

Students prepare for Bonfire to burn ahead of scheduled Recon

By Susan Owen
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Bonfire workers are getting a head start on building this year's stack as they prepare for a Bonfire date several weeks earlier than usual.

Bonfire '94 will burn on Nov. 3, two days before the Texas A&M-University of Texas football game.

The game, traditionally held on Thanksgiving Day, was rescheduled after the NCAA handed out sanctions barring A&M football from television coverage during the 1994 season.

In cut class, Bonfire coordinators demonstrate how to cut a tree down safely with an ax and give other information on how to help build bonfire.

Michael Owens, a senior redpot who taught cut classes at the first session of Fish Camp, said the classes were very popular with the freshmen.

Owens estimated that 100 people attended each class. Three classes were held at each of the five sessions this summer.

"We gave some history of Bonfire and explained cut, load and stack," Owens said.

He said they also explained the Bonfire chain of command, in which eight senior and eight junior redpots are responsible for all students working on Bonfire. Six climbers and five brownpots also have specific duties at the cutting and stacking areas.

Buttpots coordinate vol-

unteers from each Corps of Cadets unit, and yellowpots are in charge of students from the residence halls and Off-Campus Aggies. All are identified by the color of their hard hat, or "pot." (Climbers wear gray and buttpots wear maroon.)

Owens said he thinks the early start will help pull more people out to work on Bonfire this year.

Cut classes for the rest of the student body will be held Sept. 6 and 7. The Corps will have a cut class on Aug. 31. All students who attend cut must have cut class stickers on their student I.D. cards.

Cutting will start Sunday, Sept. 11 and continue until Oct. 16. Students have been preparing the cut site, about 12 miles east of campus, for several weeks.

Owens said they have cleared roads and tractor paths, made a clearing for load site and established

which trees will be cut down. The Bonfire field on campus is also being prepared.

Brownpot Ian Hastings said Bonfire Committee members are wiring up generators to supply electricity for lights and speakers.

The shacks and trailer that house tools and equipment are already on the field.

"We're ready to go," Hastings said.

The centerpiece of bonfire will arrive Sept. 29, and when it is raised on Oct. 6, the process of stacking logs will begin.

Push, the period when stack workers begin continuous 24-hour-a-day shifts, will begin Oct. 19, two weeks before bonfire is lit.

Owens said although there is one less weekend for cutting, stack and push are the same length as they were last year.

"It's the same amount of time, it's just all moved up," he said.



The famous Texas Aggie Bonfire truck sits at the stack site in the Polo field on Northside of campus. A&M students have already begun to attend cut classes since the Bonfire date has been moved up several weeks to November 3.

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Sorority Rush '94 was a record 5 days long, giving one of the most successful Panhellenic Presidents in the history of the university. Beyer said this year about the rush week, "Chavez in the past, notice men once they sign orientation confer however, information automatically sent to freshmen and transfer students, she said. "We sent information to all freshmen and transfer students about 4,000 women. Chavez said the orientation not only put us with more women, but we also lowered them more

Student leaders meet with delegates from other Texas universities at Roundtable discussion

By Melissa Jacobs
THE BATTALION

The first Student Body President Roundtable discussion was held earlier this month to make plans for the upcoming Big 12 Student Body President Conference and to discuss issues of importance at Texas universities.

Brooke Leslie, student body president of Texas A&M University; Zach Brady, student association's president of Texas Tech; and John Black, student association's president of the University of Texas, met along with their appointed delegates at the University of Texas in Austin.

The Big 12 Conference will be held March 2 to 5 at Kansas State University and four students from each of the Big 12 universities will be attending.

"This will give us a chance to come together and share ideas," Leslie said. "It will give us the opportunity to get to know students from the other universities so we can work together."

Leslie said she plans to work with the other students on things such as campus security at football games and organizing welcoming committees and functions.

"We will also discuss varying issues," she said. "It will give us the chance to build bridges with students from other schools."

Krista Kirkland, vice president of public relations and marketing, accompanied

Leslie to the roundtable discussion.

Kirkland said she hopes to create friendships at the Big 12 Conference.

"It will be a bonding thing, and we'll discuss things that happen on campus," she said.

"We thought it was a good idea to invite the Big Eight schools because they let four new schools into their conference, and we want them to know we appreciate it."

Leslie said the roundtable discussion gave her a chance to get to know the other student body presidents which will have future advantages.

"A&M is very much lacking in Aggies who sit on the legislature in Austin," she said.

"Now, if A&M needs help from a legislator, I can call Zach and ask him to call one of his contacts in Austin."

Kirkland also said the roundtable discussion was very advantageous.

"We strengthened ties and now we can go into the Big 12 with ties of our own," she said.

The roundtable group also discussed the multicultural course curriculum issue.

"That was a very heated discussion," Leslie said. "I pretty much just told the other schools what we thought about the issue. We are the leaders of this issue and we told them where we came from and gave them our views."

Administrative relations was a major topic of discussion and Leslie said the

relations A&M students have with their administrators are far beyond those of other schools.

"We've always boasted of our relationships with administrators," she said.

The roundtable discussion resulted in a few changes concerning the Student Regent Bill, which began when A&M and the University of Texas got together to discuss the possibility of putting a student on each of the Board of Regents.

Efforts by the two schools to create a student regent position are still in the works.

"We are no longer going to support it through Austin," Leslie said. "We are going to do it locally."

Kirkland said the University of Texas, Texas Tech and A&M have different opinions about the bill.

"We discussed what would happen if we made a coalition with the Texas Student's Association," she said.

"All the president's had different opinions and some were very strong for it and some were very strong against it."

Kirkland said the structure of student government at each campus was also discussed.

Each student association is very different and we just compared and contrasted them," she said.

"We are very interested in the way the different governments run their elections since we are thinking of changing ours."

University officials looking to fill administration vacancies

By Jan Higginbotham
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Texas A&M University officials are busy trying to fill another vacant spot within the school's administration after Dr. A. Benton Cocanougher resigned from his position as interim senior vice president and provost in August.

President Ray Bowen said he expects to fill the vacant position this week. He has received recommendations for replacements from a selection committee made up of four faculty members and four college deans.

Cocanougher is returning to his former position as dean of the College of Business Administration.

Cocanougher said that when he took the position last August, it was with the understanding that he would only serve for a year.

"This is what I planned to do when I took the job," he said.

"I am looking forward to getting back to the College of Business. There are a lot of exciting things happening in the college," Cocanougher said.

Cocanougher said he thinks the year has been successful for him.

"When the University asked me to do this, I felt like it was important," he said. "It was certainly a busy year."

Cocanougher will be taking the place of Dr. Gary Trennepohl who has served as in-

terim dean of the College of Business Administration since Cocanougher left that position last year.

Trennepohl said he is pleased Cocanougher is returning.

"We (the College of Business Administration) appreciate that he was able to see the University," Trennepohl said.

"But from a selfish viewpoint we're looking forward to having him back in our college."

Trennepohl will return to his former position as associate dean of the College of Business Administration.

"It was a very good experience for me because I wanted to spend a year sitting in the dean's chair and to get a taste of the trials of tribulation the job," he said.

"We had a good year, but it will be nice to have him (Cocanougher) back."

Bowen said he was disappointed Cocanougher decided to leave his position.

"I talked with him about the possibility of staying in the position, but he wanted to return to his college," Bowen said.

"When he took the position he only committed to stay until the end of August."

"Dr. Cocanougher was in his position during a critical time for the University. He has done a wonderful job," he said.

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