

# How to survive our first Aggie football game

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that first Aggie football game. For three days of non-stop sounds great, but first-should know before making just what's in store.

First thing to remember is to meet anyone in front of Kyle Field, or the MSC, or anywhere else. No one will be able to find you on time, and if they do, it's too crowded to find them. Carry a flare if you must break camp.

The safest thing to do is to have your house all weekend so people can just show up. Hope not too many people bring their parents. Get refreshments (2-3 cases of beer and a bag of chips) early.

The weekend usually starts with a concert Friday night, followed by a midnight Yell Practice. (For the first time, it starts with Northgate on Wednesday night and skipped class on Friday.)

Your date should be made for the concert, yell practice and the game. One weekend of the same person, so choose carefully.

If you've never been to a yell practice, listen up, Ags. Following the band from behind Duncan Dining Hall to Kyle Field is, like everything else, an Aggie tradition. A tradition not for the timid.

If you decide to brave the trek across campus, assemble behind the bleachers around 11:30. Wear comfortable shoes (cowboy boots are best), grubby clothes and carded in your pants. Expect to be pushed, pushed and poked, all the time swaying in long lines and singing Aggie songs. The message of the day is "Where are we?"

Most important: you are wearing the band; do not try to go in front of it, or through it. Even if you are driving a truck.

It makes them mad.

People who are boring, sober or have broken legs should not try to follow the band. Be dull and go straight to Kyle Field. You will get a better seat that way. Sit in the middle of the horseshoe — the only time people want to sit there.

You will have to listen to dorm bells, none of which can be printed here. Just take our word for it; they're really saying what you think they're saying.

Now it's time for Yell Practice to officially begin. The yell leaders (guys with short hair wearing overalls) are in charge of the whole affair. They will exercise in the middle of the field awhile before running down to lead yells. Be patient. You probably will not understand what they are doing when they get there anyway.

They will move around a lot, and people who have been to yell practice before will know what to yell. The yell leaders will tell stories of questionable taste, which are usually pretty funny (i.e. obscene).

Do not try to run across Kyle Field. There will be C.T.'s stationed around the perimeter to make sure no one tries. Don't try to drum up business for the health center; stay in the bleachers.

After the second "grode story" is when you find out if you made a good date choice for the weekend. It's time for lights out, and your mom's not going to be there to tuck you in.

Unless she happens to be in town for the game. Do not take a

parent with a heart condition to yell practice, especially if your date has a cold.

Lonely people will light matches behind your head; if you kiss with your eyes closed, you'll never know, until you smell singed hair.

A few more yells, a song, and it's all over. Don't be disappointed or try to keep the party going, because you have to get an early start Saturday morning.

The Big Day. Let's hope you and your date had a good time at yell practice, because having to smooch a sweaty person under the broiling sun puts any relationship to a test. One game, the Ags scored 50 points....

Leave for the game early if you hope to park near enough to read the letters on the stadium. There is no such thing as a parking space close to Kyle Field, except for people who have Money. And for students, there is no such thing as Money. Therefore, we drive toward campus, park, and walk to the game.

Do not forget your student I.D. They will not let you in without it. Wear comfortable shoes, because the Twelfth Man, loyal to the end, stands throughout the game. Wear as little clothing as decently possible to daytime games, with suntan lotion.

Heat stroke is a definite possibility, as is rain. Be a good boy scout and be prepared for the worst.

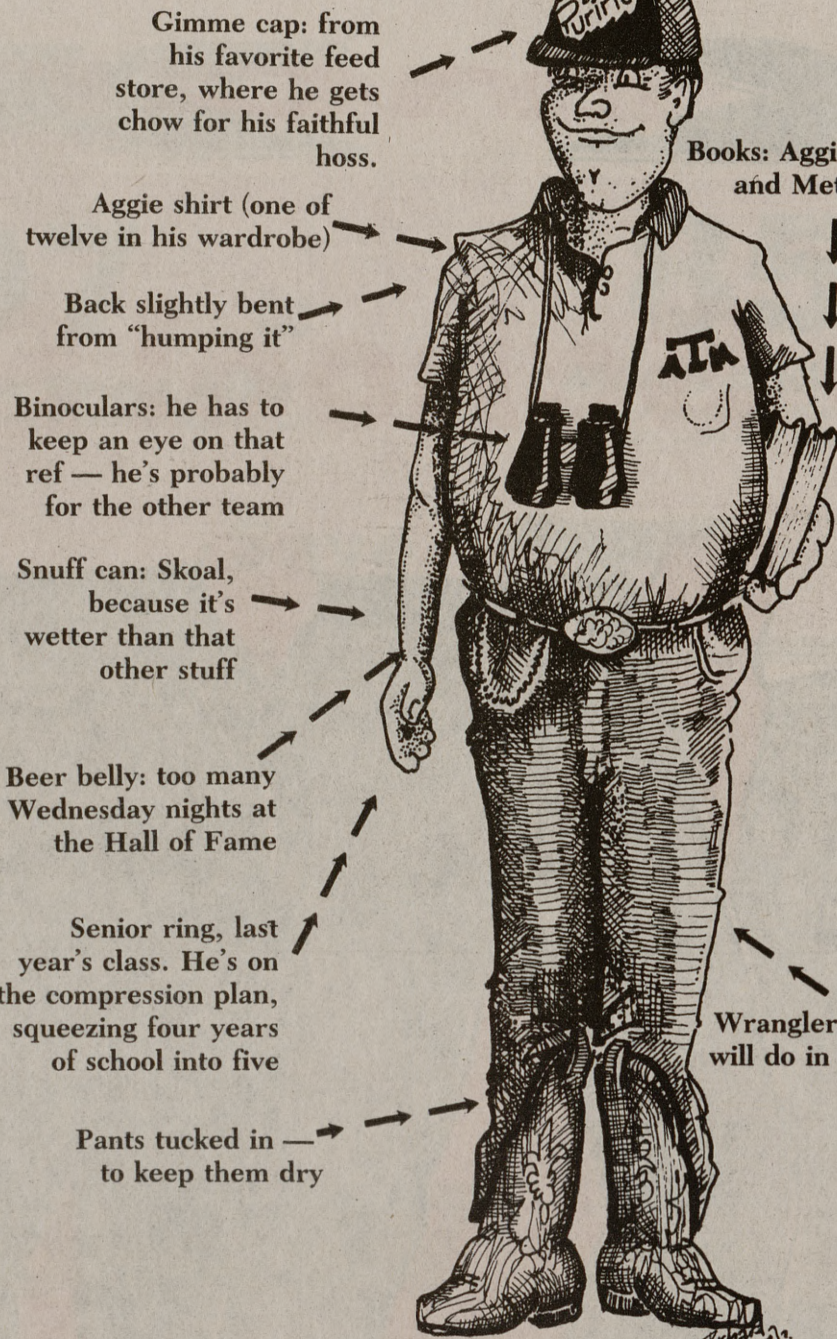
Mums are a terrible thing; they cost a lot of money and are nothing but trouble. Long streamers do not fit short people. And if a guy gets a funny gleam in his eye when the girl takes the flower out of the box, better let the roommate pin it on. Don't expect it to stay, though; it's all over after the first touchdown.

And don't get your hopes up that half-time will bring relief to your aching feet. You have to stand up to watch the Fightin' Texas Aggie Band.

When the game is over, stumble back to your car, go home and crash on the couch.

Who cares about Monday tests anyway?

## THE GOOD AG



Gimme cap: from his favorite feed store, where he gets chow for his faithful hoss.

Aggie shirt (one of twelve in his wardrobe)

Back slightly bent from "humping it"

Binoculars: he has to keep an eye on that ref — he's probably for the other team

Snuff can: Skoal, because it's wetter than that other stuff

Beer belly: too many Wednesday nights at the Hall of Fame

Senior ring, last year's class. He's on the compression plan, squeezing four years of school into five

Pants tucked in — to keep them dry

Books: Aggie-culture and Meteorology

Wranglers (Levi's will do in a pinch)

## THE TWO-PERCENTER



Long hair: blond, shampooed with Herbal Essence

Tank top: displays tan and muscular arms

Parachute backpack: normally used for hitchhiking across country, now filled with science fiction books

No Aggie ring: he used the money to pay for "prescriptions"

Granola bar: a vegetarian snack, from an actual health food store, not a machine

Tickets to a Foghat concert in Austin, where his "lady" goes to school

Khaki shorts (elastic waist, no belt)

Knobby knees, scarred from falling while playing Frisbee in front of the Academic building

Leather sandals (hand-made)

Who is the "Good Ag?" Who is his counterpart, the "Two-Percenter?"

The two species co-exist peacefully at Texas A&M University most of the year, but in the fall they crawl out of their study-induced trances (or alcoholic stupors?) long enough to clash about the merits of grown men throwing around a piece of pigskin.

The Good Ag knows all the yells, wouldn't dream of missing yell practice (maybe it's the only time his girl will kiss him), and is generally recognized as "a good ol' boy."

The Two-Percenter, on the other hand, is more interested in sports like Frisbee, and while he knows where Kyle Field is, he seldom uses that information unless he needs to reserve a

racquetball court.

The Good Ag and the Two-Percenter will share class notes, go to the same parties, and generally be congenial, but there is a fundamental difference between them which makes close coupling undesirable. For instance, the two don't mix as dorm roommates. Apartment life will do, if they each have their own room.

Most Aggies fall somewhere between or outside of these two categories, but here's a guide to help you separate the two groups of Ags.

We guarantee you'll see some of these traits floating around campus this fall.

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## Aggie Trivia

"The question of women attending A&M was already brewing in the minds of early 'radicals.' Ethel Hutson, daughter of professor Charles Hutson, attended the 1893-1894 session. Her twin sisters completed engineering studies

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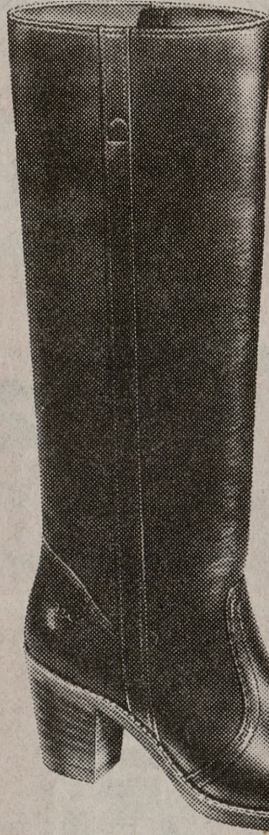


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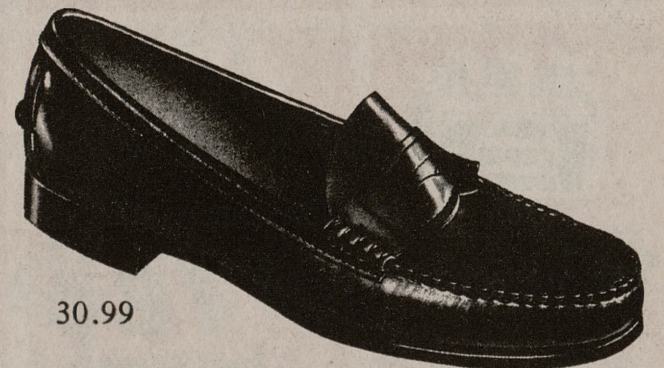


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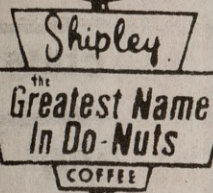
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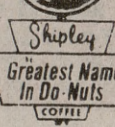
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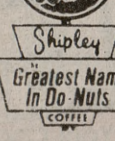
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