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# Let comrade answer 'here'

Aggies fill Reed Arena for campus Muster ceremony

By Nikita Redkar

The campus Aggie Muster ceremony honored the memories of Aggies before a maximum-capacity crowd of around 13,000 in Reed Arena Tuesday.

Muster, said Student Body President Kyle Kelly, is about both consid-

ering the past and savoring the present.

"Through Muster we experience the spirit that can ne'er be told," Kelly said in his speech. "The Roll Call for the Absent represents not just names, but stories and faces, each with a life to be remembered."

This year's Muster celebrated the 50th anniversary and reunion for members of the Class of 1965. Aggies

around the world gathered in College Station to be part of the largest Muster ceremony and answer "here" for their fellow class members who have died.

Mike Tovey, Class of 1965, came to town from Phoenix with his wife Tuesday.

"It's really amazing to see the whole class gathered here and I speak for everyone when I say we wouldn't be

anywhere else," Tovey said. "This was my first time attending Muster in College Station since I was on campus 50 years ago."

Distance from College Station did not hinder many former students from being part of the ceremony. Tovey said one man in his class flew all the way from Korea.

MUSTER ON PG. 2



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The Camaraderie Barbecue, which was held Tuesday afternoon, gave current and former students a chance to share their memories of Aggieland.

## Barbecue brings generations together

By Evan Flores

Current and former students greeted and conversed with one another before Muster on Tuesday, recalling old and new experiences in Aggieland.

The Muster Committee hosted its Camaraderie Barbecue in front of Kyle Field to celebrate the reunion of students from the Class of 1965 and encourage communion with current students.

The barbecue featured guest performances from the Aggie Wranglers, Fish Drill Team and appearances from the Yell Leaders and Head Coach Kevin Sumlin.

The Muster committee has worked tirelessly to put on the barbecue, and to see it happening brings a sense of accomplishment, said Brenna Thompson,

one of two Camaraderie Barbecue coordinators.

"It's been really awesome since we've worked hard to improve it," Thompson said. "Every year we try to come up with something better than the last."

Thompson said the best part of the Camaraderie Barbecue is to see how the reunited classes respond to the event.

"We do our best to bring in students each year because that's the former students' favorite part," Thompson said. "We always try to get more students to come out so that they can interact with the reunion members."

Current students have the chance to learn more about how former students see and interact with A&M now that they are back on campus, said Gerald Kirk, aerospace engineering sophomore.

"Whenever I've had a chance to sit down with these people, a lot have such passion," Kirk said. "Passion for A&M, passion for what they believe in here, whether it is for the Corps, fraternities or sororities."

Sitting down with the former students also provides insight into the past, Kirk said.

"They offer such a wonderful perspective," Kirk said. "They are more than willing to share stories about their time here, and that refreshes your view of A&M."

Although decades have passed, seeing current students still valuing the importance of traditions brings joy to former students who have long left the

BARBECUE ON PG. 3

## No. 2 A&M baseball rebounds with win over UT-Arlington

By Andre Perrard

After dropping its first series of the season, A&M baseball needed a win to end its first losing skid of the year and did just that in a 4-2 win over UT-Arlington on Tuesday afternoon.

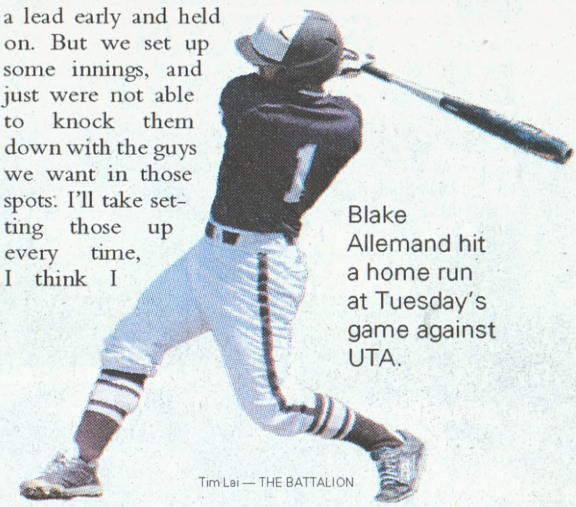
The Aggie bats started hot early with two home runs in the first two innings, and with that lead in place A&M never looked back. The win keeps A&M unbeaten in mid-week games and move to 24-0 against non-conference opponents this season.

"We started out like gangbusters," said A&M head coach Rob Childress. "We had a great approach and were able to build a lead early and held on. But we set up some innings, and just were not able to knock them down with the guys we want in those spots. I'll take setting those up every time, I think I

would be concerned if we weren't setting those innings up. Definitely had some opportunities in the middle innings to put the game away, but we were able to play with some pressure late and I was proud of the way we finished."

A&M (36-5, 12-5 SEC) broke the scoring seal in its first at-bat of the game. Blake Allemand hit a lead-off home run to give A&M the early 1-0 lead. In the second, Hunter Melton hit another leadoff home run, his fourth of the year, to give the Aggies a 2-0 advantage. RBIs from Mitchell Nau and Nick Banks in the third inning helped A&M to a 4-0 lead after

BASEBALL ON PG. 4



Blake Allemand hit a home run at Tuesday's game against UTA.

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## Aggie author lends a hand in collaborative book series

By Keeley Wirries

A new literary collaboration that explores apocalyptic scenarios has an Aggie twist to it.

The "Apocalypse Weird" project consists of a collective of writers including Chris Pourteau, a senior research editor at the Texas A&M Transportation Institute and Class of 1989. Each author follows their own story throughout a series, all under an overarching plotline created by Wonderment Media.

Wonderment Media, a publishing company founded by independent fiction authors, hosted an online book launching party Tuesday for the series' newest book, "Genesis: The White Dragon."

"Each of us writers have our own approach to creating a story," said Pourteau, author of "Serenity Strain." "Some of these stories are

based on theories that might actually happen, we just take them and dial them up to 11. We each have our different story lines but they contribute to a larger narrative that over time is going to evolve out of the novels and bring the heroes of the novels together later on. If you think of Marvel Comics, it's like that."

As more novels are written, authors are allowed to share characters across stories. Several of the novels take place within Texas, including Pourteau's book, which is set in Houston.

Part of the mission of "Apocalypse Weird" is to interact with readers as much as possible. In the E-books, available on iBooks or Amazon, readers are able to click hyperlinks within chapters that are "Easter eggs"

APOCALYPSE ON PG. 4



"Apocalypse Weird" is a project that combines the work of several different sci-fi and fantasy authors in one common alternative world.

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