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## A&M traditions never die

By **LESLIE HEFFNER**  
Reporter

Traditions and Texas A&M are clichés that never end. Aggies have even given tradition their own meaning — anything that's done more than once.

The oldest tradition known to Texas A&M is "once an Aggie always an Aggie." The first Texas A&M class to graduate is said to have started it.

Puryear Hall, one of the oldest dormitories, also can be thought of as the originator of midnight yell practice.

Harry E. Allen, Class of '32, recalled his memories of the first practice in a letter to the University archives. It was written a few days before the 1932 Texas game:

"Some of us were gathered in Puryear Hall in the room of Peanut Owens. He was a junior yell leader. He had on a pair of red pajamas and a red baseball cap. I believe it was I who told him, 'Peanut, we ought to have a snake-dance at Tatum and you lead it.' Someone said to go alert the band in Foster and others to go to all the dorms close by and have all the freshmen turn out.

"We then got in touch with Horsefly Berryhill and Two Gun Horman from Sherman, both senior yell leaders, and asked about having all the fellows finally congregate at the 'Y'

for a midnight yell practice. They told us they could not personally authorize this but if we did congregate, they would happen to be there at the 'Y'.

"As per usual, we had lots of railroad flares and torpedoes on hand. We took some over to the 'Y' and stuck them in the flower tubs that were there and that was the start of our midnight yell practice."

Howdy, one of the more famous Aggie traditions, was unheard of in 1928. Students would walk to their classes without talking to each other. No one really knows when the tradition originated.

The Traditions Council, hoping to keep Aggies friendly, will form a Howdy Squad next fall.

"The squad will consist of a group of Aggies walking around campus saying 'howdy' to everyone they see," says Karen Bloch, traditions council treasurer 1983-84.

Howdy is not the only friendly sign Aggies display.

Twenty yards to go, ten ... touch down. Every time the Aggie football team scores, Aggie men give their date a kiss. Like countless other traditions, this one probably will survive.

Although these traditions and many others — such as the Twelfth Man, Silver Taps, Muster and bonfire — have existed for years, some traditions have begun only recently.

One of these is a three-day weekend. Aggies seem to think that professors will excuse them from their classes because they stayed up socializing at Northgate. Some Aggies go to the Chicken or Doodle Draw. Others just enjoy fraternizing in the front of the Northgate and restaurants. Whatever it may be, Thursday night at Northgate has become one of the most popular traditions.

"Are you going to graduate on time?" is a question many Aggies ask each other. When the answer is no, a look of amazement usually appears on the questioner's face only because of another new tradition which says "You can either graduate with your class or on time."

A new tradition women ought to like is a switch for the kickoff. Traditions council plays a big part in promoting the tradition. It selects a game a year women can ask for dates.

With all the kisses, the howdys and the all-nighters, Aggies tend to get hungry. Archie's Taco Bell, Hamburgers, and Dominos Pizza are the spot about 2 a.m. when the maches set in.

Aggies not only have old and new traditions, but they have what you might call "pre-traditions." A good example of this is the 1984 edition of pre-registration. Everything was planned, but it will have to happen twice to become an Aggie tradition.

## Uncommon traditions not unusual to cadets

By **JULIE ENNIS**  
Reporter

During the Texas A&M football season, Duncan Dining Hall can sound like a barnyard yell practice.

The junior cadets yell suez before the Arkansas and Texas A&M game.

The sophomore cadets moo before the University of Texas and Texas A&M game.

The senior cadets wager bets that their outfits will get a higher grade than another.

And no one is eating pineapple.

What?

Greg Lengyel, Corps wing commander, says canned pineapple used to have an orange tint to it, hence, no cadet can eat the tinted fruit in

Duncan Dining Hall until the t.u. (that's the University of Texas for the uninitiated) football team is beaten.

These lesser known football traditions are common to the corps of cadets.

Pat Hamilton, a senior physical education major from Lubbock, says traditions help camaraderie.

To symbolize an Aggie's desire to "spur the ponies," freshmen cadets will string flattened bottle caps on coat hangers and attach them to their shoes with boot bands a week before the Southern Methodist University and Texas A&M game, he says.

"Traditions vary from outfit to outfit," he said. "Some outfits re-

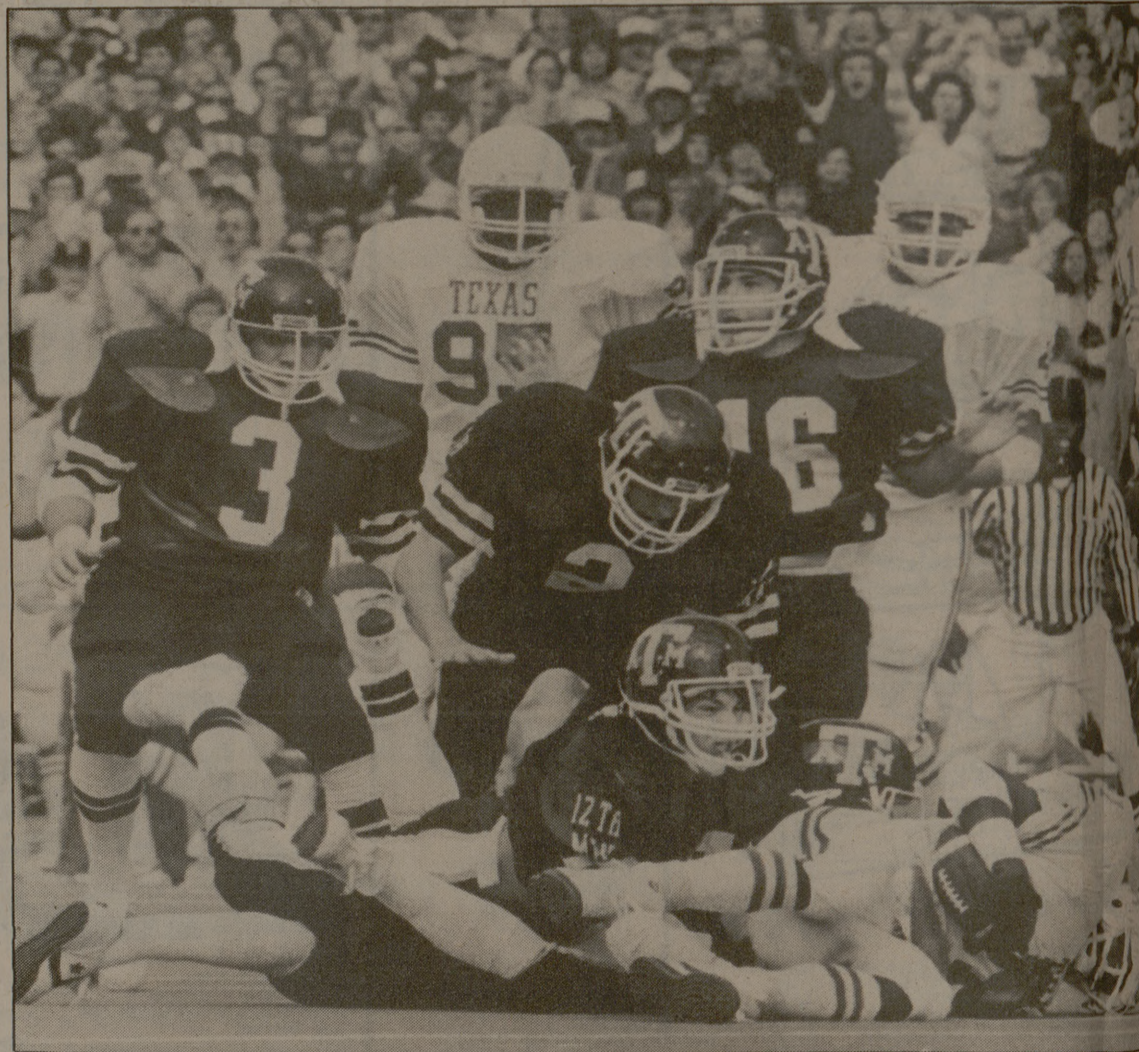
quire the freshmen to use only L&S Star bottle caps for their spurs. And others require the same number of caps as their graduation year."

Hamilton says the juniors in the squadron will often wake the freshmen to shine the statue of Sull Ross before a home game.

Some traditions associated with football games are more sentimental to senior corps members, Hamilton says.

At the UT game, the seniors give the juniors one of their spurs to wear, he says.

"This shows that they (the seniors) are going to graduate soon and leave the leadership responsibilities to the juniors," he said.



The Twelfth Man Kick-off Team was formed by Texas A&M Head Football Coach

Jackie Sherrill last year to utilize the original twelfth man tradition at A&M.

## Standing for football games signifies Aggies' support

By **PAM BARNES**  
Reporter

No one really knows when the tradition of standing during Texas A&M football games actually began, but many "old Ags" attribute it to the day when a young cadet was called down from the stands to play for the badly injured Aggie team.

Because of that day in 1922 when E. King Gill stood ready to play, if needed, the Corp of Cadets, and the entire student body, now stand from kick off until the end of the game. They represent that Twelfth Man, just like E. King Gill, ready to play for their team.

Gill wasn't the only Aggie to suit up for a team in need and no one is sure exactly when the cadets started

standing at games but it's a tradition, and Gill is remembered as the original Twelfth Man.

The story goes like this ...

... It was a cold day in Dallas when the Aggies were playing the Praying Colonels from Centre College in the Dixie Classic, the forerunner to today's Cotton Bowl. Three players from the opposing team were named All-Americans and the Aggies were expected to lose badly. Coach Dana X. Bible was faced with an empty bench because of injuries.

E. King Gill, a basketball player and former football player, was in the press box spotting plays for a Waco sportswriter. Gill was called down to the field and shielded by blankets as he donned one of the injured player's uniforms.

Gill never had to enter the game,

but his presence on the bench gave the Aggie team the confidence to fight. They won 22 to 14.

E. King Gill told the Houston Press in 1956: "I wish I could say I ran for the winning touchdown, but I didn't. I simply got ready and waited — just in case I was needed."

E. King Gill died in December 1976 of a heart attack. He was 74 years old.

Today a monument of Gill in his 1922 football uniform stands at Kyle Field, representing the readiness of all Aggies to stand up for their team. The monument was donated by the Class of '80.

Its inscription briefly tells the story of the twelfth man. Most Aggies know the story by heart, but you can bet any one of them will take time to tell it to a newcomer.