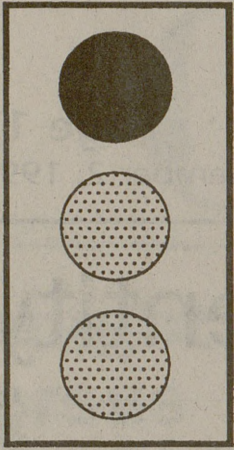


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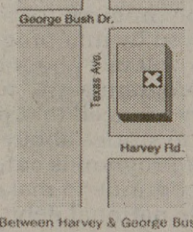
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CHANGES: A&M alters traditions in new conference

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The freshmen scavenge for bottle caps in Bottle Cap Alley — the sea of bottle caps between the Dixie Chicken and the Dry Bean Saloon on Northgate. The caps are hammered flat and fastened to the cadets' shoes.

"To have the honor of wearing senior spurs (on senior boots), every cadet must wear fish spurs first," said Foster, a senior political science major.

Corps Trips

The Corps, like many other students, organizes trips to away football games in support of the team.

Traditionally, there were two designated Corps trips each year. One was to SMU in Dallas or Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, and the other was to Rice University in Houston or the University of Texas in Austin, depending on which games were played away.

Without SMU, TCU Rice in the conference, the Corps will have new trips to take.

This season, the Corps has tentative plans for trips to Austin and Baylor University in Waco.

Band Travel

As part of the Southwest Conference, the Aggie Band traveled to most away football games.

Band Commander Mike Hays, a senior speech communication major, said this custom will continue with the exception of the Southwestern Louisiana game because the school's stadium is not large enough to give seats to the 460-member band.

And for the Iowa State University game, the freshman band members will stay home because of a seating shortage.

All halftime performances will be shortened by one minute to meet Big 12 regulations.

Hays said the other schools' students will be bewildered by the Aggie Band.

"Last year, when we went to Colorado, people didn't really understand it," Hays said. "People, at first, were kind of hesitant because of all the people with shaved heads walking around in boots.

"Performing for people for the first time is going to be great."

Foster said that in addition to the band, the Aggie yell leaders will "intrigue" the other schools' fans.

New Yell

The yell leaders are also bringing something new to Aggie spirit this season.

Head Yell Leader Chris Torn, a senior agriculture development major, said the end portion of "The Aggie War Hymn" — where A&M fans sway back and forth in a sawing motion — will become a new yell.

Torn said "Saw Varsity's Horns Off" is one of the most visible and intimidating things done from the stands, so he wanted to increase the number of times it was done.

"I was a junior yell leader last year, and one thing I noticed was some of the funniest comments from the other players about the swaying back and forth," Torn said.

"They didn't just worry about the game, they were worried about what was going on in the stands. Even some of the t-sip fans look over and say that's pretty cool."

Although it isn't completely new, Torn said the yell is something for today's students.

"My father (Sam Torn) brought the "Beat the Hell" yell to the campus in 1969, when he was head yell leader," Torn said. "When he brought that, everybody wanted something to call their own."

Midnight Yell Practice

The proposed expansion of Kyle Field, plus the change from artificial to natural grass, changed the format of midnight yell practice.

The student body will stand on the student side of the stands, rather than in the horseshoe, which would no longer exist after reconstruction.

"If that's the inevitable, then we're going to have to move it

rivalry, not because of the last year," Groff said, "but because we'll be competing for the national title."

"We're all excited about the new league because it will provide us additional national exposure mainly because we'll be in seven states rather than one."

Groff said the four schools A&M no longer plays weren't rivals, "but we had long-term friendships that will be missed."

School Spirit

Megan McMahon, Traditions Council chair and a junior accounting major, said that even with the changes school spirit will endure.

"I don't think (the changes) will affect our school spirit at all," McMahon said. "One of the things that make our traditions great is the school spirit behind it."

Joe Fenton, Corps of Cadets Center curator, said he expects A&M fans to take the changes "in good sport."

"Everything bends with the times," Fenton said. "Traditions go in and out and are changed three or four times."

"I think it's a healthy situation to see flight modification among the traditions. It means people still care and are creative. If you take life too seriously, you miss the point of the tradition."

To prevent any misunderstandings between A&M and other Big 12 schools, the Traditions Council will contact the other schools.

"The Traditions Council must address things like staying at Kyle Field memorial, so we don't have a repeat of the Texas game last year," McMahon said, referring to the fights that broke out among A&M cadets and UT fans.

"That's something we don't want to happen again. A lot of them don't mean to be disrespectful, they just don't know about our traditions."

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Chris Torn
Head Yell Leader

sometime and that might as well be now," Torn said.

The University also wants to protect the field's natural grass, which may prevent the Aggie Band from marching on field with their dates during yell practice. Tentatively, the band will play from the stands and the junior cadets will stand on the track.

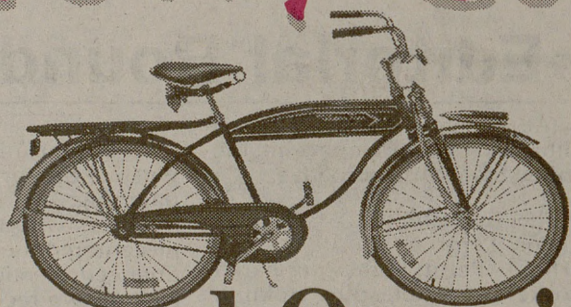
Rivalries

Competing with new schools lends the opportunity for new rivalries.

A&M Athletic Director Wally Groff said he expects the south division schools, such as Oklahoma State University and the University of Oklahoma, to be the strongest rivalries of the new schools because A&M will play them every year.

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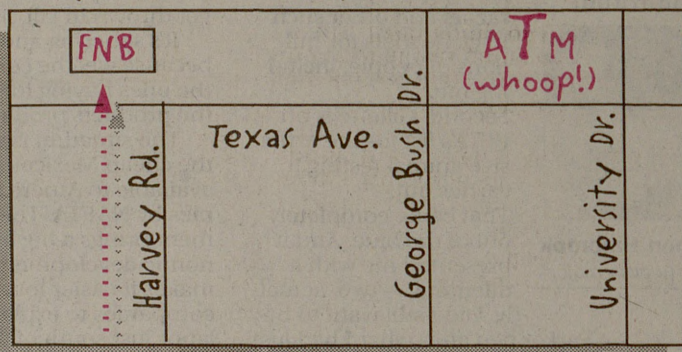
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