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► What's Up?

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Career Center: There will be a Co-operative Education Orientation at 3:30 p.m. in 404 Rudder.

Il Circolo Italiano Di Tamu (Italian Club): There will be an informal get-together at 8 p.m. at the Copasetic Cafe. For more information, call Rachel at 847-2457 or e-mail r-grasso@tamu.edu.

Study Abroad Programs: There will be an informational meeting on your last chance to study abroad in Dominica — The Nature Island and earn TAMU credit from 4-5 p.m. in 358 Bizzell Hall West. For more information call 845-0544.

Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship: Come join us for praise and worship from 7-8 p.m. in 101 Heep. From there, we will leave for Bonfire. For more information call Nathan at 260-9143.

Valley Cyclery Bike Drive for Stillcreek Boys Ranch: Please drop old bikes off at Valley Cyclery. They

will be repaired and distributed to the boys at Stillcreek Ranch for Christmas. For more information, call Debbie Rodgers at 696-1065.

Comet Cleaners Coat Drive: Drop off your coats at any Comet Cleaners location and they will be cleaned and distributed to needy families. Comet Cleaners is located at 1712 Southwest Parkway in College Station or E. 29th Street in Bryan. For more information, call Debbie at 696-1065.

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What's Up is a Battalion service that lists non-profit student and faculty events and activities. Items should be submitted no later than three days in advance of the desired run date. Application deadlines and notices are not events and will not be run in What's Up. If you have any questions, please call the newsroom at 845-3313.

QUADFEST

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Tase Bailey, a sophomore aerospace engineering major, volunteered to help cook gumbo.

Bailey said Quadfest will tend the feeling of unity Bonfire provides to the student body.

"It (Quadfest) will add to spirit of unity and spirit of being together for Bonfire," Bailey said. "It will help us celebrate together as a University student body."

Slovacek's Sausage in S will provide the sausage used in the gumbo.

Half of Quadfest's proceeds will go to Aggie Bonfire, and the other half will go to a Corp Cadets scholarship fund.

A stage will be set up for entertainment in front of D. 4, unless the ground is too from recent rain. The entertainment will be moved to the of the Quad by the arches if stage cannot be set up.

Hay bales will be available for people to sit on while watching the entertainment.

UT

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Michelle Gajda, a sophomore anthropology major at UT, said Bonfire is a waste of time and resources. She said A&M students could better spend their time working for charity.

"Especially around the Christmas season, they could hold fund-raisers or donate the money they spend on beer and partying," Gajda said. "There are thousands of things to do."

Although she thinks Bonfire is a waste, Gajda said it is important for a school to preserve tradition. But she suggested that A&M and UT could use their rivalry to support their communities.

"If there has to be competition, maybe a better tradition would be to have UT and A&M compete for who can raise the most money or donate the most toys," she said.

Not all Longhorns, however, see Bonfire as "just another stupid A&M thing."

Marcus Elliott, a senior public relations major at UT, said he has friends at UT who attend Bonfire every year and love it as if it were a Longhorn tradition. And although lots of Longhorns think Bonfire is senseless, he said, Bonfire does not make any less sense than Hex Rally.

"Hex Rally could be considered stupid, too," Elliott said. "It was supposed to have been passed on to us from a witch, who told us that to win the football game we had to burn red candles the night before. I'd rather go to a Bonfire, where there are more people."

Elliott said he admires Bonfire's size and is amazed at how much media coverage the event gets each year.

"We never make national news for a Hex Rally," Elliott said. "We need something larger than our little Hex Rally. Maybe if we took a big candle and burned it in a field — there's got to be something."

But despite his admiration, Elliott has never been able to drag himself to College Station for the yearly tradition.

"I can't go to an Aggie event," he said.

But hundreds, if not thousands, of UT students will make the trek into town tonight to see if what they've heard about

Bonfire is really true. And them will be Kevin Babin, a freshman physics major who loves Bonfire because it is a unified morale booster.

"It does symbolize a burning desire to beat the out of UT," Babin said. "UT had something similar. Rally is pretty weak."

Babin said the schools shouldn't keep Longhorns enjoying Bonfire.

"It transcends the rivalry," Babin said. "I know a good thing I see one."

But even this Longhorn fire fan, who is planning to join a fraternity next semester, found something he like about the event. He asked how he felt about the UT fraternity house — the placed atop Bonfire right it burns, Babin said he was confused.

"I'm not really sure what would have to do with Bonfire or the game," he said. "It's too positive."

No matter what the "tea" think, Bonfire supporters continue to defend the tradition they hold so dear.

Aaron Flautt, an A&M civil engineering major who Bonfire baby brownpot, said event is not a waste because it embodies Aggie spirit. He said although Aggies could spend their time and money on other activities, as suggested, Bonfire exists as a privately-funded effort with a major purpose — to symbolize the desire to beat UT.

"This (equipment and supplies) is all donations," Flautt said. "The money is given by people who want to see the fire put up."

As for the "frat house" of the stack, Flautt said he has nothing wrong with including as part of the Bonfire tradition.

"It's the way it started, it's the way we'll keep it," he said.

Of course, UT students come share Bonfire, Flautt said, but he wants them to respect the event by not jeering or otherwise belittling A&M traditions. The Aggies, Flautt said, are sure to keep up with many Longhorns just don't understand about A&M — mostly and age-old rivalry.

"Isn't that what spirit of animosity to have the rivalry?"

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