

Aggie Club gives over \$1 million

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The Texas A&M University Athletic Club received more than a million dollars from members of the Aggie Club this year.

Contributions from members, some as far away as Italy, Nicaragua, England and Saudi Arabia, total about \$1,460,000 this year.

The Aggie Club is a private, non-profit organization formed in 1950 to support the athletic program. It is not affiliated with the Association of Former Students, Texas A&M's alumni association.

Don Brister, executive vice president of the club, said the Aggie Club has no control over the money's management after the Athletic Club receives it. An official in the athletic department said the funds go into the general operating fund for athletics.

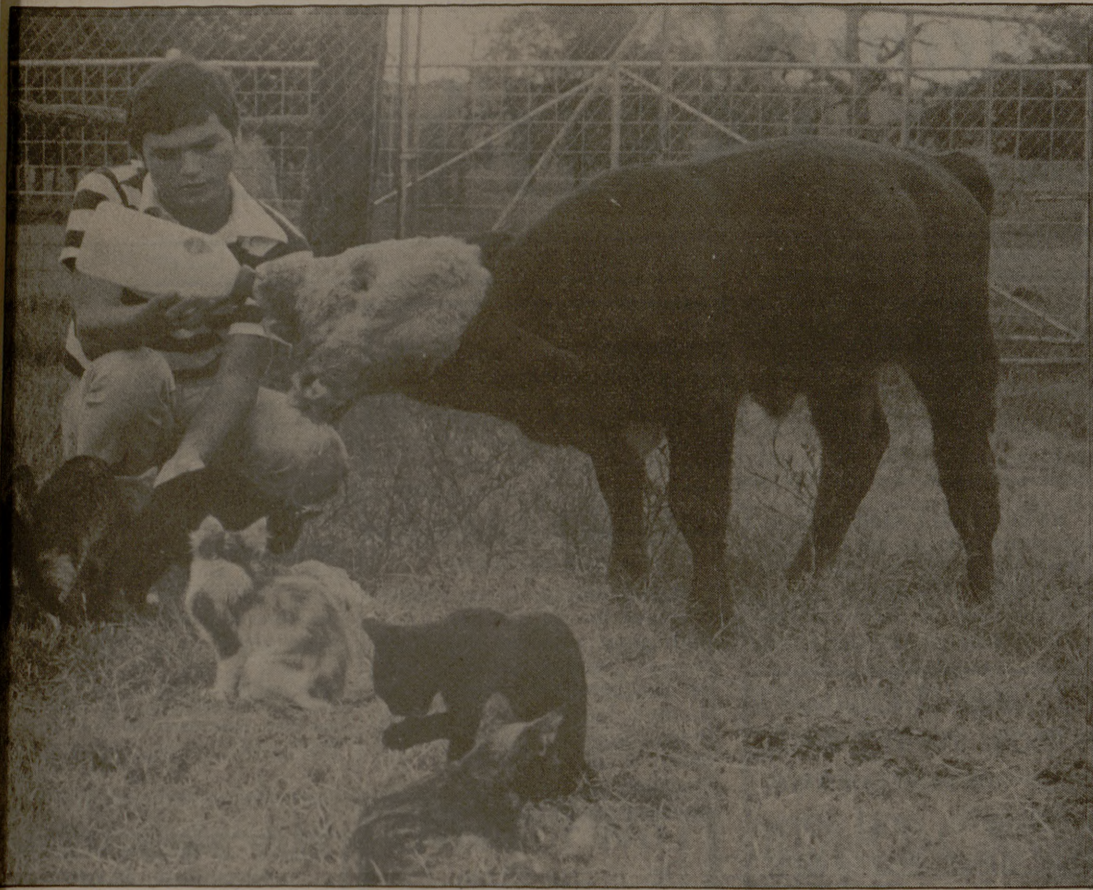
"The Aggie athletic program receives no state funds whatsoever, not for coaches' salaries, or players'

equipment, travel, or scholarships," Brister said. "All funding comes from ticket sales, radio, television, and bowl receipts from the Southwest Conference, and contributions from members of the Aggie Club."

Brister said this money also must help finance the new football stadium expansion. Construction is scheduled to begin Nov. 26 and is finished before the 1979 football season starts.

Marvin Tate, associate director of the athletic department, said that until last year, the Aggie Club's contributions did not even pay for all the athletic scholarships. But since donations have increased, the Aggie Club has expanded its charter to contribute money for other athletic expenses, he said.

In return for a minimum contribution of \$25, an Aggie Club member receives priority in football season tickets and parking, a lapel pin, monthly sports newsletters, press guides and a window decal.



Freddy the 325-pound double-faced calf frequently receives many curious visitors to view his unusual appearance. Forest Riggs, a

Wildlife & Fisheries Science major from Vidor, traveled to Rockdale to see the rare animal. Battalion Photo by Susan Webb

Future sideshow star

Double-faced calf sold

Cow-ifornia here he comes. Freddy, the double-faced bull calf, has been sold for an undisclosed amount to John Strong's Circus Sideshow of Thousand Oaks, Calif. Mr. and Mrs. Janak and Michael, the previous owners have raised the bull calf since its birth on April 19.

Freddy, a Charolais-Hereford crossbreed, has two mouths, two sets of teeth, four eyes and one brain. Veterinarians call this condition diprosopus. Dr. Fred J. Kuzniarek, a Rockdale veterinarian, said, "Chances of this freak act of nature happening again are one in a million." Freddy was delivered by Kuzniarek by Caesarean section.

John Strong, owner of the circus sideshow, read about Freddy and traveled to Rockdale in hopes of purchasing the bull calf.

Mrs. Janak said, "He (Strong) is a freak lover and couldn't pass up the chance to see a double-faced calf." Strong made a down payment for the bull calf and agreed to give the Janak family a percentage of profits gained from Freddy's appearance in the circus sideshow. Strong will come to Rockdale on Sept. 17 to take Freddy to his new home in California.

Kuzniarek, along with the staff of the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine, agrees that the unusual appearance of Freddy was "just an act of nature."

Dr. Dave Morris, assistant professor of large animal surgery at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine, examined Freddy in June. "The double-faced calf was the first one that anyone can recall being seen alive here within the last ten years and it has certainly been an exceptional case," he said.

Freddy was given a "reasonably pretty good bill of health," by Morris. "With a little extra care and attention, his chances of living a long life are one out of four."

Freddy's only medical problem that concerns Morris is that of the two middle eyes that are not entirely separated and intact. The problem is termed exposure keratitis.

"It means the superficial layers of the cornea have been eroded or irritated due to the fact that the lids cannot normally close to cover the eyes and protect them well," said

Morris. "Everything about Freddy's physical features appear normal, everything except his double-face."

"Freddy's mother didn't even reject the calf," Mrs. Janak said. "She loved Freddy and kept him so pretty and clean giving him baths."

As she coaxes little 325-pound Freddy from his stall, she says, "He is a little muleheaded and only answers to a call when he feels like it."

Freddy slowly lumbered out of his stall, Janak added, "But you would never believe that on cool days Freddy jumps around like a kangaroo."

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