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Family Tradition

Student dunks ring with father, sister, brother-in-law

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Four Aggie class rings were buried under 16 recent obescoops of multi-flavored ice cream, whipped volvement in cream, cherries and chocolate sprinkles Saturday ffairs by others Carrie Foran dunked her new ring with her

Foran, a senior community health major, ast conflict. dunked her 2003 class ring with her father, Class ssential that of 1976, her sister, Class of 1999 and her brothnd tall and taker-in-law, Class of 1999 at Swensen's Icecream

"I wanted to do this with my family because (Texas) A&M has been such a tradition to our ued from pfamily for such a long time," Foran said. Foran is a third-generation Aggie in her fami-

ts funding member to graduate from A&M. Foran said the first Aggie of her family graduated in 1941. e 14th Aggie of her family, Charles D. Foran III, "Chad," is in the Army and is currently serving about the the country, she said. The 15th Aggie was just accepted for the

Foran said she chose to dunk ther ring in ice cream because she potential donwanted to share the experience

The family ate their way nan said. through the ice cream, occasionalanning Aggidly smearing it on each other's faces. Foran's father's 1976 class

ring was found first, and her 2003 class ring was

Foran said she wanted her father to be a part of the ring dunking tradition because there iversity and wasn't a dunking tradition when her father was

> "He had never done this before, so I asked him to fly in from Phoenix to do this with me,"

Foran said her family should be a part of this

happy time in her life because they have always supported her.

'My father and mother put me through school, and I wanted them to share in this tradition with me," she said. "I wanted to show them that I cherish what they have done for me.'

Foran's father, Charles D. Foran, Jr., a mechanical engineering graduate of 1976, said it was great to be able to share in the tradition with his daughter.

"It was awesome because she has worked so hard to get here," he said.

Charles D. Foran, Jr. said they were definitely full after eating 16 scoops of ice cream.

'We were waddling out of Swensen's," he said. Foran's sister, Holly Foran Beier, was overseas her senior year and did not get a chance to dunk her ring.

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Beier said she thought she had missed out on the Aggie ring dunking tradition until her sister called her.

"When Carrie called me to do this, it was a good surprise," Beier said she was a senior

when her sister came to A&M as a freshman, and the two were roommates. "It was great to come back to

share this with Carrie - to see her come so far," she said. "It was a lot of fun to be a part of this tra-

Beier said dunking her ring at Swensen's with her family was a perfect

experience. "I couldn't have shared it in any better way than with my family," she said. "It was the most complete way of doing this tradition; it was real fulfilling."

Foran's brother-in-law, Joshua Beier, Class of 1999 and a mechanical engineering major, said he had missed out on the ring dunking tradition when his future wife, Foran's sister, was



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(From left to right): Senior community health major Carrie Foran, father Charles Foran Jr. (Class of 1976), sister Holly Foran Beier and Joshua Beier (both Class of 1999) show off their rings after dunking them at Swensen's Icecream & Fine Foods on Saturday afternoon. Carrie is the 12th Aggie in her family

"I wanted to wait for her to come back, so we could dunk our rings together," he said. "But the event never materialized."

Joshua Beier said getting to share in the ring dunking tradition with his wife and family

"This was a great opportunity that came up," he said, "and it worked out well for us."

Foran's roommate, Sara Birdsong, a senior community health major, said her roommate was able to include her entire family in on the ring dunking tradition by dunking their rings in

'I think it was pretty cool the way Carrie did

it, because you can get your whole family involved," she said. "I think it was great that her parents got to come in from Arizona, especially since Carrie doesn't get to see them that often.

Birdsong said A&M is a big tradition in her roommate's family

"With Carrie being the 12th Aggie in her family, the Aggie ring holds a lot of significance to them," she said.

Bav Mehga, a Swensen's employee, said parties of 20 to 25 people come in after Aggie rings are passed out.

'That's usually about all we have in here from the time rings go out on Thursday until the Saturday after," he said.

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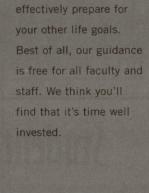
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