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## Let's get this party started

Nov. 25 Farmers Fight Festival to feature free concerts, games and food

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When Student Body President Zac Coventry, a senior agricultural development major, ran for his position last spring, his motto was: "One in Spirit and Purpose." Now, through the Farmers Fight Festival, sponsored by the Fall Activities Council, Coventry said he can implement his vision to unite the Aggie family.

Coventry, who serves as the head of the Fall Activities Council, said the purpose of the festival is to bring Aggies together.

"The strength of Texas A&M is that Aggies stick together," Coventry said.

"We hope this will bring about that sense of unity."

According to Andy Herreth, a junior political science major and co-chair of the Farmers Fight Festival, the event will kick off at 4 p.m. on Nov. 25 with games such as tug-of-war, washers, horseshoes, hay bale rolling and a dominoes tournament, as well as performances by local bands Two Spy, Pilot Radio and Benjamin Allen Band. There will also be free food at the event.

The festival will include official Yell Practice and performances by the Aggie Band. Head football Coach R.C. Slocum and select senior football players will speak at the Yell Practice, which begins at 8 p.m. Following Yell Practice, Cory Morrow and Stroke 9 will perform in concert.

Herreth said the committee expects more than 10,000 participants to join the festivities during the day, and hopes to set a record number for attendance at Yell Practice.

"I would like to see the Twelfth Man come together," he said. "That hasn't happened in a few years."

Jason Sherrib, a junior industrial science major and the other co-chair of the Farmers Fight Festival, said he shares Herreth's vision for the festival.

"A lot of people have been saying the Aggie Spirit hasn't been as strong in the past few years,"

Sherrib said. "We wanted to do something to bring that back to life by having an event that is going to be memorable. If it's something that continues, I think the spirit will continue to grow."

According to Sherrib, the festival is mainly targeted at students; however, the committee has gone into the community to attract residents as well, and is working through Aggie Relations to draw former students to the event.

Sherrib said the objective for the festival is to provide something free to unite students and the Aggie community while trying to fill a lull in the semester and bring back something unique for the Texas game.

"We aren't trying to replace Bonfire; that isn't the purpose," he said. "The purpose is for students to get together and have a good time."

Sherrib and Coventry agree they would like the festival to become an annual event. However, Coventry said he does not know if the Farmers Fight Festival will join the list of Aggie traditions.

"Traditions aren't planned. You can't legislate a tradition," Coventry said. "It is my personal hope that this is some-

thing that continues though."

The Fall Activities Council was formed last spring by former Student Body President Schuyler Houser when the announcement was made there would be no Bonfire. After surveying students to gather information on activities they would like to see conducted in the fall, the council developed several activities, including the Farmers Fight Festival.

The Fall Activities Council has been planning the festival since the summer.

In bringing together student leaders from across campus, Herreth said he has met and worked with many people who share an excitement to revive the Aggie spirit.

"I've gotten so much out of working with people who care about A&M and what it stands for," he said.

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