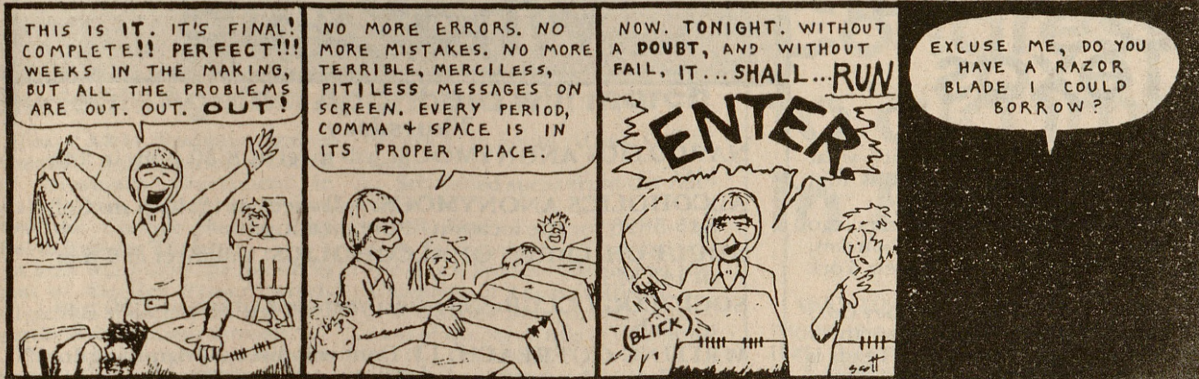


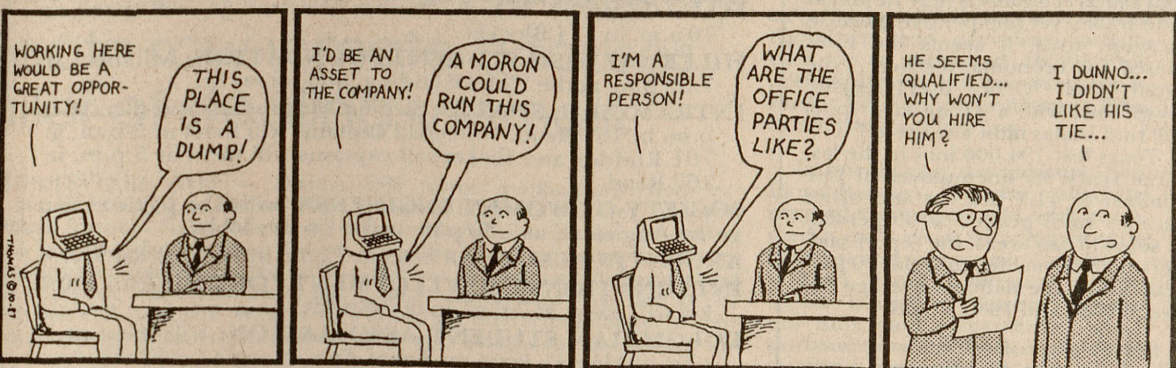
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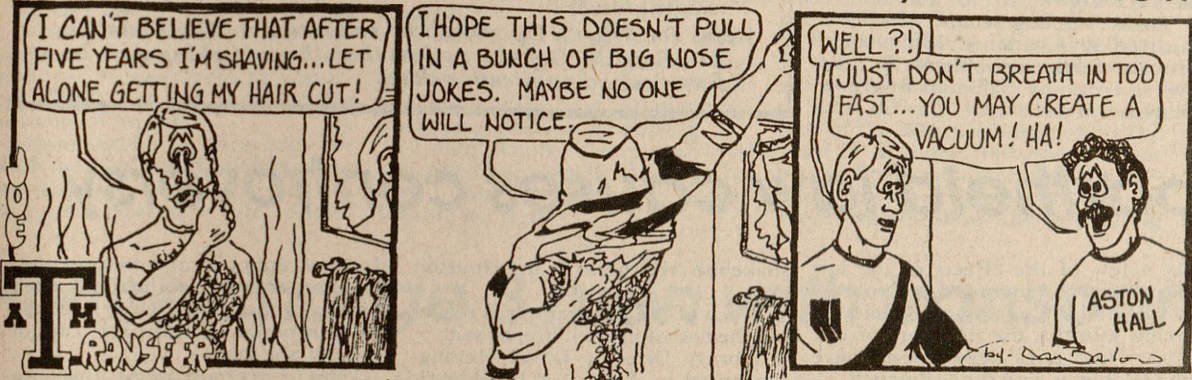
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Bonfire gets into full swing as redpots oversee cut site

Seniors ask fellow students for help in work

By Jamie Russell
Reporter

The spirit of "bonfire '87" is in full swing with the Aggie redpots clearing the way.

Noon Wednesday at the biweekly Lambda Sigma Fountain Forum, eight senior redpots spoke to fellow Aggies on behalf of the Texas Aggie bonfire.

"There are only two complaints about bonfire," said Andy Townsend, one of the eight senior redpots. "The first is it's bad bull to kill trees. The second is it affects the grades of those who work on bonfire (because it requires so much of their time)."

But this year the cut site is located on a future mining operation site, so the trees must be cleared off the land anyway, Townsend said.

As for grades, last year the grade-point ratio of the people in charge of bonfire was 2.80, he said.

The eight senior redpots ultimately are in charge of the bonfire, which is being constructed on Duncan Field.

They make all the decisions and are in charge of the eight junior redpots — their "sons" — who are in charge of actually building the bonfire, obtaining the equipment and directing the people who are working on the stack.

Scott Mallory, a senior redpot and head stack, said, "We train the junior redpots to be next year's senior redpots."

The head stack oversees the work of the senior redpots.

Five senior coordinators, known as brownpots, act as mediators between the senior and junior redpots. Like the junior redpots, they also are responsible for equipment and the actual building of the bonfire.

Every dorm has a yellowpot and crew chiefs who are in charge of organizing their residents and getting them out to bonfire.

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— Ned Murphy, a senior redpot

The yellowpot is in charge of the whole dorm while each floor has a crew chief.

In addition, commanding officers in the Corps are in charge of getting each unit in their outfits involved with building the bonfire.

The redpots say they encourage everyone to participate in the bonfire action, including students who live off campus and women.

"The big misconception about bonfire is only Corps of Cadet members and students on campus build bonfire," Scott Chapman, a senior redpot, said.

Sharon Walker, a sophomore in general studies, said she enjoys working on bonfire.

"It's a blast," Walker said. "I love it. I wouldn't do it if I didn't love it."

Senior redpots taught a one-hour safety class before the first bonfire cut Oct. 3, and a safety class lasting 15 minutes also is being offered at the cutting site during cutting hours, usually 8 a.m. to dark.

The class covers the basics of cutting trees and is a requirement for anyone working at the site. Townsend said that unless a person attends one of the classes and is issued a safety card, he cannot work at the cutting site.

Mallory said, "Our job is mainly safety and a good time."

Every year many students come out to join in the age-old Aggie tradition.

Mike Guerra, a senior redpot, said, "Old Ags donate time, services, equipment and money to the bonfire cause."

Former students contribute about 90 percent of the money for bonfire, Townsend said.

But current students actually build bonfire and contribute long hours of hard work accompanied by high spirit.

Ned Murphy, a senior redpot, said, "Not only do you build bonfire, but you also build friendships. It is one of the best times to get to know the people in the Corps as real people."

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