

# Fall revives Aggie traditions

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The fall semester brings with it a full schedule of football games and high expectations for a conference championship. And with each season Aggies revive the many traditions of Texas A&M University.

A list of Aggie Traditions would trail off into infinity, if you could list them. Silver Taps, Muster, Elephant Walk, Senior Ring, the

Ross Volunteers, the Texas Aggie Band, yell practices, yell leaders, the Aggie War Hymn, Senior Boots, Bonfire, Reveille, and the Twelfth Man . . . the list goes on and on.

Silver Taps, Muster and the Senior Rings are traditions that hold throughout the school year.

Silver Taps is the memorial ceremony in which Aggies pay their respects to deceased students. Originally it was a service to pay homage

to cadets who had died, played by the lone corps bugler in front of Old Main hall. Today it is held in front of the Academic Building between the steps and the flag pole. The service begins at 10:30 and Taps is played very slowly. The deceased are saluted with 21 rifle shots by the Ross Volunteers.

Muster is the annual meeting of all Aggies, present and former to commemorate the school spirit and the passing of fellow Aggies.

The muster is set for April 21 each year, San Jacinto Day. The Senior Ring and Boots are symbols of hard years of work. The 1894 class was the first to have a class ring and it has changed little since then. On one side is the star of Texas and on the other, crossed rifles. The year of graduation and an eagle are engraved on the crest of the ring. The present ring is larger than the original ring.

Senior Boots have been worn by seniors in the Corps of Cadets since 1920 when the Corps changed their uniform.

Football season revives several Aggie traditions. The Texas Aggie Band, yell practices, yell leaders, humping it, the Aggie War Hymn, Bonfire and the Twelfth Man are a few.

The Texas Aggie Band is made up of male cadets. The band was first established as a 16-member group to support the football team. Joseph Holick organized the group after intercollegiate football began in 1894. The Block T is a formation the

band makes on the field at half time while marching in close file and playing the Aggie War Hymn.

On the eve of the Texas-Texas A&M football game in 1932, the first midnight yell practice was held. Today masses of Aggies follow the band to Kyle Field where the midnight yell practice is held.

During the game all Aggies stand to show their support for the team, following the Twelfth Man tradition. It was begun when in the Dixie Classic (now the Cotton Bowl) on Jan. 2, 1922 when Coach D. X. Bible called basketball player E. King Gill ('24) out of the stands to suit up as a substitute because of numerous team injuries. Gill stood on the sidelines throughout the game, but didn't play. His willingness to support his team is represented by the whole student body when they stand.

Aggies kiss their dates each time the football team scores, and this is considered one of the most popular traditions.

After the game, if the Aggie team wins, the yell leaders are thrown in a pool of water and then conduct another yell practice. If it is a loss, the students stay in the stands to do the yells to show the team that they still support them.

The fall semester is highlighted by the bonfire, which is built primarily by the freshman class. The bonfire was first built to celebrate a victory over the University of Texas but now it is an incentive to "beat the hell out of t.u."

## A bookstore that serves students

While Texas A&M is becoming one of the greatest universities in the United States, there is still a bookstore that believes in old-fashioned friendly service.

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Lou tries to stock as many used books as possible. To do so he trades with over 200 bookstores throughout the U.S. He feels that by buying used books students can save money. By dealing with a large number of bookstores, he can afford to buy all the students want to sell at the end of each semester.

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As student lifestyles have changed at Texas A&M, clothes styles have likewise grown more and more oriented toward casual comfort. In keeping with this trend, Lou carries a complete line of t-shirts in a wide variety of styles, colors and designs. He also has hundreds of t-shirt emblems so each student can customize his t-shirts to suit his own tastes.

The only thing Lou loves more than one Aggie is a whole bunch of Aggies, so he offers special discounts for groups ordering a large quantity of t-shirts. He takes group orders for special t-shirts, too.

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## Teenage slouch might be caused by disease

United Press International

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Your teenager's slouch may be aggravating, but it could be serious — concealing a disorder of the spine called scoliosis.

Approximately 20 million Americans have some form of scoliosis. If detected in early stages, this lateral curvature of the back can be treated and corrected.

"Fifty-five out of 1,000 people

have scoliosis," said Dr. Robert Winter, Gillette Children's Hospital medical education director. "Three out of 1,000 need treatment. This is what we are finding in the Minnesota school screening program, and it can be extended to the general population."

Normally the spine curves in and out. In scoliosis, it also bends from side to side. It's a disorder usually found during the beginning of the teen years.

A common sign is a high shoulder or hip, or the upper back may be more prominent on one side.

Bad posture habits among teenagers may camouflage the problem. Sometimes the first indication that something is wrong is when it becomes obvious clothing doesn't fit properly.

Parents who have watched their children's growth carefully through the early years find that in the teens, modesty and a strong sense of privacy don't lend themselves to easy observation of the child.

"It is important to detect scoliosis early so that the curve can be treated by a brace and surgery can be avoided most of the time," Winter said. "Also, if we detect it early, it is possible to avoid disability."

Scoliosis is about eight times more common in girls than it is in boys. And there is a tendency for it to run in families.

If you want to check for the disorder, have your child bend forward with his arms extended and hands touching. Any deformity of the spine will be accentuated in that position.

The study is funded by the Medical Education Research Account at Gillette. Honorariums received by doctors who perform surgery at the hospital go into the fund which is used to sponsor special projects and workshops and to provide special equipment.

Hope Binner, Winter's research assistant and herself a scoliosis patient, said many children with scoliosis are detected through the screening program in Minnesota schools.



The rush is on

The traffic on Rusk and Joe Rount streets by the Memorial Student Center succumb to the 5 o'clock rush hour. This scene depicts the

conditions of other streets during the hour on campus.

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## Advice on lease problems offered in 'survival manual'

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A lease is a legal, binding contract between landlord and tenant which describes the conditions under which a house, mobile home, apartment or room is rented.

The "Off-Campus Living Survival Manual" gives some of the following tips and legal advice about lease problems and obligations. The pamphlet has been prepared by the department of student affairs at Texas A&M University.

Once a lease is signed, you are obligated to fulfill it as is your landlord. Read your lease carefully.

Even though most apartment complex leases in this town are similar since most organizations are members of the Texas Apartment Association, don't assume they are all alike.

Don't sign a lease or contract with blank spaces. Obtain and keep for your files a copy of the lease that has been signed by the landlord.

Verbal leases are legally binding, but it is hard to prove the provisions of the contract. If your contract is oral, make sure you have at least one witness to the agreement.

If an oral provision is made to the signed written lease, initial that provision on the written lease. If a

verbal agreement is made, ask for a statement of agreement in writing.

Hassle-Free, a volunteer organization for off-campus students, has some sample leases and further assistance in the Student Legal Advisor.

Before signing an agreement, make sure all of the following are included:

- The name and address of the landlord.
- A description of the premises and the date you are using.

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## Scottish chemist researches plant

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Dr. Ian Scott was born in Scotland. He lived there until 1952 when he moved to Ohio State University to do post-doctoral work.

Scott is now on staff at Texas A&M University and says he is enjoying it. He speaks with a charming Scottish accent and watches his interviewer with kind brown eyes.

Texas A&M is enormous, he said. Scott said he is impressed with the work ethic here and has noticed that people are motivated and interested in their work. Back East some people are jaded about hard work, he said, but here people are enthusiastic about what they are doing.

"They (Texas A&M) offered me a position I really couldn't refuse," Scott said. "They gave me the opportunity to set up an interdisciplinary lab between biology and chemistry with all the modern instrumentation one could ask for."

We have a miniature factory for producing what we hope will interest those working with plants and organisms growing in fermentation conditions, he said.

Scott became interested in chemistry when he experimented with his chemistry set as a boy. He also had a science teacher in school who inspired him to be a chemist, he said.

Research projects are already underway, he said. These are work with vitamin B-12 relating to pernicious anemia, penicillin and other antibiotics, and some molecular biology in which they are working on a model to express the origin of life, he said.

Progress is very slow, Scott said. Most of his projects are set up to last for five years.

One major research area is a cancer problem. He is working with

the extract from a plant, which when refined and purified, is used in cancer therapy in cases of children's leukemia. The two compounds extracted, abbreviated VLB and VLC, are in continual demand, Scott explained, so they are working to produce more than the amount available from farms in Iowa.

The hope is that they can engineer this production so that all of it can be done in a factory, he said. This way they won't have to depend on the success of farms in Iowa.

Scott said that he remembers his first publication as a scientist as his greatest accomplishment.

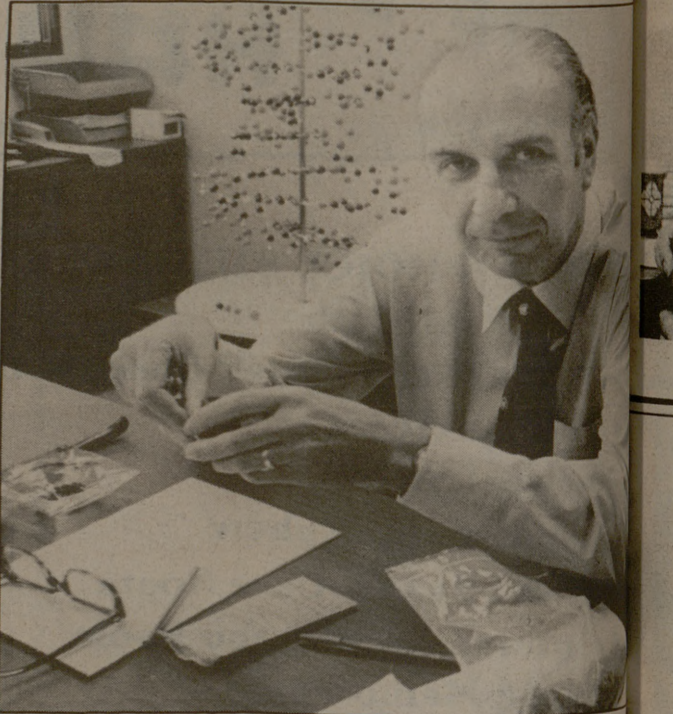
Since then he has been honored

many times and won many awards for greater work.

Scott finds it easy to relax with classical music. Mostly he listens to Mozart. Scott played the piano in an amateur group while in high school.

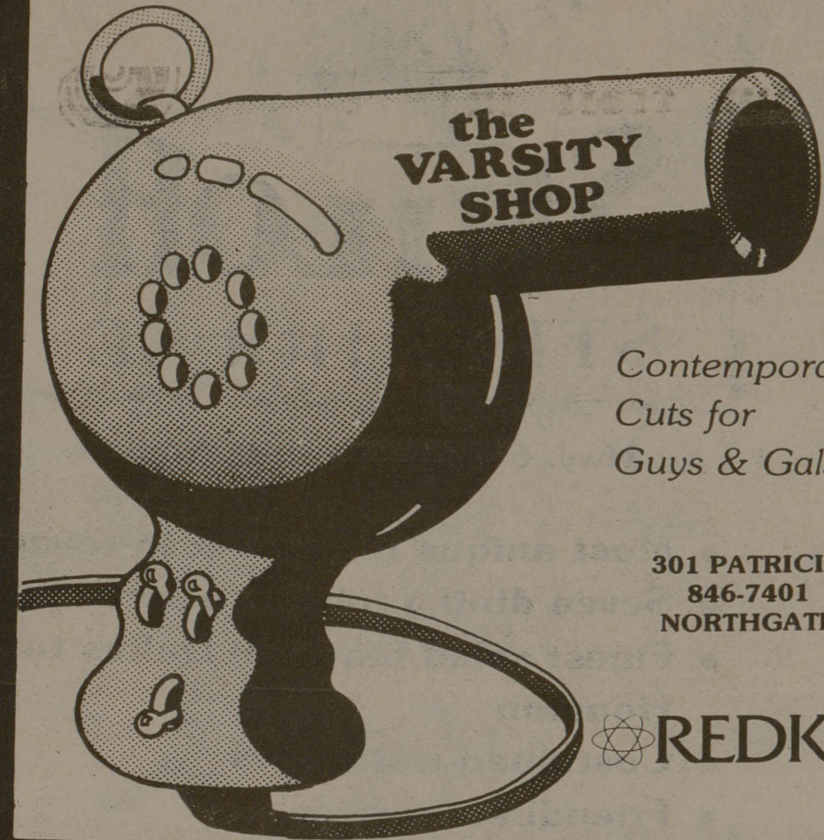
He has a son who is 24 and a daughter who is 20.

He said that he will be in the States this fall because of travel to Japan. When he returns he will be involved in the seminar. Scott said that he is scheduled to teach, he will graduate level courses.



Dr. Ian Scott

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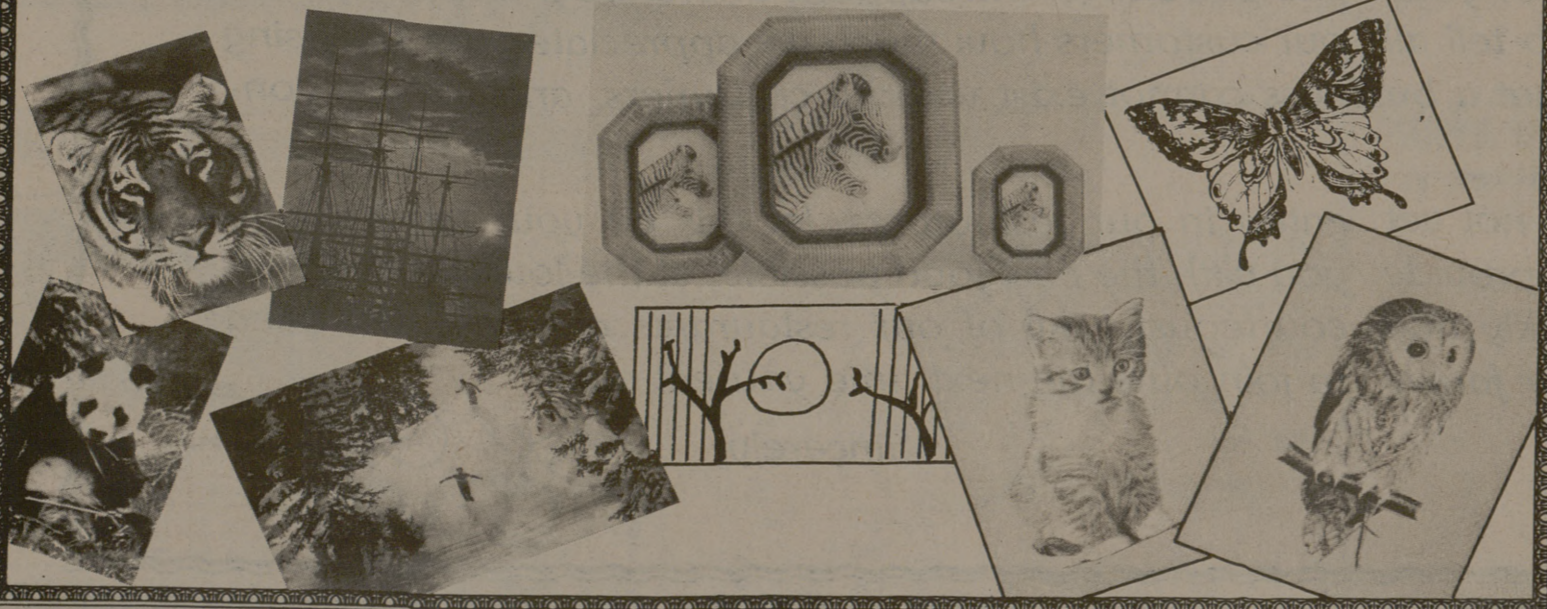
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