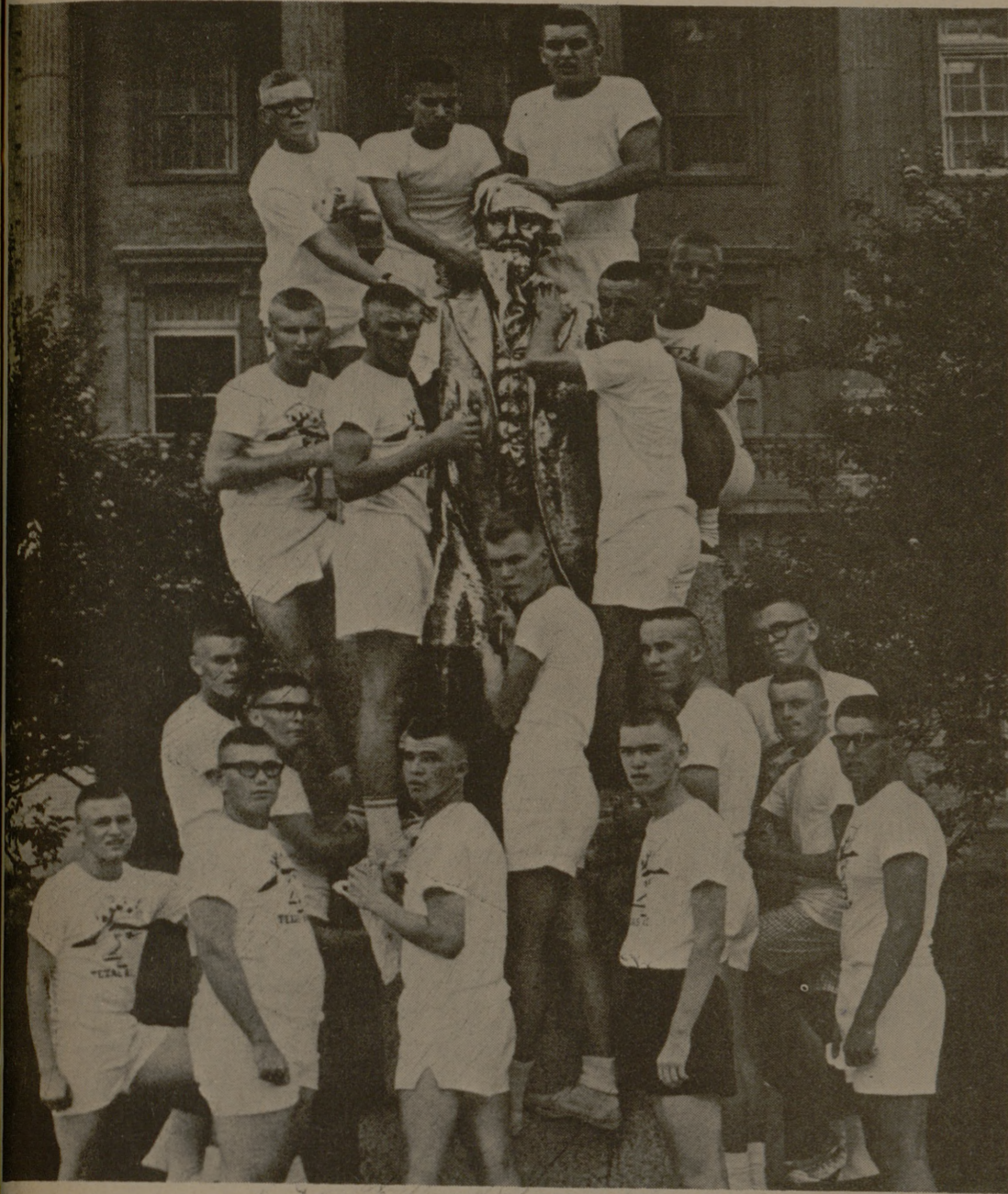


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Traditions Vital Part Of A&M Life***Fish Find Spirit
Molds Character***

Traditions form the basis of life at Texas A&M and you, as an entering freshman, will come in contact with many of them.

Many of the traditions are as old as the school itself, while some are temporary. Most of all, they are all important milestones on the way to becoming an Aggie.

Probably the first tradition, and one of the more important ones, is "Once an Aggie, always an Aggie." The Class of 1880, first to graduate, is said to have inaugurated it to promote school spirit.

As Aggies of today travel around the country, they often meet one of the A&M men from older classes who inevitably greet them as long-lost brothers and go all out to make them feel at home.

This custom of sticking together is now known the world over, and whenever two Aggies meet, no matter what their ages, there is sure to be much handshaking and backslapping.

Texas A&M, of which you, a freshman, will soon be a part, has long been known for the gallant fighting spirit, which Aggies always display.

You too will soon feel this spirit, and you will make it a part of your daily life. It is this spirit that inspires all, A&M men with the feeling of unity and devotion to their school.

It is the spirit gained through hard work and loyalty to the school, and it attaches itself so firmly to men of A&M that they carry it with them the rest of their lives.

The Aggie spirit helps to mold a man's character. The things he does and the manner in which he lives with his fellow students make a permanent impression on him. As an individual, he works for the good of A&M, and by his actions and influence, he aids others to do the same.

The Aggies who have been here before you have been responsible for preserving the best in our Aggies traditions and you, too, will be responsible to pass them on, untarnished.

The respect that you hold for being an Aggie and the way you treat your fellow Aggies will be a reflection of your Aggie spirit.

As you gain a knowledge of the traditions of A&M, you will become a part of it and learn its greater meaning. You will feel that you are a part of a something greater and larger than yourself, something noble and moving.

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