

Building spirit is only part of yell leader job

By SALLY HAMILTON

TAMU yell leaders do a lot more than yell. Much of the student body only sees the yell leaders arousing spirit at athletic functions, but they have many other responsibilities.

"Our main responsibility rests with the students," says Head Yell Leader Griff Lasley. "Our responsibilities begin in the summer. I began the year working

out with the football team. It's important to work with them, to know that they are people too. We then can relate better to the student body, than to just start out cold and have no feeling for it."

The yell leaders have as part of their responsibilities the duties to decide upon and handle their own budget. The greatest part of the yell leader budget goes to Bonfire. Expenses run from per-

sonal expenses to having money to care for Reveille, the school mascot. The Athletic Department also helps with expenses for shoes and sweaters.

Yell leaders co-ordinate between the student body and the athletic department.

"We co-ordinate things like the spirit line between Henderson Hall and Kyle Field and the Boot Line at half-time," said Bobby Sykes, senior yell leader. "A

thing that is real insignificant, or may seem so, but is very important, is that it is our responsibility to see that the gates of Kyle Field are unlocked for Midnight Yell Practice."

"Our influence is probably felt more at basketball games than any other time," said Lasley. He spoke of the responsibility of a yell leader to maintain order and an air of good sportsmanship in the student spectators. "When

there is something like booing present, that's when we have to exhibit leadership and presence of mind," said Lasley.

One of the responsibilities of an Aggie yell leader is to set an example, and to stress the good merits of an Aggie.

"There are certain traditions to be upheld," commented Mark McLean, senior yell leader, "the idea for instance that Aggies stick together, especially when

they graduate from here.

"You cannot come out with political viewpoints," he continued, "because that is not your capacity as a yell leader. A yell leader is elected to represent the student body."

"We as yell leaders must strive to get the student body to realize what is and what would be good for the Aggie spirit," added Sykes. "The yell leader does not lead the student body in yells, but

leads the yells of the student body. He should be a man of strong character, because he reflects a student body that is strong in character."

"I hate to see the contest for yell leader become a popularity contest," said Lasley. "I'd much rather see them elected on the love for A&M and desire to be better sportsmanship than on being able to tell a grody tale at Midnight Yell Practice."

Driving meet

Six winners led by George Martin captured trophies in the Texas A&M Sports Car Club autocross.

More than 30 drivers entered the Saturday event. The autocross was conducted on the parking lot across Wellborn Road from Kyle Field.

Martin, driving a Spitfire, posted the fastest time of the event. He turned the two-lap course in 1:09.5 minutes. Another Sports Car Club of America driver, Jim Ray, piloted his Porsche 911 the two circuits in 1:10.7. TAMSCC timed the course at 35 seconds a lap.

Martin and Ray won their respective classes. Cars were entered in classes according to cubic centimeters displacement.

The only woman entrant, Imogene Chamberlain in a BMW 2002, had the seventh best time, at 1:16.25. TAMSCC figured the autocross course for 35 seconds a lap.

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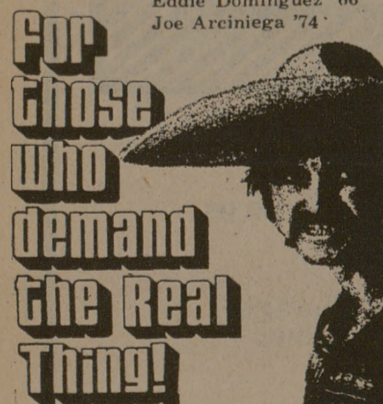


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