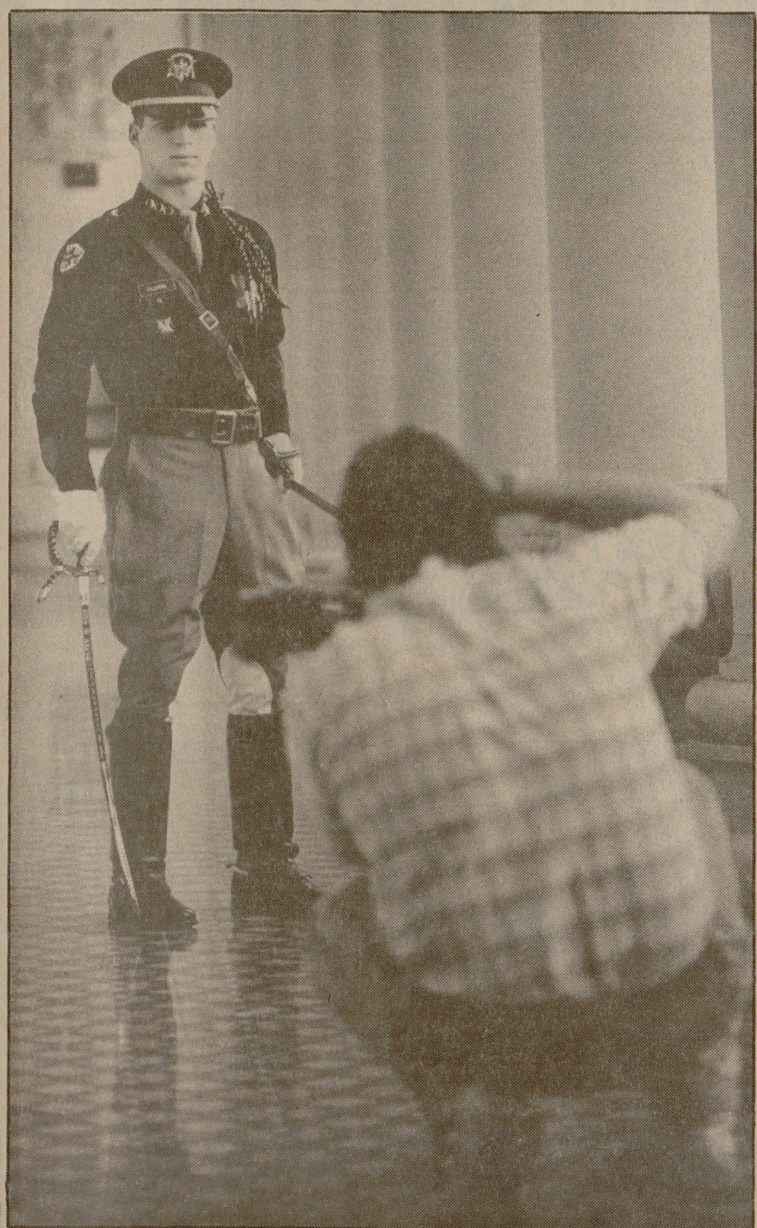


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Aggie proud



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Cliff Coleman, an industrial distribution major, gets his picture taken in front of the System Administration Building.

Good Bull

Class of '57 former student recalls Aggie escapades in book

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Special to The Battalion

You probably have heard about the outhouse being stolen for bonfire and you might have heard about Bevo being kidnapped.

But have you heard about the football player who strapped a soda machine to his back and carried it up four flights of stairs? Or what about the Texas A&M students who assaulted campus police officers with snowballs but never were captured?

Well, here's your chance. Dr. John Hoyle, Class of '57 and professor of educational administration, has compiled some of the wildest pranks and practical jokes that Aggies have pulled over the years in "Good Bull; 30 Years of Aggie Escapades."

And if anybody knows about Aggies, it's Hoyle.

Hoyle's life as an Aggie began in 1953 when he turned down a professional baseball contract

with the St. Louis Browns and accepted a baseball scholarship at A&M.

Now with three degrees from the University, Hoyle's baseball background still is with him — in 1984, he received the Award of Honor from the American Baseball Coaches Association.

"I still have the Browns' contract," Hoyle says. "I was to be assigned to their farm team in Ada, Okla. My parents encouraged me to get a college education and now I'm glad I followed their advice."

About three years ago, Hoyle decided to put all his college memories together in a book.

He recorded his stories, got some from other former students and investigated some rumors he had heard. Then eight months ago, Hoyle consulted a publisher, and the result is a 96-page book full of anecdotes.

For example, one titled "The Missing Coke Machine" is about an A&M football player who became angry when the soda machine stole his quarter. After hitting it to no avail, the student strapped the machine on his back and lugged it up four flights of stairs.

The next day, he was discovered by campus security in his room surrounded by dozens of empty bottles.

Unfortunately, he told security guards he could carry things upstairs, but he did not carry things down because he was afraid of hurting himself.

The guards had to use a crane to knock out a window and three rows of bricks to lift the machine back down to the first floor.

Some of Hoyle's classmates who have read the book agree that Hoyle has captured the Aggie essence in his book.

"'Good Bull' vividly recalls when A&M was all-male, all-military and Aggies were a unique 'tribe,'" Jack Rains, Class of '60, says. "It's must reading for all past and present 'hell-raisers.'"

Hoyle will sign books Saturday in the MSC from 9 a.m. until the football game begins and then for an hour-and-a-half after the football game.

Books also are available through Insite Press at 776-0086.

Panels of teen jurors to put pressure on peers

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Panels of teen-age jurors will sentence juvenile offenders in some cases next year, Nueces County officials said.

The objective is to use peer pressure to persuade youths to lead a crime-free lifestyle, organizers of the new Corpus Christi Teen Court said.

District Judge Mike Westergren, chairman of the Nueces County Juvenile Board, announced the program Monday at a news conference. He said the teen court should help dissuade first-time juvenile offenders from committing more crimes.

It will be sponsored in 1991 by \$5,000 from the Junior League of Corpus Christi, \$10,000 from the city government and \$25,000 from the Nueces County Juvenile Department.

The program has one paid staff member, Orlando Garcia, who has worked in the adult and juvenile probation system.

Any first-time Class C misdemeanor offender between the ages of 10

and 16 may choose to go before the teen court. Class C misdemeanors include traffic violations, fighting and public intoxication.

The program requires that a youth first plead guilty before going to the teen court for punishment, Westergren said. Teen-agers will serve as prosecutors and defense attorneys. A district judge will preside over the hearings.

Sixteen-agers will sit as jurors and decide punishment after hearing evidence. Sanctions will include community service and restitution, Westergren said. A judge may alter the sentence if it is deemed necessary.

Teen-age participants will be selected from area high schools. Those youths who plead guilty and are sentenced by the teen court must serve in some other capacity, such as a juror, in future proceedings.

Sheriff James Hickey said he supports the program designed to target young misdemeanor offenders before they commit more serious crimes.

BATTIPS

Anyone with story suggestions can call BATTIPS, The Battalion's phone line designed to improve communication between the newspaper and its readers.

The BATTIPS number is 845-3315. Ideas can include news stories, feature ideas and personality profiles of interesting people.

In Advance

Health department will sponsor turkey trot

Joggers planning on eating a large Thanksgiving dinner can get a head start on taking off excess calories in Thursday's 22nd annual turkey trot.

The turkey trot is sponsored by Texas A&M University's Department of Health and Physical Fitness and Kinesiology.

The fun run, which is free and open to the public, will begin at 8 a.m. in front of G. Rollic White Coliseum.

Turkey trot organizer Jack Chevette says hundreds of people are expected to participate in

the non-competitive event come rain or shine.

"We usually have every type of person, from experienced runners to grandmothers," Chevette says. "Everyone's welcome and everyone that finishes will receive a certificate."

The turkey trot course is about 3.1 miles long and stretches around the Texas A&M golf course. There are no pre-race registrations or prerequisites for participation.

"The event is just a healthy way to burn off calories and have some fun," Chevette says.

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