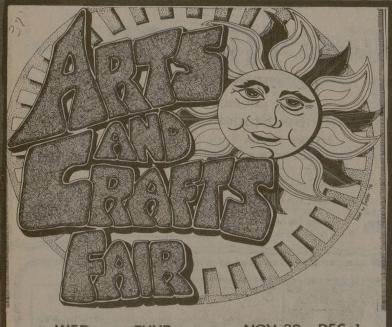
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What is Aggie Spirit?

By LIZ NEWLIN 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 matter is block to be the sume A 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 pre-vail at the Rice game (four years ago). But it was a pretty sticky situa-tion," said Dr. Carolyn Adair, vice president of student affairs. President Jarvis Miller does not

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include destruction in his descrip-tion of Aggie spirit. He defines it as "Comradeship, brotherhood and a close personal feeling toward another Aggie; basic. It's reflected, I think in comparison for either need her." The traditions, like the ring and

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 now from the same unexplained source, and exposure to one generally leads to developing and protecting the to developing and protecting the to developing and protecting the

students begin attending A&M. "And I say if they don't have it be-fore they get here, they'll get it

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 Treshman orientation to traother people.

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 Fish Camp. to other universities across the country

David Johns, senior, might dissaid. "Others have parents and program. They stuff it (traditions) grandparents who went and are more involved. I don't consider my-self a 'two-percenter,' but I'm not a 'one-hundred-percenter' either. over the years. 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.

Most Aggies are genuine in their spirit, but not everyone at a football game is," Glenn Mayberry, junior, said.

dents. "It really as much a fraternity spirit is here right now.

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Muster, can be carried on through life, he said, but they are learned on campus. Friendships and the location, forcing Ags to create their own entertainment, contribute to the spirit.

"Somehow, once a student goes here, the identification with this in-

The first graduating class decided dents began near the turn of the

bout it much, but neither do many her people. "It's something you have to ex-"It's something you have to exof class. In addition to a two-day summer orientation and pre registration, Corps freshmen attend a week-long session to learn about Texas A&M, and about 1,300 students last year went to Student Y

"The two-day programs, orientation and the people they see show them an awful lot of people here A&M stricly for academics," he said. "Others have parents and "Fish Camp is a four-day, intensive program. They stuff it (traditions)

now with non-regs and girls. It can't have it. He theorized the "gung-ho" Ag-gies 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

A&M. "You get it by experiencing it with other people, by exposure. not waning. "Yell practices this year are a lot bigger than last year. The Kansas midnight yell practice (with about 30,000 people) was maybe the biggest in the school's history."

"The spirit is a love for each other, a helping," said Richard "Buck" Weirus, executive director describe as it is easy to identify," noted Weirus, and nobody knows of the Association of Former Stu- for sure where it's going. But the

SAW BEVO'S HORNS OFF ...

in one of the great contests at Taco Villa after

the bonfire!

hung from Legett Hall. The message is pretty clear, but h Aggie who added the 'censored' sign apparently wanted h clean up Bevo's act.

Security blanket may be answer

United Press International NEW HAVEN, Conn. men or women who have everything and don't care what they get for Christmas: a security blanket.

The young men marketing them at \$5 each call them "blankettes". They are 8-by-12 — inches, that is, not feet. The word "Security" is embroidered on each. They come in robin's egg blue and sapsucker yel-

The booklet accompanying each blankette asks the buyer to fill out a form, giving his or her name, age, shoe size, favorite tuba player and preferred sleeping attire. The blankette is not for every

body, Blanketeers Smirnoff Division says. Gary and Alan Smirnoff and Clifford Skolnick say their product can be used by people who

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chair in the center of a traffic Police Officer Mike Walker he gave Christiensen the tick cently for having the wheelch the lane going against once raffic

The statute prohibits bicy animals, skis, skates and toy cles on a highway. Christiensen is scheduled to appear be County Judge Leonard L. Bea 2 to explain in which category wheelchair fits.

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