

# BEYOND BEER

Not down to down a pitcher of beer? Aggies weigh in on some alternatives.



## Coffee

RYAN TRANTHAM (biomedical sciences senior): I dunked my ring in black coffee. I'm not a beer drinker and that is the traditional drink of choice I guess.



## Cake

RACHEL POTTER (health senior): We just wanted something fun and different but that would still be kind of messy and entertaining for people to watch, so we decided to do cake with the icing off — plus Kendall is a baker so she makes really good cakes.

KENDALL WOLKENSTEIN (biomedical sciences senior): I run an entrepreneurial cake business so I baked some cakes for us and they are going to be six inches around, and then we are going to decorate them all cute and hide [the rings] in each other's so that we don't really know where they are and then have to find them with our hands tied behind our backs.



## Milk and cookies

TYLER BUFFINGTON (mechanical engineering senior): I did my ring dunk in skim milk. I really like cookies and milk so I figured the best approach would be to eat some cookies and wait a little bit until I really want milk bad, then chug a pitcher of it and I finished in like a minute and 12 seconds.



## Mexican Coke

GARRETT GOBLE (computer engineering senior): I did my ring dunk in Mexican coke, which is coke that is bottled from Mexico and it uses cane sugar instead of high fructose corn syrup.

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## Parking challenges expected for Ring Day

Officials recommend West Campus Garage for parking on Ring Day, Parent's Weekend

By Cassidy Hudson

▷ With another Ring Day underway, parking and traffic are of concern for students and visitors.

Kathryn Greenwade, vice president of the Association of Former Students, said she suggests students make arrangements to accommodate the nearly 30,000 people expected to attend Ring Day this year.

Students should not expect to park at the Alumni Center, Greenwade said.

"The parking in and around our facility is going to be taken by volunteers who are helping us with Ring Day," Greenwade said. "There will not be parking other than parking for those who have disability needs here as we have spots available."

Greenwade said the West Campus Garage and the free Ring Day shuttle will likely be the best form of transportation. The shuttle will conveniently run from West Campus Garage to the Alumni Center on Houston Street from 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 p.m. She also said visitors should be prepared for rain and bring an umbrella.

Deborah Hoffmann, associate director of Transportation Services, said a variety of ways to avoid parking struggles for Ring Day events.

"We strongly recommend parking in West Campus Garage as University Center Garage remains full most of the day on Ring Days," Hoffmann said. "Avoiding congestion on George Bush Drive will make this the easiest and most stress-free way to get to Ring Day."

Sgt. Blaine Krauter of the College Station Police Department said College Station roads will function normally on Ring Day.

"In College Station, we're used to having days like this whether sporting events or other events associated or not associated with Texas A&M," Krauter said. "There will not be any extra patrols or officers on the street because of the event."

With a rainy forecast and more traffic congestion, Krauter said these conditions make traffic accidents more likely.

## TOP 10 RING DUNK THEMES

- Uptown Dunk You Up
- Dunk of the Rings
- Dunker Mifflin
- KenDUNKy Derby
- The Boy Who Dunked
- America runs on DUNKIN'
- Game of Dunks
- I don't dunk with you
- Top Dunk
- Help me, I'm dunking

## WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE PART OF THE AGGIE RING?

**Eagle:** The ability to reach great heights is a central part of the Aggie experience, both in the sense that we as Aggies work together to support each other and that Texas A&M equips individuals to become leaders of character in the modern world.

The education and training received at A&M along with the network of loyal former students that the university provides, enable students to have opportunities unmatched by other universities. Reaching great heights is common to the Aggie experience because of our commitment to loyalty and excellence.

Joseph Benigno,  
2015-2016 SBP-elect

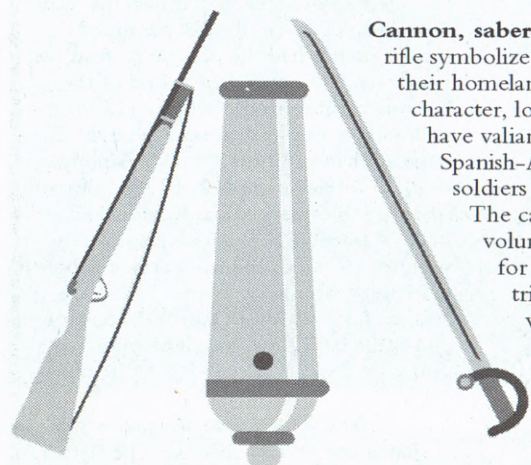


**Shield:** The shield represents protection of the good reputation of A&M. Texas A&M is world renowned for its teaching, research and experience but our core values are at the heart of it all. We are and will always be Aggies, thus words and actions represent us as individuals and as an institution.

Kyle Kelly,  
2014-2015 SBP

**Stars on shield:** The purpose of Texas A&M is to develop leaders of character dedicated to serving the greater good. With this purpose in mind, it is very important to develop a student's entire person rather than just their mind. We should not take our education for granted, as that is our primary responsibility as students, but we must not neglect our growth and development as servant leaders. Across the world people choose to attend college to gain knowledge. We as Aggies, however, find ways to leverage that knowledge in order to positively impact individuals and the community around us.

Zach Rozinsky,  
2015-2016 MSC President



**Cannon, saber, and rifle:** The cannon, saber and rifle symbolize an Aggie's determination to defend their homeland, which speaks to each Aggie's character, loyalty and selfless service. Aggies have valiantly served in every conflict since the Spanish-American War, sending thousands of soldiers to fight for America and her citizens. The cannon, saber and rifle not only speak volumes of Aggies' determination to fight for what they believe in, but it also pays tribute to those brave men and women who paid the ultimate price so that fellow Aggies and Americans may continue to enjoy freedom.

Alyssa Michalke,  
2015-2016 Corps Commander



**Live Oak:** At the heart of every Aggie are the Texas A&M core values. The ambition that Aggies demonstrate and the successes they achieve are typified by a motivation to make this world a better, more peaceful place. The crossed branches symbolize that Aggies refuse to place selfish gains ahead of the good of others whom they lead.

Ryan Trantham,  
2014-2015 MSC President

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