

Aggie Jokes—Again And Again

A Few Words Of Kindness For The Aggies

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With autumn comes delights of the season: cooler weather; property tax notices from city, county, and school district; more clothes on girls; runny noses; football games; migrating geese—and the piece-de-resistance, new Aggie Jokes!

Sometimes it seems the young men who are denizens of that cultural center in the Brazos bottoms don't quite get the press they deserve. Sports writers seem to break out their sharpest knives after an Aggie defeat—and heaven knows that's almost a constant condition!

And those Aggie Jokes—no matter where, or who, or when, they crop up!

We remember sitting one night by the body of a late departed Aggie, who for fifty-odd years had been the number one target of those jokes in his home town. Sure enough, before 11 p.m., some character had already broken out several Aggie Jokes, and the rest of the night was about as successful as such an occasion can ever be.

Actually, Texans owe a great deal to AggieLand. If you took the Aggie out of Texas humor, about forty percent of the jokes in barber shops, drug stores, hardware emporiums, and dusty street corners would be gone.

The jokes are usually short enough for any Texas-Ex to remember, which means they're brief, man, brief!

They're simple enough for a Baylor or SMU or Rice or TCU man to master. They're clean enough, generally, for most audiences.

And, in some instances, they're pretty good.

And Aggies, since they're notoriously touchy about their Alma Mater, always respond with such anguish and pain, that it's more fun to needle one of them than it is to sass your wife, or snap back at the boss.

It may not be safer, but it's

more fun. And the damage is usually not as lasting.

One newspaperman several years ago pointed out that the intense feeling of Aggies is due to the fact, said he, that A&M is the only school in Texas that gives a four-year course in school spirit.

No one appreciates Aggie Jokes any more than you do—unless it's us.

But, once in a while somebody, somewhere, sometime—who wasn't an Aggie in any way ought to say a few kind words for the Aggies.

So here they are:

Many a very poor Texas boy went to A&M because it was the school that for many years was inexpensive enough—and offered enough work opportunities—for that young man to attend. Maybe that's one reason that a lot of now successful Aggies look back with nostalgia and fondness, to the college that gave them their chance for a better deal in life.

And no one tells Aggie Jokes at the entrance to the Memorial Student Center.

All you have to do is start reading the names on the bronze plaque at the entrance—the long, long, long, tragic list of those young men who left A&M filled with the joy and excitement of life, only to lose that life later on in Europe, or the Pacific Theater of war.

And no one who knows the war record of A&M graduates, and who reflects on this tough, mean world—and the price that each generation of Americans pays just to live in it—can find much to joke about in that area.

And the way the flag is carried at A&M beats the way placards are waved at some institutions.

And one thing, at A&M, those cadets at least look bathed and shaved. Some of the weirdies one sees at other intellectual mills these days look very much like something left over. But one wonders why!

And it's right pleasant to hear: "Yes, Sir," instead of "Well, Yo! Daddio"

No, friend you're wrong! We didn't graduate from A&M. We finished up at a college where nobody particularly seemed to care. And you hear very few jokes about THAT institution!

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There was this fellow who wanted to buy a new brain.

Why, the story doesn't say, but he went to this cold storage vault where brains were sold. All the brains were displayed in small compartments. There were Harvard University brains, \$250 per pound; University of California brains, \$250 per pound; MIT brains, \$250 per pound and Texas A&M brains, \$5,000 per pound.

The man was startled. He couldn't understand why Texas A&M brains cost so much, so he asked the man who sold the brains.

The seller replied: "Did you ever think how many Aggies it takes to get a pound of brains? Then there was this Aggie who went into a restaurant and ordered a pizza.

"You want it cut in six or four pieces?" the shopkeeper asked.

"I don't know?" said the Aggie. "Better make it four pieces I don't think I could get six."

Those are just two ways to win University of Texas friends and make Aggie enemies fast.

But for some reason jokers just can't resist the temptation to poke fun at the Aggies. A San Angelo advertising firm would like to change all this.

The way to do this, says San-Tex Advertising is: "Tell a joke! About the University of Texas... a public service to Texas Aggies."

The billboard went up about a

week ago, just for fun, says Bob Miller, manager of the firm and incidentally, a Texas Tech man. "We felt that Aggies always get the worst of the jokes," Miller said. "We're trying to make a counter movement by urging people to tell a joke about the University of Texas."

Miller, however, admitted that he knows only one University of Texas joke. "And that's not going to go in the paper."

And Miller's found out that few people know University of Texas jokes.

"Every time I ask someone if they have heard a good UT joke," Miller said, "they say, 'No but have you heard the one about the Aggie...'"

This seems to be the way it is with most jokers, even Aggie humorists Glenn Warren and Glenn W. Lewis who seem to have a million of 'em.

Neither knew a printable UT joke, but like attorney Lewis said, "I know a good Aggie one."

Lewis' favorite is about an Aggie and a monkey who were sent up together in a rocket.

"About every five or 10 minutes the monkey would call down to mission control and ask for instruction," teapiser Lewis said. "Mission control would give it instruction to do this or that.

"This went on four or five hours. Finally, the Aggies picked up the mike and called mission control, asking for instructions. There was a long pause on the other end, then a voice replied, 'Feed the Monkey.'"

Warren's favorite takes place

in a big company. "Everybody got 15-minute coffee breaks, except the Aggies," Warren said. "The Aggies protested about it, but the management said, 'We can't let you have more than five minutes. If we do, it takes us the rest of the day to get you retrained.'"

Johnny Bonner, president of the Tom Green County Aggie exes, claimed this sort of joking hurts A&M.

"We talk to high school graduates every year," said Bonner, "and the biggest thing they're concerned about are the jokes."

But Miller's campaign may go unappreciated by some Aggies. It seems some like the jokes.

"They don't shame me about their Aggie jokes," said San Angelo Alton McEver. "I think

it's wonderful. I think they're putting A&M in the spotlight. It doesn't insult me at all. There's more prestige to it than anything else."

But whenever a UT man tells McEver an Aggie joke, he doesn't let him go away laughing at his own humorism.

"I get back at them," McEver said. "I ask what those two fingers stand for. They say, 'Hook 'em horns.' I say, 'No, that means number two in the conference.'"

And then some Aggies have another way of getting back at the "Teasippers."

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