

# STUDENT LIFE

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## Texas A&M football traditions

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Special to The Battalion

Drawing tickets for Texas A&M home football games is only the beginning of a week full of Aggie traditions.

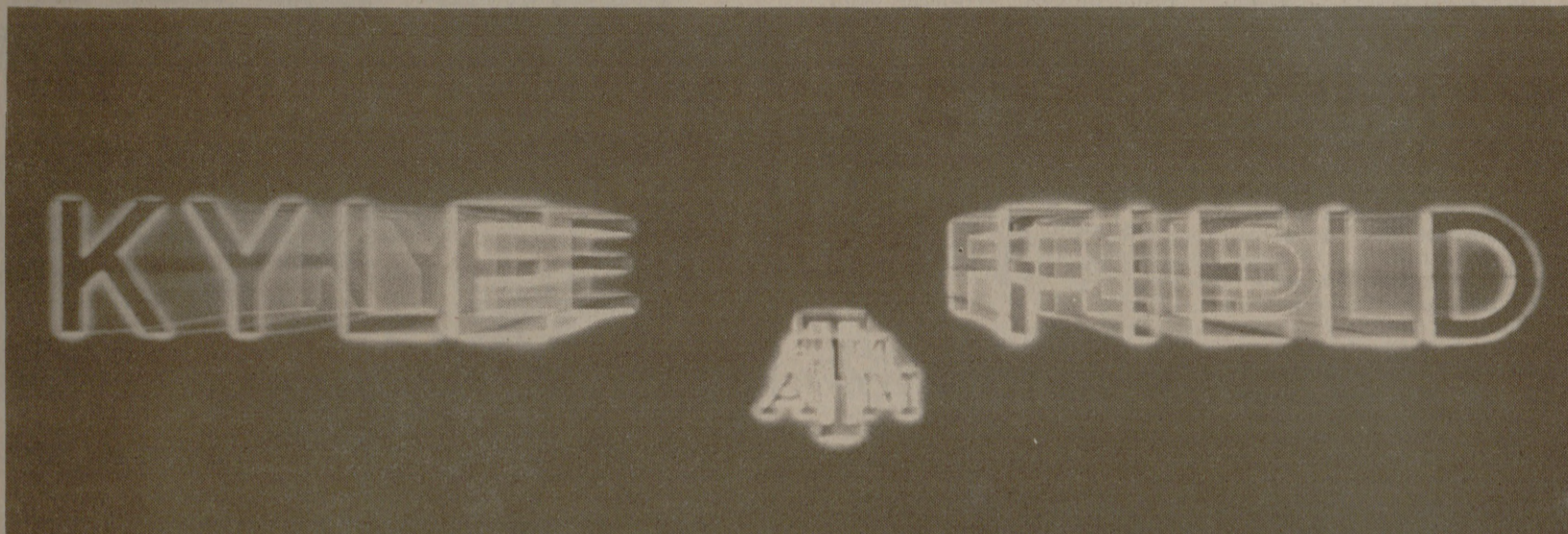
On Monday mornings, hundreds of seniors usually line up in front of G. Rollie White Colosseum attempting to get some of the best tickets.

Juniors draw tickets on Tuesdays, sophomores on Wednesdays, followed by freshman and general ticket drawings on Thursdays.

This year Friday, Sept. 13, is the first Yell Practice. As midnight nears, thousands of A&M students and a few fans from the opposing team flock to Kyle Field.

The Fightin' Texas Aggie Band forms behind Duncan Dining Hall, guarded by the Corps of Cadet's junior class. The band begins to play and the Drum Majors and senior Yell Leaders lead the procession to Kyle Field.

Many A&M students, standing to show their 12th Man Spirit, attend the nightly football rite. The air is usually filled with the sounds of pounding drums as the band approaches.



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The group enters Kyle Field, with Aggies "whooping" fiercely. No one knows for sure when "whoop" started; it's just a shout A&M students use to show their excitement at football games.

Junior cadets form around the track and the band begins to play the "Patton" theme as it marches to the south end of Kyle Field and back.

The five Yell Leaders quiet the crowd as they give the signal for the first yell of the year, "Gig 'Em." The Aggies "hump-it" and yell.

To "hump-it," people at Yell Practice lean forward placing their hands on their knees.

This action is followed by several other yells. The band then strikes up the "Aggie War Hymn"

and all Aggies begin to sing "Hulabaloo caneck caneck."

After the "Aggie War Hymn" and "sawing Varsity's horns off," it's time for the junior "fable," or "grode story," as it is now called.

Two junior Yell Leaders relate the brief "joke" about "Rock, the Good Ag" and his girlfriend "Raquel." Junior Corps members then "push." That is, they do the

same number of push-ups as the last two digits in their Class.

This is followed by several more yells, then all gets quiet as the Yell Leaders signal for "The Spirit of Aggieland." Thousands of Aggies sing for the school that means so much to them.

Many "whoops" are heard as the Senior "grode story" begins. Most people who attend Yell Prac-

tics are anxious for this story to end because the lights on Kyle Field go out when it is finished.

The crowd is generally allowed, even encouraged, to kiss their date. Those students without dates to bring cigarette lighters, and "flick their Bics" and hunt for someone to kiss.

When the lights finally come back on, the Yell Leaders signal for "Beat the hell" and the Aggies "hump-it" and twice yell "Beat the hell outta" whoever is the opposing team. The last yell is yelled and everyone leaves Kyle Field.

Kickoff is set for Saturday, sometimes around noon, in the College Station heat.

About two-and-a-half hours before game time, the football team goes to the locker room. A few minutes later, the Corps of Cadets and Aggie Band form in the Quad.

They march to Kyle Field, the band leading. The Corps marches around the track while the band forms on the field. When the band finishes, the Corps exits Kyle Field, but the band goes to its place in the stands, 50 yard

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## Habitat builds shelter for homeless

by Amy J. Bening  
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Texas A&M students looking for a way to get involved with the Bryan-College Station community should consider Habitat for Humanity.

Habitat is a non-profit organization that builds houses for the less fortunate.

The Bryan-College Station Chapter started building homes a year and a half ago. The next home will be built in early fall at 803 Fairview, College Station. Habitat does not have a student chapter. The local chapter, however, is open to any interested A&M students.

Students who want to join can visit the Habitat office at the First United Methodist Church, 506 East 28th, Bryan, or call 846-7200.

Kandy Rose, director of publicity for Habitat, said the organization uses money from donation to pay materials cost. Habitat also employs some unusual payment plans.

"Sweat equity" is the 500 hours of work Habitat home owners must complete as their down payment. Habitat home owners are selected on the basis of need.

Ten percent of the money raised by the Bryan-College Station Habitat chapter goes to the national office to build homes in third world countries.

During the summer, the Bryan-College Station community had a major fund-raising event for Habitat.

From July 4 through 8, KAGG disc jockeys worked from a billboard at 500 S. Texas Avenue. KAGG reached their goal of raising one million pennies (\$10,000) for Habitat.

"Habitat for Humanity asked us to help them out," Dan O'Neil, KAGG program director, said. "So we decided to change our habitat to help improve the community's."

KORA, KKYS, KTSR, KHRN, and KAGG took turns broadcasting from the billboard site. Each station incorporated the event into their midday shows.

"We were out there for 96 hours and our competitors joined us," O'Neil said. "It really was a community effort."

Money raised by the KAGG event will be used on Habitat's fourth house for the Bryan-College Station community.

## Student Affairs, UPD outline ways to keep campus safe

by Sharon Gilmore  
Special to The Battalion

Texas A&M's departments of Student Affairs and University Police provide safety and security policies and services, but they say "Your personal safety is largely up to you."

Dub Oliver, student life program specialist for the Department of Student Affairs, says the University's goal is to provide as much safety as possible.

The University Police's Crime Prevention unit, says Lt. Bert Kretzshmar, is dedicated solely to the

purpose of crime prevention. Kretzshmar says A&M supplies emergency phones, escorts, campus lights, locked doors, security force and safety programs to make campus a safer place.

Emergency phones are located throughout the campus and at each residence hall. Twenty-one "blue light" emergency phones were installed this summer. Phones are located outside each residence hall and are designed for emergency and visitor use.

Students contact the University Police by pushing the phone's red button. The emergency

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## The Texas A&M University Interfraternity Council and Its 28 National Fraternities

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# FALL 1991

# FRATERNITY RUSH

It All Begins With the Fraternity Life Seminar...

Wednesday, September 4, 7:00 p.m., MSC 225

The Fraternity Life Seminar represents the beginning of fall rush for Texas A&M's 28 men's fraternities. You are invited to the seminar to meet representatives of the fraternities and to receive schedules of each chapter's rush activities. Fall rush will end with Bid House on Friday, September 13. Should you have any questions, please come by the IFC office on the second floor of the Pavilion.

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