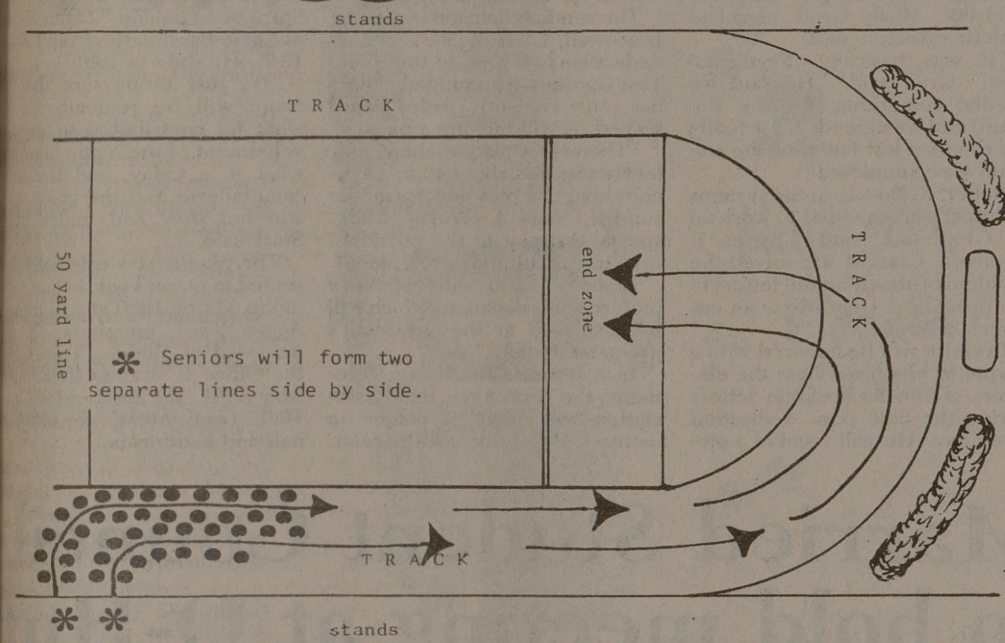


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Senior privilege to participate

It's Aggie line time once again



By MARY JO RUMMEL

Battalion Reporter
Lines have become a tradition at Texas A&M University for reasons other than crowding. Football fans will line up twice on Saturday to cheer on the Texas Aggies in the game against Louisiana Tech University.

Before each home game Aggie fans form a spirit line between Cain Hall and the Kyle Field entrance; Texas A&M football players walk down the spirit line on their way to the stadium dressing rooms.

At the end of halftime, seniors form another spirit line — the boot line — to welcome players back to the field. Approximately 700 to 800 seniors are expected to line up.

Participation in the boot line is considered a senior privilege and thus is limited to seniors. The tradition gets its name from years ago when all Texas A&M students were in the Corps and seniors in the Corps wear boots.

Because of the University's rapid growth, large senior classes have caused some organizational problems in forming the boot line.

The main problems are that people joining the line walk on the field and in the end zone and that underclassmen join the line when it's not their privilege, Head Yell Leader Mike Thatcher said. Yell leaders supervise boot line formation.

Thatcher emphasized that senior dates should not join the line unless they are seniors, too.

Yell leaders and members of the Student Government Student Service Committee have a plan to take care of the organizational problems though. Corps officers of the day will stand at the edge of the field to keep people off the field when the band is playing.

Seniors should start forming the boot line toward the end of the Aggie Band's performance.

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Saturday's march-in scheduled for 6:05

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Early arrivals to Saturday's football game will see the Corps of Cadets march into Kyle Field. Step-off for Saturday's military review will be at 6:05 p.m.

Before each home game, a visiting military officer conducts a formal review of the cadets during their march into the stadium. Reviewing officer for Saturday's game is Lt. Gen. John H. Miller. Miller is deputy chief of staff of plans, policies and operations for the U.S. Marine Corps in Washington, D.C.

Miller will be accompanied on the reviewing stand by Col. James R. Woodall, commandant of the

Corps of Cadets and professor of army science; Col. Henry C. Hill, professor of air science; and Col. Robert E. Gibson, professor of naval-marine science.

Corps staff members lead the reviews and the Fightin' Texas Aggie Band. Each of the military divisions will follow in order: First Regiment, naval-marine cadets; the First Wing, air force cadets; and the First Brigade, army cadets. Representatives from the Texas Maritime Academy also will take part in the review. Parson's Mounted Calvary concludes each review.

The Corps will assemble at 5:05 p.m. on the Corps quadrangle and will step-off at 5:15. Cadets then

will march to Cain Hall for the spirit line.

Cadets and civilians standing together in a spirit line hold an informal yell practice before the Texas Aggie football players walk down the line extending from the athletic dormitory to Kyle Field.

The yell practice begins at 5:40 p.m. and will last about 20 minutes.

Head Football Coach Tom Wilson has said the spirit line helps motivate the players. He has asked different campus groups to make a special effort to be in the spirit line to support the team.

"Show them that you believe in them and show them you are happy they are your football team," he said.

RHA sponsors 'anything'

Take a study break Sunday afternoon for the United Way.

Residence Hall Association is providing the activities for the break with an Almost Anything Goes event.

The non-athletic contests, which include a tire roll relay and wheelbarrow races, will begin at 1:30 p.m. on Duncan Field. Team entry fees will cost \$10. The entry fees will be donated to the Brazos

County United Way campaign that ends Oct. 4.

Brett Peabody, RHA director of programs, said he hopes to collect \$250 to \$300 for the United Way.

The teams, made of five women and five men, will compete in six events. The winning team will receive "Almost Anything Goes" T-shirts.

There are no requirements for

entry except payment of the \$10.

Brad Holder, event chairman, said it's best to sign up before Sunday so RHA can plan the events. But Holder will be at Duncan Field between 12 and 1 p.m. Sun-

day to take entry fees.

No fees are required of spectators, but Holder said he'd "rather have people participating than watching."

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