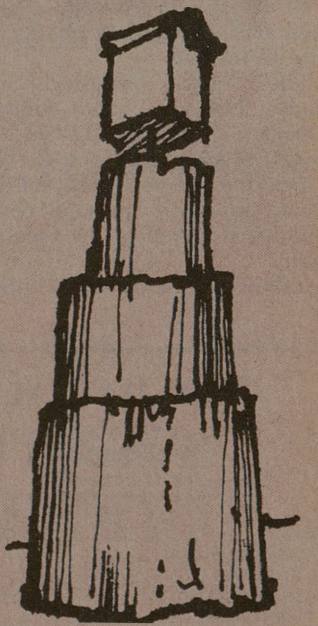
After the first circle, the girlfriends and the band will be left behind, and torchbearers will circle the stack again. On the third pass they will space themselves around the stack. And at 7:30 p.m. they will toss their torches onto the diesel fuel-soaked stack.

Immediately after the bonfire is lit, yell practice will begin with four yell leaders around the base of the stack and Thatcher on a scaffold with Head Coach Tom Wilson, University President Frank Vandiver and members of the football team.

Instead of the "grode stories," which chronicle the lives of Rock and Rockelle, and which are normally told at yell practices, Vandiver will make a short speech, Thatcher said.

A speech from Wilson will follow Vandiver's.

After the "Aggie War Hymn" and a few more yells, Thatcher will read "The Last Corps Trip," a poem which has been read at bonfires since 1950, he said.



The bonfire will end with the singing of "The Spirit of Aggieland" and a few more yells. Thatcher estimates the entire ceremony will last about an hour.

University police expect from 35,000 to 40,000 spectators at tonight's blaze, said Thomas Parsons, University director of security and traffic. While last year's ceremony drew about 25,000 people, better weather this year should bring a larger crowd, he said.

He added that traffic around Duncan Field, the bonfire site, comes to a standstill near torching time, so spectators should plan on arriving early.

"People ought to come early, get a legitimate parking place and try not to block fire lanes," he said.