

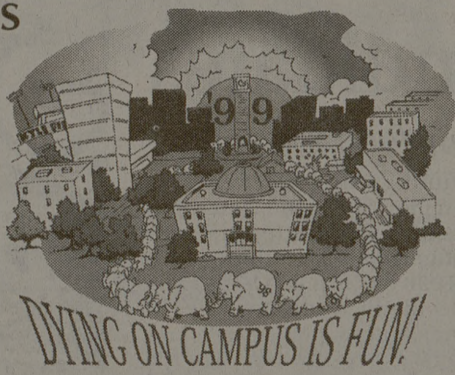
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HISTORY

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By the end of the first term, the number had grown to 48 and by the end of the year, 106 students were enrolled at A&M.

With 5,200 acres in Brazos County, A&M had the largest campus of any institution in the country at that time.

Henry C. Dethloff, history professor at A&M since 1969 and author of the book *Texas A&M University, A Pictorial History, 1876-1976*, said the college was an unlikely environment for the beginnings of a great institution of higher learning.

"Horned toads, scorpions, rabbits and deer vied with wolf packs for running room," Dethloff said. "One young student came to enroll and was attacked by wolves during the day, in full sight of the main building. Another was jumped by a hungry pack just after dinner."

William Andrew Trenckmann, Class of 1878, recalled that in late 1876 the A&M campus was "in a still somewhat pioneer time, large herds of deer frequently ran across our drill field and for a time a Mexican lion would prowl around our student home seeking prey."

During the early years, A&M taught only classical subjects, as its faculty was experienced only in these areas. Few people thought that farming could be taught, and many students went to A&M to escape from farming.

In 1880, A&M expanded its curriculum to include training in both agricultural and mechanical subjects. Before 1885, students who completed an established curriculum received certificates.

John A. Adams Jr., Class of '73 and author of the book *We are the Aggies*, said the first years of A&M passed slowly because of inadequate housing, student discipline problems, differences among the teaching staff and funding problems.

"Qualifications for admissions were not rigorous in those days," Adams said. "Students had to be at least fourteen years old, male, of good moral character and able to enter upon the prescribed studies. All students were required to serve in the Corps of Cadets, wear uniforms and follow military discipline as directed by the commandant of cadets."

Students were referred to as cadets, and after the turn of the century, as farmers.

"Traditions were in the making, but few existed as they do today," Dethloff said. "Even the term 'Aggies' was not applied to students until after World War I. Company and class rivalry was strong, and this rivalry formed the foundation of the Aggie spirit and the tradition of later days. As yet, though, there were no Bonfires, yell practices or even intramural or intercollegiate athletics."

The Aggie Muster ceremony began in 1880 when an Association of Ex-Students convened. The meetings began as parties and banquets held during commencement. In the late 1890s, Muster was on the permanent date of April 21 to honor the freedom of Texas and all Aggies who died the previous year.

The Battalion, began distribution on Oct. 1, 1893. A prior paper, *The Texas Collegian*, had appeared in 1879. The Battalion was mainly a literary publication until 1904, when the Association of Former Students took over sponsorship and made it a weekly newspaper.

The original A&M class ring, featuring the intertwined AMC letters was designed by the Class of 1889. In 1894, E. C. Jonas, an A&M senior designed the first ring to feature the symbols used today.

The Aggie Band was formed in 1894 by Joseph Holick and Arthur Jenkins. It started as a 13-man group.

The question of women attending A&M started early in the history of the college. Ethel Hutson, daughter of Professor Charles Hutson, attended the 1893-94 session of classes and her twin sisters completed engineering studies in 1903.

The oldest student organization in Texas was founded in 1887 as the Scott Guards, named after its founder, Colonel T.M. Scott. In 1890, it was renamed the Ross Volunteers in honor of A&M President Lawrence Sullivan Ross.

Ross came to A&M as president in 1890 after a career as an Indian fighter, brigadier general in the Confederate Army, state senator and governor of Texas.

"The selection of Ross as president marked a great step forward for A&M," Dethloff said. "It signaled the fact, as nothing else could, that A&M had become an important and respected institution. The cadets took great pride in having Ross as their president. He was their leader, their inspiration and their hero."

When Ross died in 1898, the first Silver Taps was held in his honor.

The early years of A&M presented challenges, but the college survived and continued to prosper through the years. A&M felt the pain of reconstruction, political turmoil, and economic need but continued to preserve a basic stability, a sense of purpose and an association with the past.



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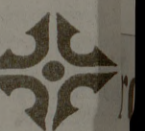
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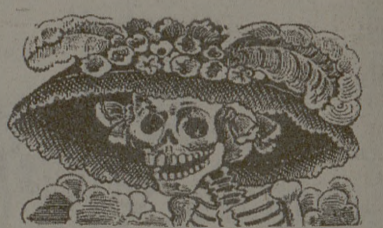
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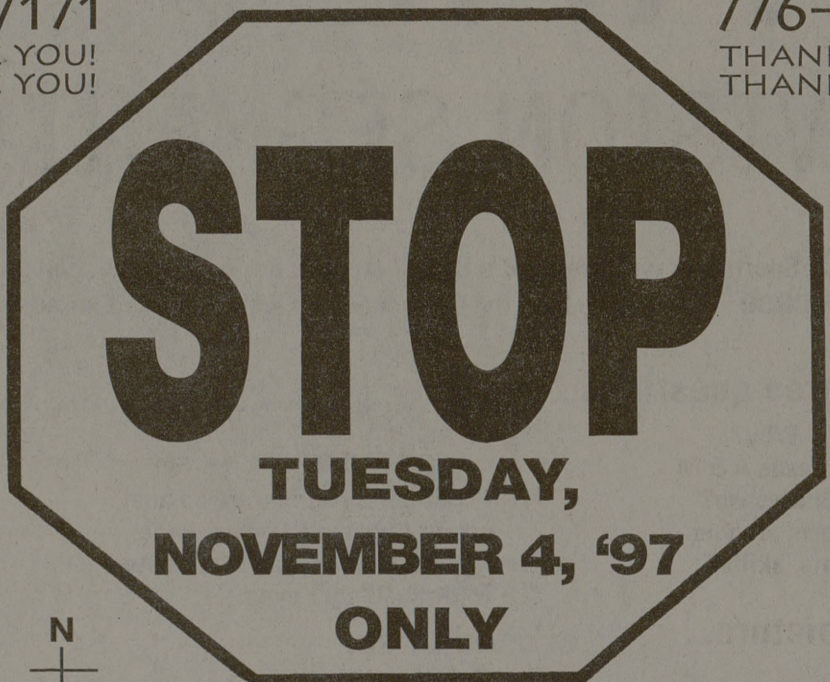
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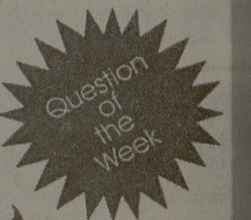
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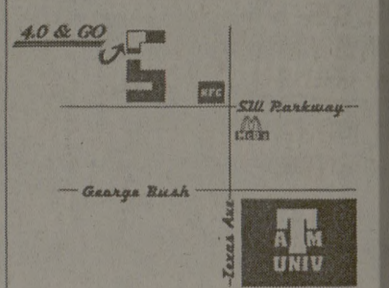
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