

Howdy Week promotes hometown atmosphere

By CARMEN THOMAS
Reporter

A reorganized Traditions Council opened its activities with Howdy Week Saturday, Sept. 29. Howdy Week is held to re-establish the Texas A&M tradition of saying "howdy" on campus.

Bob Stephan, Traditions Council chairman, said he hopes students will become accustomed to saying howdy during Howdy Week and continue the tradition. By saying howdy, students can renew the hometown atmosphere on campus even though the University has grown, Stephan said.

The council will be selling Howdy T-shirts for \$4 during Howdy Week in the Memorial Student Center.

Stephan said the Traditions Council's purpose is to unite the campus through tradition-related activities. Last year the Traditions Council had open membership with 300 students. The new council consists of 15 students selected from all areas of the University. Stephan said the new council structure will allow better communication and organization.

Stephan has met with bonfire red-tops to plan promotions for the 75th anniversary of bonfire this year. Traditions Council will publicize the

"Aggie Bonfire 75th Anniversary Benefit Bash" which will be held Oct. 25 to raise money for bonfire.

The council is planning to begin a spring semester All-University Night with the Athletic Council. It would be similar to the fall semester All-University Night except the basketball teams, women's softball team and men's baseball team would be recognized instead of the football team.

The Traditions Council will again host the Switch-Off-for-Kick-Off game this year in which A&M females are encouraged to ask males to the game. This year's game will be the A&M vs. Rice game, Oct. 27.

Bonfire cutting classes begin

Workers get safety tips

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The first of six cutting classes for this year's bonfire will begin tonight at the Grove, said head bonfire civilian Richard McLeon.

McLeon said everyone planning to cut wood for this year's fire will be required to attend one of the classes which are designed to show people how to safely cut wood using chainsaws and other wood-cutting equipment.

"We want to emphasize how important it is for people to attend one of these classes before they go to the actual cutting site," McLeon said. "Nobody will be allowed to cut at the site until they attend one of these safety classes."

The classes will begin at 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. tonight, Tuesday and Wednesday night and are coordinated by Company C-1.

Wood for this year's bonfire will be cut in Carlos, a community about 14 miles from Texas A&M.

The first cut will be October 13. Several events are planned for the 75th-anniversary bonfire.

"We are planning to have a big bonfire benefit party on October 25th which should be the first major event, but it is still in the planning stages," McLeon said. "The main thing we need is enthusiastic people to make this year's fire a big success."

McLeon said all that people need to bring to classes are themselves and an open mind.

Parents' group attempts to halt possible textbook banning policy

United Press International

CONCORD, Ark. — Parents in a North Arkansas school district have formed a group to speak against the threat of censorship they believe is at the heart of actions by a committee that has been scouring school libraries for any textbooks considered objectionable.

Ailene McCracken, a teacher and one of the organizers of the group, called Voters for Quality Education, said petitions asking for the dissolution of the book committee were being distributed among parents of the Concord School District.

McCracken said the district's deci-

sion to form the book committee (that advocates censorship) was part of a move by a statewide organization called Family Life America God, or FLAG, "to do away with sex education, with history books that don't glorify the past, with books about other cults and with the teaching of evolution."

FLAG members denied the allegation.

The rural, 575-student school district in northern Cleburne County formed the book committee following complaints by an unknown number of unnamed parents about the contents of the books their children

were bringing home, school board members said.

The book committee met for the last time Thursday. Ollie Latch, the committee chairman, said Friday his group's recommendations would be presented to the school board Oct. 11. Latch would not discuss the contents of the report to be presented to board members.

School officials have declined to reveal the names of the books that attracted objections other than identifying one sex education book, "Facts About Sex For Youth," by Dr. Sol Gordon.



Chancellor Arthur G. Hansen and his wife, Nancy, left, show their appreciation to

Jean Reed after the ribbon-cutting ceremony at the opening of the chancellor's house.

Chancellor's new residence opens, valued at \$1 million

By KARI FLUEGEL
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"Bless this house, O Lord we pray. Make it safe by night and day."

After the Century Singers sang "Bless This House," Texas A&M System Chancellor Arthur G. Hansen, his wife Nancy and Chester J. and Billie Jean Reed of Houston cut the ribbon to officially open the new chancellor's residence at a pre-game ceremony Saturday.

The new \$1 million house at Number One Reed Drive (located off Jersey between Wellborn Road and FM 2818) was officially named The Reed House in honor

of the Reeds who donated the bulk of the funds for the house.

"It is a reality today and will hereby be known throughout to all Aggies as the Reed House," Dr. Robert L. Walker, vice president for development, said. "I'm not sure how to express appreciation for this gift."

The Reeds were presented with a special box-like plaque commemorating their contribution to the house.

Chester Reed earned his doctorate in veterinary medicine from A&M in 1947 and was named Distinguished Alumnus in May.

Besides the Reeds, 10 other A&M families donated funds for

building, landscaping and furnishing of the house.

August and Lottie Bering provided the funds for the courtyard and fountain in front of the house. The fountain was given in memory of August Bering's parents.

C.E. "Pat" and Elsie Olsen provided money for the pond behind the house. The pond is stocked with "fightin' Texas Aggie catfish," Hansen said.

Other funds for building and furnishing the house were provided by George Eppright, Bob and Mary Alice Frymire and the late H.B. "Pat" and Polly Zachry.

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