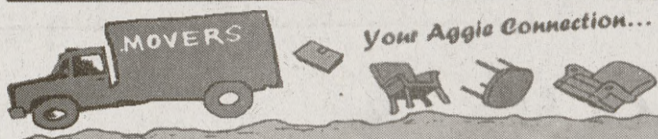


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# SGA uses Kick-Off week to reach students

By JEANETTE SIMPSON  
The Battalion

The Student Government Association's Kick-Off week begins today with a string of events intended to reach out to the University community and introduce students to Texas A&M leaders.

"Through Kick-Off Week, we want to promote the work that SGA does for the the students, and we want to get them in touch with administrators," said Student Body President Forrest Lane, a senior political science major. "We want to be there to listen to the issues that students are concerned with for the 2000-2001 school year."

Kick-Off week also starts a new year-long program called Outreach, designed to make students aware of all the areas of SGA and how they affect campus life.

"We hope, through Outreach, to

become accessible to the students, and to encourage new and returning students to get involved in the organizations and committees that interest them," Lane said.

In order to encourage students to be part of the SGA experience,

**"Getting involved is an important part of the Texas A&M experience, and SGA is a great way to be involved."**

— Chad Wagner  
Student Senate speaker and junior political science major

many different SGA groups will be involved in Kick-Off Week, said Chad Wagner, speaker of the Student Senate and a junior political science major.

"Getting involved is an important part of the Texas A&M experience, and SGA is a great way to be involved," said Wagner. "Through Outreach we are going to reach out and bring in other students to share in the incredible leadership experience with SGA."

Kick-Off Week begins in the SGA office in the John J. Koldus building with an open house from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for Aggies to meet their student leaders.

"We wanted make [the students] aware that we are here to listen to their thoughts and ideas, that we want to answer their questions, and that we want to talk with them about any concerns they have," Wagner said.

Students also will have the oppor-

tunity to meet with University leaders and administrators.

On Tuesday SGA committee chairs will meet at Rudder Tower to discuss the responsibilities of their individual committees. Administrators such as Tom Williams, director of PTTS, and Ron Sasse, director of Residential Life, will be available around campus on Wednesday for questions and discussion.

"Wednesday will give students the opportunity to meet the presiding vice presidents and administrators of the University, and it will make student leaders visible to the students, that is important," Lane said.

Lane and other executive council leaders will be at Rudder Tower on Thursday to meet students and rounding out the week on Friday, the SGA will offer refreshments at the SGA office.

# Aggie Band leads All-U Night

## Students encouraged to support athletes

By MARIUM MOHIUDDIN  
The Battalion

When the sounds of the Aggie Band are heard at 6:30 p.m., it is the cue for students to fall out and follow behind as the band marches to Kyle Field to kick off 2000 All-University Night.

"[The organizers] are trying to bring back an old tradition by having the band wander around campus and pick up students," said J. Malon Southerland, vice president of Student Affairs. "This is how Mid-Night Yell Practice use to begin when I went to school, but that was in the '60s when there were about 8,000 to 10,000 students attending yell practice."

About 10,000 Aggies are expect-

ed to gather for All U-Night in an effort to unite the campus and show support for fall athletic teams.

"This event has always been a tradition," said Ricky Wood, head yell leader and a senior theater arts major. "It does fall in the same week as Gig 'Em week, but it is a culmination of what [Gig 'Em] is supposed to represent."

After the students enter Kyle Field, there will be video presentations of the soccer, volleyball and football teams. Head coaches for fall sports teams will speak.

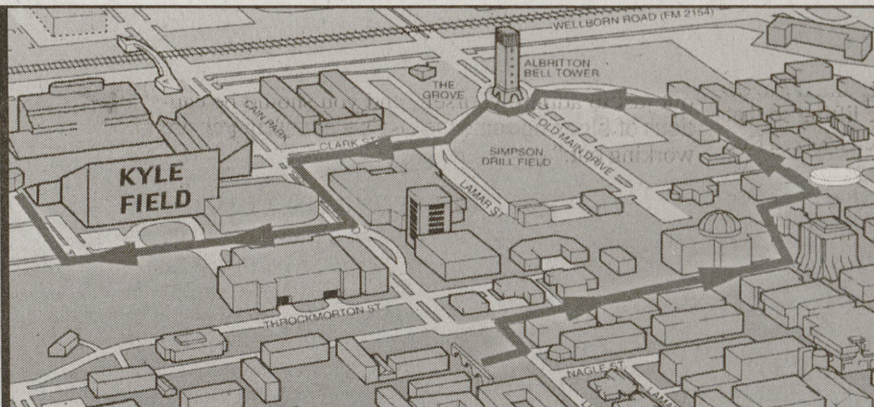
"This event is to help students understand about the Aggie spirit," Southerland said.

The schedule of events also includes speeches from Southerland

and A&M President Dr. Ray M. Bowen. The yell leaders will lead the students in yell practice, marking the first yell for the Class of '04. Football coach R.C. Slocum and basketball coach Melvin Watkins are also expected to speak. The program will conclude with an opportunity for students to meet athletes and coaches at The Zone Plaza or G. Rollie White Coliseum. Students can also try their hand at playing against the athletes.

"One of the things that I am looking forward to is to see a guy try and take on the women's volleyball team," Southerland said. "These women are great, and the student body will be able to see that on Monday night."

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**MONDAY, AUGUST 28**  
**6:30 p.m.**



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### KTFB

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A bucket truck would then lift participants to carefully bind the newly positioned log. The center-pole would be buried 20 feet into the ground, bringing the total bonfire height to 40 feet.

Previous Aggie Bonfires were usually 55 feet tall.

While traditionally integral parts of Aggie Bonfire, such as the Aggie

Band, yell leaders and Corps of Cadets will not participate in an official capacity, Dyson said, former students will fill these roles.

"We've talked with a former band leader who said if the band doesn't play, he'll organize his own band, full of alumni, and they'll have alumni yell leaders," he said.

KTFB has consolidated its operations in two entities to deal with the functionality and legal issues of erecting a non-University-sanctioned bonfire.

In one organization, the non-profit Keep the Fire Burning, Ltd., funds are raised to "maintain the traditions of A&M."

The second entity, a limited liability company, KTFB, LLC, was formed after it was determined the conception of an off-campus bonfire would defy University ruling.

According to the group, lawyers recommended the LLC to shield the members of the original KTFB. The company will be responsible for all bonfire operations. It would take the

brunt of the damage fiscally in the event of lawsuits, and legally in the event of University reaction.

Any students who are admitted onto the site to cut and aid in the log and bucket truck process of bonfire would be card-carrying members of the group, therefore accountable to any legal repercussions.

For further safety, no non-student workers would be admitted to site, and access to the site would be controlled at gates.

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