

Ring finger power

Aggie ring should not symbolize elitism

"The purpose of education is to replace an empty mind with an open one." — Malcolm Forbes

In its quest to rise above the dross of other universities in Texas and America, Texas A&M has managed to replace empty minds with, not open minds, but minds convinced that with an Aggie ring comes a status just below God.

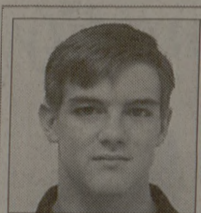
Being an Aggie has become automatically associated with being a cut above the rest, instead of what was learned as an Aggie making students a cut above the rest. This unrealistic, elitist attitude should be dropped.

Admittedly, the best of Aggieland can squish the very best of any other school like insignificant bugs. And it's not like we're getting any competition from Austin.

We're just that good. But, that's because these best-of-the-bests have reached into themselves and grown for having come to A&M.

They have gotten more than a diploma and a ring. They have discovered not just education and the "other education," but how to live and how to learn for the rest of their lives.

The other people, the students and former students who endlessly shout about how great A&M and Aggies, and by extension they, are



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have never really gained that, and are dragging the collective reputation of Aggies everywhere down with them.

These Aggies who are making yours and my degree and general Agginess less than it should be need to realize something very important. Like men with big, fancy cars, the more they talk about how great being an Aggie is, the more they are advertising how inadequate their lives have become.

It really is pathetic. Grade-school bullies improve their own self-esteem at the expense of others, by degrading anyone and everyone around them. College students are doing the exact same thing.

Unfortunately, there is nothing better Aggies can do about these people. We just have to deal with them, and apologize every time another offended non-ag looks down on us because of them.

We have to quietly show the world that there really is something different about A&M, not shout it until the world has tuned us out.

An Aggie ring should be a symbol of what a former student has accomplished, not the only proof he or she threw away the opportunity.

We come into the University young and naive, and we should all leave older and wiser, not shadows of real Aggies who have come into their own through their college experiences.

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Finally someone has done the obvious in black. R.C. Slocum will never be Texas A&M's football coach on the promised land. Other people feel they can do, but nobody has seen member Bonfire night. Leader Tim Duffy said he was the best coach he's seen at A&M. Of course, crowd gave a few half whoops (I didn't believe though). In the article Slocum was quoted as "some aspects that if we'll ever catch up." discussed recruiting coach feels this way maybe he should just do the Big 10 and no problem coming and recruiting players state. The problem with recruiting is Slocum never will win a game. Why would an athlete want to come for him? Until the makes the effort to be big-name coach, the students and the will have to put up with mediocre football. R.C. will not fill The Zone.

As much as I would see the Aggies smoke just don't think it will. We are playing a team by a former A&M coach amazes me that offensive defensive coordinators and go, but R.C. and Slocum still remain, and the mediocre football bid maybe Sean Slocum shown the exit door and the likes of Bob Davie Toledo. In fact, I wonder will feel for Coach Slocum stand on the opposite side of the field from Toledo to face UCLA at the Conference. Here's Bob bringing the ranked team in the next face the coach who fired this isn't a grudge match. Bob, I don't know what R.C., he'll probably be next year just for the we beat a slumping team.

Coaching approach displayed in Big XII

In response to Jeremy Parsons' 8 sports article:

Nebraska 54, A&M 13. It appears Coach Osborne's little more motivated in the Championship Game than Slocum's team.

Nebraska wanted to be than just stay close. They with some fire behind they never looked back. Several papers quoted last week Slocum would be happy to just until the fourth quarter see what happens.

With that attitude, he the beating he took. Of course Slocum is happy because the victory over t.u., with said he'd rather beat than Big XII Championship over braska. I don't see a reason ing in the Big XII Championship you do not care enough to

With this philosophy, why A&M is not a dominant force in college football. Slocum appears to be a great coach playing teams such as South ton State, USL and some of other powerhouses on the rule this year. Then look how was outcoached against State and Nebraska.

A&M is a very talented but only a good team when ing weak teams, which allow them to win nine games. Mackovic was fired last year t.u., but at least he can be say he won a Big XII Championship against a team more than his because he wanted motivated his players for

Hey Jeremy, do you think Slocum might motivate his a little? That is part of his well, he beat t.u.

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