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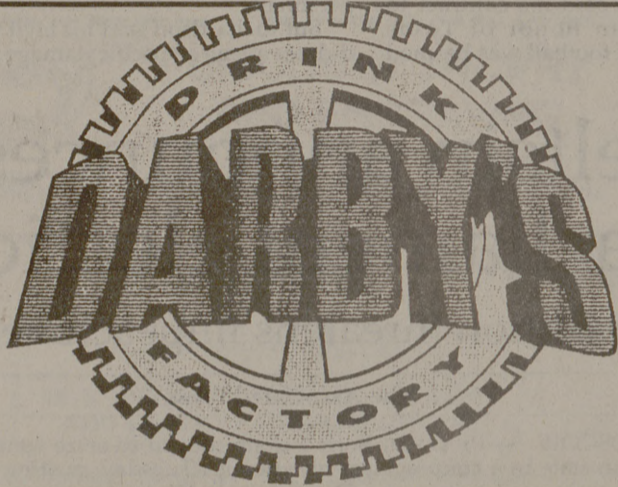
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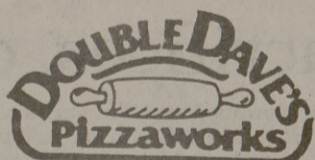
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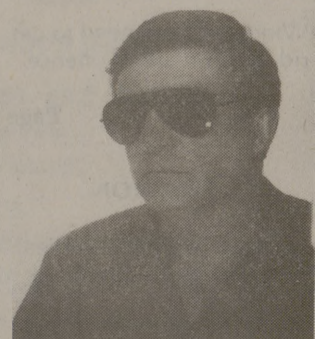
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Wednesday, September 22, 1993

Class of '64 to receive gift of Bonfire

1963 celebration cancelled after JFK assassination

By Kim McGuire

THE BATTALION

If the Texas A&M University Senior Class Council has its way, the Class of '64 will return to campus Nov. 24 to celebrate the Bonfire they never had.

Nearly 30 years ago, Bonfire was cancelled because of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

It was the only time during its 80-year history that Bonfire did not burn.

Senior Class Vice President Michael Crain said the council will invite the Class of '64 to participate in Elephant Walk and Bonfire. He said the council has discussed several plans and are looking for support from the administration, student body and all those involved

with Bonfire. "We want to get the people who work on Bonfire to support the invitation," Crain said. "Nothing is final but everyone seems to be excited about the possibilities of the Class of '64 returning. To me, sharing bonfire with them is what being an Aggie is all about."

Crain said Class Council Service Co-Chairmen Cynthia Hernandez and Barrett Fromme proposed inviting the Class of '64 back during a class council meeting in early September.

Hernandez said she imagined the Class of '64 returning after having lunch with a friend and her father, a member of that class.

"We were driving past the bonfire sight and he mentioned how he never had a bonfire because Kennedy had been assassinated," Hernandez said. "I was thinking to myself how I would feel if our class' bonfire was cancelled. A big part of their senior year was taken away from them."

Hernandez said some of the ideas she and Fromme have proposed include a joint picnic for the Class of '64 and '94 on the day of Elephant Walk, inviting a member of the Class of '64 to speak at Elephant Walk kick-

off and at Bonfire.

John Gabbert, '64 Class Agent, said the class is ecstatic about the invitation.

"I think this is the most unbelievable, unselfish, considerate gift someone could give," Gabbert said. "I've got to give the Class of '64 credit for this fantastic idea. I can't think of anything better than a mini-reunion."

Gabbert said the campus was numbed upon learning of Kennedy's assassination.

"All the students were drained of emotion after we heard about it," Gabbert said. "No body had the stomach to go through with it."

Senior Class President Chad King said Mike Marlow, Class of '64 head yell leader told him "It was the most we had to give, it was the least we could do."

Gabbert said he "felt cheated" years later because he never had a Bonfire.

"I didn't think it at the time but we never got to be seniors in a way," Gabbert said. "We never got to be the big shots."

King said the invitation is a good example of Aggie Spirit.

"There's no other school in the world where students would be concerned about students that graduated 30 years ago," King said.

Senate

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ty Senate meeting. The Faculty Senate itself has yet to approve the list.

The courses available include all language classes, women studies and study abroad

programs.

In addition, the committee amended the bill to require that at least 35 of the 261 classes not contain prerequisites.

"Some of the classes on the list are 300 to 400 level classes," Dale said.

"We were concerned that too many of these classes would delay freshmen on their degree tracks."

Dale said another amendment requires that at least 35 classes have multiple sections.

He said many of the senators have received calls in reference to the bill and said they are required to vote in reflection of their constituency.

If approved by the Student Senate, the A&M administration will rule on the bill.

Mideast

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level political game; one level of international politics and the other of domestic politics.

The domestic level played a large role in the creation of the treaty, he said.

Mintz said a wave of terrorist attacks in Israeli cities in March of this year and the Israeli response to those attacks brought the PLO to the brink of collapse.

Despite the parties' attempts for peace, Mintz said, "I expect the conflict between the

groups to continue for some time."

Mintz also said that he believes there will be little change in terms of daily life for Israelis and Palestinians.

"The Israelis actually face a different kind of threat now from Iran and other parties in terms of unconventional weapons," said Mintz.

Mintz said it is important that the Israelis now focus their attention toward that new threat.

The treaty has already gained support from most of the Arab nations and from a number of factions within the PLO.

But, Mintz said, there is still opposition

within the Gaza Strip and the West Bank.

Mintz said the stage of building trust has played an important role in the creation of peace in the Middle East.

But, the Israeli leaders are genuinely interested in helping the Palestinians to prosper in the Gaza Strip, he said.

Mintz said he is optimistic about the treaty, and will continue to be unless Iraq causes negative feelings in the area.

"The main question is whether or not other countries will contribute to keeping the peace," he said.

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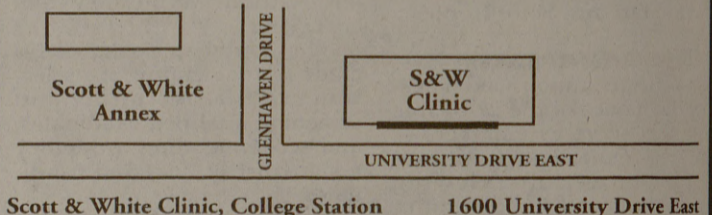
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