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# What is Aggie Spirit?

By LIZ NEULIN  
Ask an Aggie what the Aggie spirit is. It can be over the phone, in a plush office, on the sidewalk, in the Grove or in a classroom. The reaction is likely to be the same. A pause. A sigh. If he has a senior ring, he'll look at it. Then a quizzical look at the questioner. "Hum. You can't describe it."  
Outwardly, the manifestations of spirit are awesome, like the sight of 20,000 or 30,000 bodies "sawing varsity's horns off" as the Aggie band plays the War Hymn.  
Aggie spirit includes prohibiting other Aggies from crossing the football field at midnight yell practice or requiring the class number of push-ups. The spirit was also the reason given for tearing down a 100-year-old tree in Houston. Is Aggie spirit used as a cover for destructive pranks and actions? People aren't eager to say.  
"Collectively, I haven't seen much of a problem...sanity did prevail at the Rice game (four years ago). But it was a pretty sticky situation," said Dr. Carolyn Adair, vice president of student affairs.  
President Jarvis Miller does not

include destruction in his description of Aggie spirit. He defines it as "Comradeship, brotherhood and a close personal feeling toward another Aggie; basic. It's reflected, I think, in concern for other people."  
Miller, a 1950 graduate of Texas A&M, takes a philosophical approach to Aggie spirit and traditions: "What we need to try to do is look for basic, important traditions and strengthen them...don't get carried away on small things."  
Traditions and spirit seem to flow from the same unexplained source, and exposure to one generally leads to developing and protecting the other.  
Joe Wright, senior yell leader, contends the spirit develops once students begin attending A&M. "And I say if they don't have it before they get here, they'll get it here."  
Wright said the spirit is the most organized among colleges and "kinda unique." He said he doesn't think about it much, but neither do many other people.  
"It's something you have to experience," Dorothy Nunnally, sophomore, said. "We as Aggies feel this special spirit most definitely while we are at A&M, but the fact that we will carry this love with us as we go our separate ways makes the Aggie spirit a unique trait unknown to other universities across the country."  
David Johns, senior, might dispute this. "Some people come to A&M strictly for academics," he said. "Others have parents and grandparents who went and are more involved. I don't consider myself a 'two-percenter,' but I'm not a 'one-hundred-percenter' either. Some of the letters to the editor in the Battalion about the 'good Ag' are kind of sickening. In a student body of 30,000, everybody is not going to have it."  
He theorized the "gung-ho" Aggies were probably like that in high school: "It's in their personality. I have spirit for A&M. I don't know if I have the 'Aggie spirit.'"  
The nebulous, personal Aggie spirit develops, most agree, during a student's college career at Texas A&M. "You get it by experiencing it with other people, by exposure. Most Aggies are genuine in their spirit, but not everyone at a football game is," Glenn Mayberry, junior, said.  
"The spirit is a love for each other, a helping," said Richard "Buck" Weirus, executive director of the Association of Former Students. "It really as much a fraternity



Battalion photo by Michael...  
Aggie spirit strikes again in the form of an old-army spirit sign hung from Legett Hall. The message is pretty clear, but the Aggie who added the 'censored' sign apparently wanted to clean up Bevo's act.

## Security blanket may be answer

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Police Officer Mike Walker gave Christensen the ticket recently for having the wheelchair in the lane going against oncoming traffic.

The statute prohibits bicyclists, animals, skis, skates and toy vehicles on a highway. Christensen is scheduled to appear before County Judge Leonard L. Beal Dec. 2 to explain in which category wheelchair fits.

## Service programs are highlighted

Public service programs at Texas A&M University are in the spotlight this week in conjunction with Saturday's Aggie-Longhorn football game.

Displays portraying how Texas A&M University and other parts of the Texas A&M University System serve the people are on exhibit Wednesday through Sunday in the first-floor lobby of Rudder Tower.  
Almost every area of Texas is touched. Besides education, students, Texas A&M aids homesteaders, farmers and ranchers, teachers, bankers and many others in open ways. They are reached through Texas A&M public service programs in agriculture, engineering, human and animal health, energy, space and technology.

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