

# 75th Bonfire burns Thursday

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Staff Writer

Push continues as the 75th-anniversary Texas A&M bonfire nears completion.

Scott Strom, head redpot, said some wood remains on the ground, but if a lot of workers come out to work on the stack, it should be completed by Thursday evening.

"Things were fairly slow during the Thanksgiving holidays, but we really got a lot of work done Sunday night," Strom said. "Most people went out of town for Thanksgiving, but quite a few civilians came out Sunday night and we got some work done."

Strom said four Corps outfits, about 180 cadets, are scheduled to work on the bonfire stack tonight and tomorrow night.

"We have two shifts scheduled to work on the stack during night hours," Strom said. "The first shift is from 6-12 p.m. and the second shift is from 1-6 a.m."

"We expect to have a fairly large crowd working on the stack, but we need everyone we can get in order to get the stack done by Thursday night. Quite a few logs remain on the ground and need to be moved."

Head football coach and athletic director Jackie Sherrill also will be working on the stack tonight beginning at about 7 p.m.

"Sherrill usually comes out each year and works on the stack for a couple of hours," Strom said. "He will be on the fourth level of the main stack, working with others to wire logs together."

Although a spokeswoman at the athletic office said Sherrill will be working on the stack, she was uncertain late Monday if any football players are planning to be there.

Strom said everyone is invited to the bonfire site on Duncan Field whether they plan on working or not.

"Everyone can come out and have a good time," Strom said. "Several

campfires are burning on the field, and people can come out to sit around the fire and have a good time."

"We welcome anyone who just wants to watch as well. Girls especially are invited to come out and give some moral support."

Strom said although torches probably will not touch the stack Thursday night until after 8 p.m., seniors will begin gathering around the stack about 7:30 p.m.

"Traditionally the bonfire is supposed to start at dark-thirty," Strom said. "It is hard to say when the torches will actually be thrown on the stack to begin the actual burning of the 75th-anniversary fire, so those people wishing to see the bonfire at Duncan Field Thursday should be there by 7:30 p.m."

In addition to the traditional festivities planned for the burning of the bonfire, a 9 p.m. concert by country singer Willie Nelson has been scheduled in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

# Crossguard recounts city streets' rural origin

By Brittany Millholland  
Reporter

Most people expect a frustrating battle with the morning traffic on the way to work. But for 70-year-old Charlie Banks battling the morning traffic is work. Armed with a stop sign, a orange vest, and red helmet, Banks is fast becoming a landmark of sorts as he provides safe passage to all school children crossing the busy intersection of Jersey Street and Texas Avenue.

One of College Station's most recognizable figures to area motorists, Banks is known as an affable man who takes his job seriously.

Banks, a native of College Station and a City of College Station employee, has been working at this location for two years. Banks remembers when the two streets were dirt roads traveled on exclusively by horse drawn wagons.

Banks said that being a crossguard "is an enjoyable job for an old man, and it gets me out of the house. If I can make a person's day better by talking to them it makes me feel better."

As Banks talked, a group of kids approached the intersection. He excused himself and then greeted the kids with a warm "Howdy!" While waiting for the light to change, Banks exchanged a greetings with the children who responded with smiles and laughs.

One student passing by said, "Mr. Banks is the greatest, he's kind of like a grandfather to all the kids. He's always friendly and always smiling. He has a flawless safety record. He states that 'anyway I can protect the children I'll do it.'"

Banks thinks that traffic is exceptionally heavy in College Station now. "The traffic is twice as bad as last year," he said. Amazed by the growth of College Station and of Texas A&M, Banks clearly recalls when College Station was strictly a rural farming community and the University consisted of only a few buildings.

Banks, the father of seven children, describes himself as a "10th grade scholar." He said, "When I was growing up, education wasn't



Photo by FRANK IRWIN

70-year-old Charlie Banks stops traffic at the intersection of Jersey and Texas Avenue to allow students to cross Texas Avenue on their way to school.

as important as it is today."

One of the few problems Banks encounters as a crossguard is that "some of the college students, especially, think that they can cross the street without me. When a young child sees them going across they follow. I'm here for everyone's protection. I promise if everyone will be patient I'll get them across as soon as possible and much safer."

Banks said that another problem is that a lot of foreigners

don't understand English. "They can't read my stop sign and they think I'm going to mug them or something when I come up to their car."

Banks advises mothers and teachers to remind their children everyday of the danger of cars. "You can never tell them enough to look both ways before crossing every road," he said.

Banks said he plans to work, "as long as I can still get out of the road quick enough."

# Murder victim will finally be buried after 20-year search for his killer

United Press International

HOUSTON — Several lawmen, a medical examiner, a reporter and a judge brought together by the death of a man they never knew now will serve as his pallbearers — 20 years after he was murdered.

A farmer found the body June 11, 1964, about 5 miles north of Richmond on the edge of Farm Market 369. The man had been dead only a few hours. His head was cut off at the shoulders, his hands severed at the wrists and his legs sheared off at the knees.

The rest of the man's body never was found. He never was identified and never claimed. Leads in the case have slowed to a trickle, and Harris County Medical Examiner Dr. Joseph Jachimczyk recently suggested he be buried.

Jachimczyk, a Catholic deacon, will conduct the ceremony Wednesday in Richmond. Pallbearers will be Lt. R.L. "Tiny" Norton, who was Fort Bend County sheriff when the murder occurred; Cecil Wingo and David Gary, investigators in Jachimczyk's office; Texas Ranger Milton Wright; former newsman Will Sinclair; and Sam Robertson, an associate justice of the 14th Circuit

Court of Civil Appeals, who was a prosecutor in 1964.

The murder victim was dubbed Stubby by the men who tried to find his killer. There were few clues to his identity — he was Caucasian, around 50 years old, about 5-foot-6 and 160-175 pounds.

He had a fractured sixth right rib, some adhesions on his lungs and a cyst.

"We did not find a cause of death in the part of the body that we'd gotten," Jachimczyk said. "We obviously know this is a homicide, but we don't know the cause of death."

Stubby was embalmed and kept in a refrigerated vault in the county morgue. Many people viewed the torso, but he never was identified. One woman who claimed she knew the man later recanted her identification.

"We had numerous people that tried to claim or identify him, but we never were able to determine just who he was," Norton said. "We were able to determine a hell of a lot of people who he wasn't."

That apparently was the reason the body was dismembered, and Norton and Jachimczyk believe the murder was a mob killing.

"At that time they were having quite a bit of underworld problems up north, and my own personal opinion is that he was found down here by some of the mobsters and assassinated," Norton said.

"This has all the earmarks of a gangland killing and a deliberate attempt that the body be found immediately, but not be identifiable," Jachimczyk said.

The man's legs may have been removed because they could have provided a clue to his identity beyond footprints — a scar or tattoo or deformity of the leg below the knee.

Officials had planned all along to bury Stubby, Jachimczyk said, but investigators involved in the case were convinced a solid lead would be found. One assistant medical examiner who since has died once vowed he would not die until he had identified Stubby.

"We had intended to do that (burial) all along, but we had constantly worked on it off and on and we still had hope," he said. "We've exhausted all leads. We followed many, many leads over the years. We think we've gotten as far as we can, and we hopefully now can give him a Christian burial."



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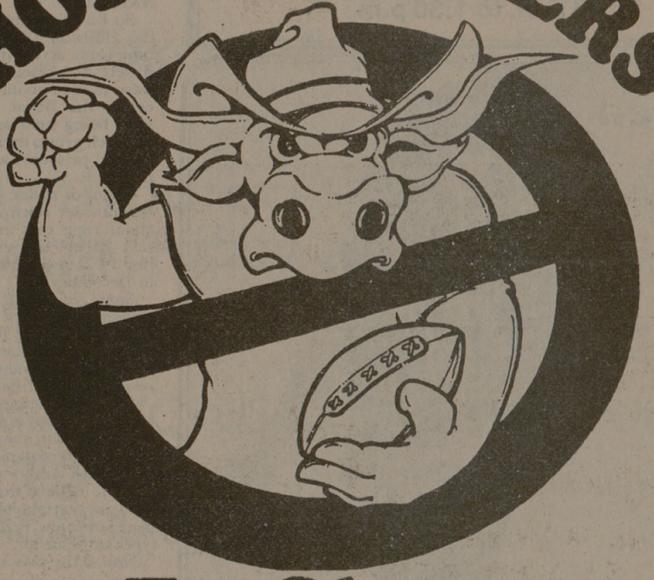
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