



Aggie Traditions Are Unique

Since A&M was established in 1876, its customs and traditions have grown to help make this school one of the most nearly unique in the world.

For the past 84 years customs and traditions have come and gone at A&M, some remaining only a few weeks while others have lasted nearly the whole time. It is these which make the school rich in its heritage.

Probably the first tradition and one of the most important is that "Once an Aggie always an Aggie." The class of 1880, first to graduate is said to have inaugurated it to promote school spirit. Today as we Aggies travel around the country we often meet one of these Aggies from older classes who inevitably greets us as a long lost brother and goes all out to make us feel at home. This custom of sticking together is now world known, and wherever two Aggies meet, no matter what their ages, there is sure to be much handshaking and back slapping.

Speaking
Another great custom at Aggie-land is speaking to and meeting everyone you come in contact with. This custom isn't as old as most of us may think. F. J. Mikeska, '28, now an engineer in Shreveport, La., says when we went to school here nobody spoke as they do now. This has changed now, however, as you all so well know.

Fish Polishing 'Sully'

One of the many traditions at A&M is the polishing of the statue of Lawrence Sullivan Ross, father of A&M, located in front of the Academic Building, by freshmen members of the Corps of Cadets.

The familiar "howdy" rings throughout the campus.

Another tradition which dates well back into the beginning of the school is the custom of the senior ring. The first Aggie senior ring was worn by the class of 1894. The design has changed very little, so today we still wear the ring designed by that class.

The tradition of class distinction stems from the military training at A&M. The adage "rank hath its privileges" is very true here. The senior is the top dog and his word is law. The junior enjoys some prestige over the sophomore and the "fish" who are low men on the ladder. By the way "fish" is the name given the freshmen by one of the classes in the 1880's which one is not exact. The "fish" catches all the little messy jobs and lives only for the next year.

Separate Language

The Aggie has a language all his own. A person eating in one of the cadet mess halls would likely starve unless initiated in the Aggie mess hall slang. For example meat is called "bullneck," butter is "grease," beans, "artillery;" dessert "cush;" and syrup "reg," a term which stemmed from the early 20th century cadets' name of "regulator" given syrup, because it was then sent in big 100 pound barrels. By the time the cooks reached the bottom of the barrel, fermentation had set in and made

it a very effective laxative.

Other terms which are familiar to the Aggie are "Bull," which means one of the Army officers stationed here to teach military science; "the gate," meaning the North gate business district; and one of the most important words to every Aggie—"sack," meaning his own bunk where he catches as catch can, 40 winks.

The Corps Trips are another tradition which is of long standing. Today the Corps Trips are made by automobile to the cities to watch football games, but in the early days the school would rent a train and the entire Corps would pile in and chug away to the game.

There are many traditions involving Corps Trips. One of the most widely known is the Twelfth Man tradition. It started in 1922 when the Aggies played a football

game against Centre College in Dallas. The opponents were tearing the Ags up and the reserves on the Aggie bench were fast dwindling away. When the coach was down to his last reserve a young sophomore named King Gill, who had worked out with the team several times dashed out of the stands where he was sitting and suited up. Gill didn't get to play but his gesture gave the school its famous tradition and today during the football game the entire student body, dates and anyone who happens to be in the Aggie section stand while the team is playing, ready to go in as the Twelfth Man.

Another Corps Trip tradition which is not as pleasant as the Twelfth Man tradition concerns the trip to Waco, for the Baylor game in the 20's. During the game

there was a fight between several of the students from both schools. In the fight an Aggie was killed accidentally by a thrown chair. The entire Corps left the game, stole the train they had come from college on, and returned to A&M to load up the cavalry and artillery. The Aggies worked all night loading the train with the small army of cadets in full battle dress, with the intent of going back to Waco and leveling the campus of Baylor. The Governor called out the National Guard however, and the train was stopped before it got to Waco. For this reason there has never been another Corps Trip to Baylor and there probably never will be, such is the bitterness over the event.

Another custom at A&M is Final Review, which is held on the last day before final exams in the

Spring. At this time the Corps stages a full dress review on the main drill field. After once passing by the reviewing stand under the command of the seniors the command is turned over to the juniors, next year's seniors and they march by saluting the graduating seniors.

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COLLEGE HEIGHTS ASSEMBLY OF GOD 9:45 A.M.—Sunday School 1:00 A.M.—Morning Worship 6:30 P.M.—Young People's Service 7:30 P.M.—Evening Worship BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH (Missouri Synod) 8:15 A.M.—Morning Worship 9:30 A.M.—Church School 10:45 A.M.—Morning Worship UNITARIAN FELLOWSHIP 9:30 A.M.—Church School, YMCA 8:00 P.M.—Ecc. Sunday-Fellowship Meeting, YMCA	A&M CHRISTIAN CHURCH 8:30 A.M.—Coffee Time 8:45 A.M.—Sunday School 11:00 A.M.—Morning Services ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH 8:00 A.M.—Holy Communion 9:15 A.M.—Family Service 11:00 A.M.—Sermon 7:00 P.M.—Evening Prayer A&M PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 9:45 A.M.—Church School 8:45 A.M.—Morning Worship	OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH 9:30 A.M.—Bible Classes for all 10:45 A.M.—Morning Worship Holy Communion First Sunday Each Month FAITH CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 9:15 A.M.—Sunday School 10:30 A.M.—Morning Worship 7:30 P.M.—Evening Service FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH 9:40 A.M.—Church School 11:00 A.M.—Worship 8:15 P.M.—Training Union 7:15 P.M.—Worship



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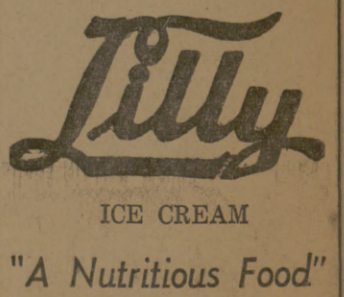
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Day	Book	Chapter	Verses
Sunday	Ecclesiastes	3	16-17
Monday	II Corinthians	11	29-30
Tuesday	Ecclesiastes	9	9-10
Wednesday	Hebrews	13	17
Thursday	II Corinthians	5	11
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All freshmen under 21 years of age at the time of entrance are required to complete four semesters of physical education.

Students who have completed as much as one year of active military service are exempt from this requirement.

C. E. Tishler, head of the Department of Health and Physical Education, urges physical fitness to everyone and says it is extremely important to college students.

"Our purpose," he says, "is to teach knowledge and skills of several adult recreative activities so that students will keep physically fit in college and in later life."

Physically handicapped students and those recovering from an illness or an operation, unable to participate normally in physical activities, are required to take adapted sports. This is an individual program working closely with the college hospital in prescribing exercises to strengthen each student's particular weakness, according to Tishler.

Students unable to pass the

prescribed swimming test, which is given before registration, are required to register for elementary swimming instruction.

All gym clothes, except shoes, are furnished by the department. Tishler said that clean uniforms are available at all times, even during the student's most active day.

Freshmen may register for badminton, basketball, bowling, boxing, conditioning, diving, fencing, golf, gymnastics, handball, soccer, speedball, swimming, tennis, volleyball, weight training or wrestling. No student is permitted to repeat an activity unless he fails it.

An \$8 fee is paid to the department the first week after registration by all students using the clothing facilities. Students taking bowling or golf do not pay the clothing fee but pay an \$8.50 bowling fee or a \$3 golf fee.

Thirteen full-time instructors and one graduate student, all experienced and capable teachers, according to Tishler, make up the department's teaching staff.

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