



Reveille celebrates her birthday with members of Company E-2.

Injured canine becomes mascot

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Reporter

She's one of the biggest fans the Aggies have ever had, a living symbol of Texas A&M. Aggie spirit comes to life at each football game when this brown and white American collie romps back and forth.

Not only is Reveille IV the official mascot of Texas A&M, she's the highest ranking cadet in the Corps of Cadets.

Reveille IV is pampered and protected by the members of Company E-2, whose cadets also escort her to every home football and basketball game.

The history of Reveille dates back to 1931 when a group of cadets en route to College Station picked up an injured black and white dog. The friendly pooch was smuggled into their dormitory and sent safely off to bed.

The next morning the pup howled at the first bugle call that interrupted her sleep. She was promptly dubbed "Reveille" and the name stuck.

A few days after her arrival, she bounded onto the football field of the opening game of the 1931 football season, leading the band and winning a place in the crowd's hearts. From then on she was given the title of "Official Mascot of the College."

Reveille's name was linked with a school that in 1939 produced the number one football team in Amer-

ica, but she was growing old. She died of old age in 1944.

The entire Corps, several hundred alumni and numerous residents of Bryan—College Station attended the formal military funeral held for Reveille I in the center of Kyle Field. She was buried in front of the entrance so she can always see the scoreboard and keep an eye on her team.

The tradition this dog brought to Texas A&M didn't die when Reveille I was gone. The student body expressed a desire for another mascot.

Reveille II was given to the A&M students in 1952 by Arthur Weinert, a graduate of A&M.

Reveille II ended her 14-year reign when she officially retired at final review in May 1966. That summer she was crippled by arthritis and put to sleep.

Reveille III's official appearance at her first football game in 1966 marked 37 years since the Aggies decided a dog should be their mascot.

Reveille III was the first mascot to attend classes regularly with her full-time guardian. She was the only Aggie allowed to sleep through classroom lectures, but always stirred 10 minutes before the hour and barked vigorously if the professor ran overtime.

Billed "the first lady of the Corps of Cadets," Reveille III died of a pancreas disorder and was buried at Kyle Field.

The legend lives on with Reveille IV.

Muster reveres deceased Aggies

One of the most unique and revered Aggie traditions is Muster, a ceremony which honors Aggies who have died during the past year.

Muster is celebrated by Aggies all over the world on San Jacinto Day, April 21. During the ceremony, a living comrade answers "here" when the roll call for the absent is read.

First held in 1883, Muster started as a social event for alumni to relive their college days. In 1903, cadets at Texas A&M rebelled against the administration because classes were held on the anniversary of Texas' independence from Mexico. The cadets vowed to celebrate San Jacinto Day every year after that.

During World War I, Muster was held on foreign soil for the first time. Aggies met in European foxholes and army posts as well as in American camps. No Muster ceremonies were held on the Texas A&M campus, however.

Muster gained national recognition during World War II when a group of Aggies held a ceremony while under fire on Corregidor Is-

land in the Philippines. Under the command of General George Moore, Class of 1908, 24 men celebrated Muster on April 21, only 15 days before the island fell to the Japanese.

Gathered in a bomb proof tunnel, they drank toasts of water to the Texas heroes of 1836, sang Aggie songs and told stories of their college days, almost in defiance of their enemy's impending victory. All the men were either killed or imprisoned.

The Congress of 1942 commemorated the Aggie heroes at Corregidor, and a unique Muster ceremony was started on the Texas A&M campus in 1943.

Muster has changed only slightly over the years. A candlelighting ceremony was added in the late 1970s.

The Muster program, held in G. Rollie White Coliseum, includes speakers, music by the Singing Cadets and the Aggie Band, and the roll call for the absent. The Ross Volunteers Firing Squad gives three seven-gun volleys and "Silver Taps" is played.

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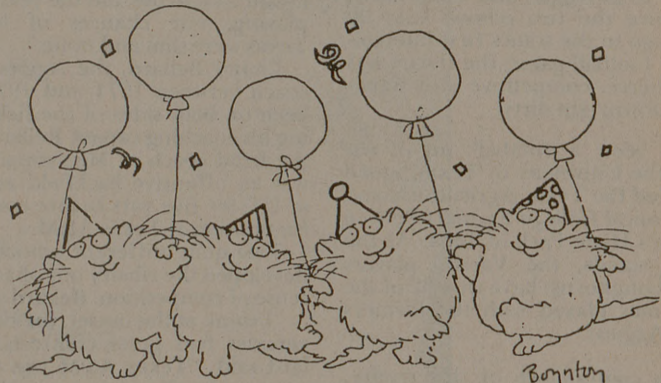
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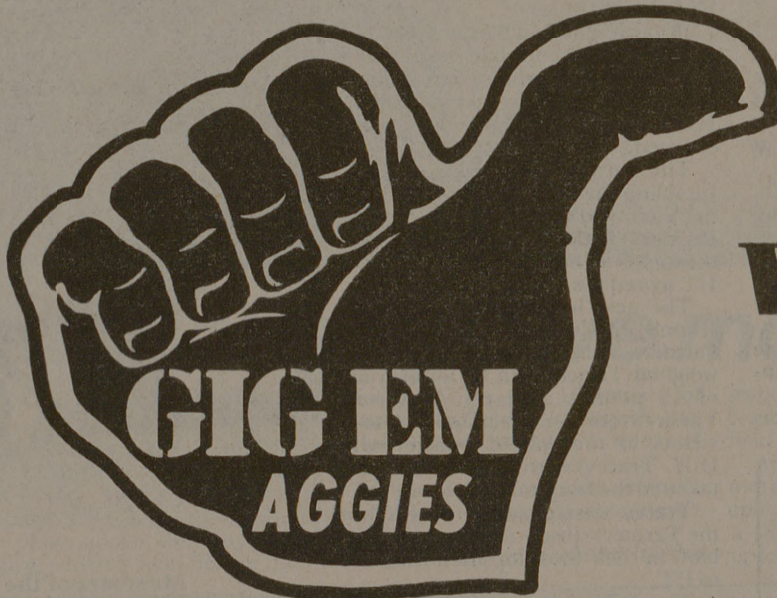
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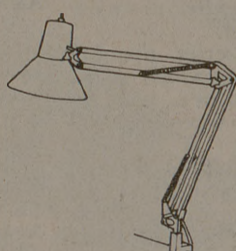
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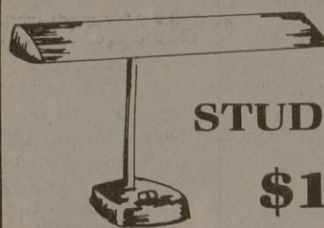


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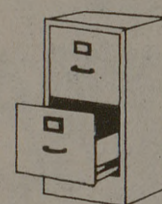
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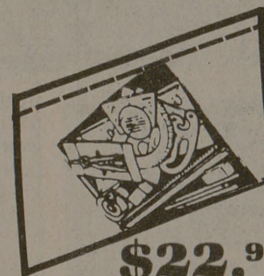
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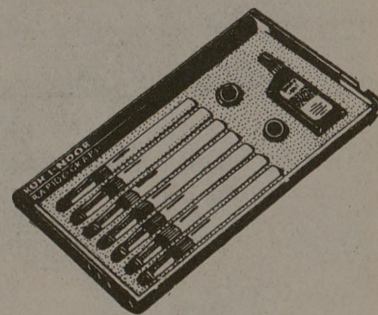


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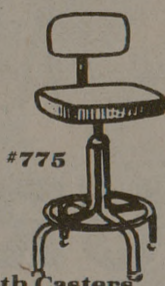
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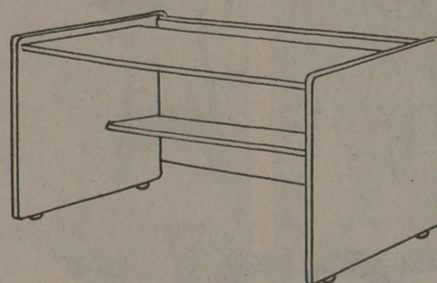
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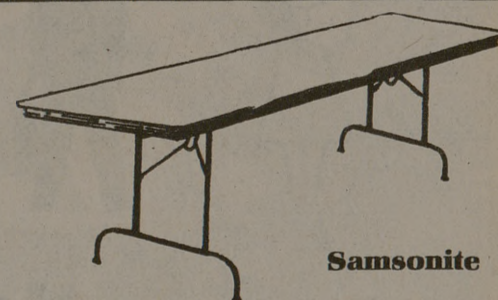


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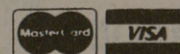
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