

Football attitude survey shows Aggies celebrate win by eating

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How did you celebrate A&M's football victory over Texas? If you are a male, a recent survey reveals that you most likely had few drinks and a big meal. Women had dinner and drank some booze, but not quite as much as the males.

A survey was taken this week regarding football attitudes. Two hundred students were polled, 100 males and 100 females. The sample consisted of all academic classifications but tended toward upperclassmen with a mean age of 21.48 years. The questionnaire was administered to various groups

around campus and contained 24 questions.

Ninety-four per cent of the males and 93 per cent of the females indicated that they enjoy football. Thirty-seven per cent of the sample had attended 5 or 6 Aggie football games with 16 per cent attending no games and 2 per cent attending ten games. Fifty-seven per cent of the males and 61 per cent of the females said that they attended the A&M/Texas game.

Twenty-eight per cent of the sample traveled home before the game and returned to see the game last Friday. Twelve per cent stayed in College Station to see the game and then went home. Twenty-seven per cent of the Aggies polled didn't go home at all.

After the A&M victory, 25 per cent of the respondents said they did not celebrate in any way. Four per cent reported getting drunk as a means of celebration. Twenty-eight per cent of the males and 16 per cent of the females drank some alcohol but did not get drunk. Twenty per cent of the sample had a victory dinner which was not a late Thanksgiving dinner, although many were probably giving thanks. Some male Aggies celebrated the victory in unique ways. One respondent wrote, "got drunk and smoked some dope with a few friends," and another, "I got a haircut and then went out for the evening with my girlfriend." One Ag wrote, "Kissed my date and went home." Others celebrated by studying or catching up on their sleep.

Some females celebrated in nostalgic ways: "roller skated," "cheered and argued with father about the game," and "got soda pop and cookies."

Before the game, 14 per cent of

the males and 26 per cent of the females expected Texas to win. At half time, only 4 per cent of the males and 7 per cent of the females thought Texas would win. Thirty-seven per cent of the sample watched the game on television while two per cent followed the event by listening to the radio. Three per cent of the sample did not pay attention to the game at all.

An overwhelming 97 per cent of the respondents wanted A&M to win the game.

Regarding tradition, 85 per cent of the students were disappointed that

the tradition of having a holiday on Monday following an A&M victory over Texas was officially canceled this year. A bold 23 per cent of the males and 13 per cent of the females decided to take the holiday anyway. Eighty-five per cent of the respondents want the traditional holiday reinstated in the future.

The questionnaire also asked students to rate their favorite football players. Ed Simonini was rated favorite by males by a ratio of two to one. The females also rated him most favorite. Both males and females

rated George Woodard as second favorite. Bubba Bean was considered third favorite by the sample. Males rated Garth Ten Napel fourth, Carl Roaches fifth and Skip Walker sixth favorite. Females thought Roaches to be fourth, Mike Jay fifth and Walker sixth.

Ninety-eight per cent of the males and 96 per cent of the females predicted the Aggies to beat Arkansas Saturday.

It looks like most A&M students consider the Aggies just about NUMBER ONE.

Breedlove's dismissal turned down

The Student Publications Board last night unanimously rejected a request that James Breedlove be dismissed as editor of the Battalion.

Proposals asking for Breedlove's dismissal were submitted by Tony Gallucci, former Battalion sports editor; James Crawley, former Battalion staff writer; and Jerry Needham, former battalion staff writer.

Gallucci's request was also signed by the Battalion's current city, campus, and sports editors.

The requests charged Breedlove with managerial incompetence and unprofessional conduct in breaking a reporter-editor confidence agreement.

"As far as I know there is no punishment for a breach of ethics," said Bob Rogers, chairman of the publications board and head of the journalism department.

There was also some question as to the Board's legal ability to dismiss Breedlove on the other charges presented.

It was the opinion of the Board that the requests for Breedlove's dismissal were based on personal differences of opinion about the paper's management and not on grounds serious enough for firing the editor.

"The basic question here is whether or not this Board believes the editor of the Battalion is free to be editor of the Battalion," Rogers concluded.

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C.S. zoning rejects sign

The College Station Zoning Board of Adjustment Wednesday turned down a request from the Black Diamond Sign Co. to erect another sign in the Redmond Terrace Shopping Center on Texas Avenue for Piggly Wiggly food store.

Representatives from the company told the board that its client had an earlier opportunity to place its name on the main detached sign but had failed to do so.

College Station's sign ordinance states that only one detached sign may be granted per building lot, regardless of the building lot's size. The board avoided setting a precedent for additional detached signs in area shopping centers by rejecting the request.

The city's development controls committee is presently looking into the possibility of amending the sign ordinance as well as other city ordinances.



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