Howdy!

May is here, Spring has sprung, Elephants are wandering aimlessly around campus, Sergebutts have tendonitis from polishing their boots, Pissheads are, well just being Pissheads, fish are cogitating on becoming a human again and our club is having a great year.

When you finally received your April newsletter, I hope you noticed and liked the new format. I apologize for its tardiness and can only say, “No excuses Sir!” However, I do believe the problem has been rectified and future newsletters should arrive in a timely manner.

The Board is working hard to keep our Club moving forward. Allison, Risha, Andrew, Roxanne, Jessica and Jason organized an outstanding Muster. Marta, Roxanne and Clay W. spent a grueling evening ranking scholarship applications to determine who would receive an interview on May 4th. Please contact Marta if you would like to help with the interviews.

June will be a busy month, Bobby is getting the golf tournament lined out for June 6th at Diamondback Golf Course, he will gladly accept any and all help. Nick has organized a new fundraiser for the scholarship program. The 1st, annual Coach’s Night with offensive line coach B. J. Anderson will be held on June 17th. It will feature a reception, dinner, an inside report on Aggie Football by Coach Anderson and a silent auction. Ags, we need your help in obtaining items for the auction.

Gig ‘em,
J. Clay Deatherage ‘84
2014 Abilene A&M Club Calendar

MAY
May 4 - Freshman Scholarship Interviews
May 7 - Regular Club Meeting
May 15 - Board of Directors Meeting
May 22 - Aggie Happy Hour @ The Winery

June
June 1 - Class '43 White Belt Applications Due
June 4 - Regular Club Meeting
June 5 - Pit Packin' Party
June 6 - Aggie Golf Tournament
June 17 - Coach’s Night
June 19 - Board of Directors Meeting
June 19 - Aggie Happy Hour

July
July 2 - Regular Club Meeting
July 17 - Board of Directors Meeting
July 17 - Aggie Happy Hour

August
August 6 - Regular Club Meeting
August 21 - Board of Directors Meeting

SEPTEMBER 5 - 13 FRENCH FRY BOOTH
Introducing our May Speaker

One of the greatest benefits of being a member of the Aggie family is the support provided by the Aggie Network. While there are many components of the Network, few do more to provide the support students need to make it through Aggieland and earn their degree than the Aggie Mother’s Club.

This month, Tammy Crowe, President of the Abilene Aggie Mother’s Club will be with us and bring us up to speed on their projects to support students at A&M. Tammy is a native Abilenian who after earning an accounting degree from Hardin Simmons and marrying Tim Crowe, chose to be a stay at home mom dedicating her time to their children. Tammy and Tim have 4 children including 2 Aggies, a 5th semester Aggie and a sophomore.

Did You Know?

Did you know that from 1940 to 1945 there were 8,573 former students, most fought in World War II. Today there are 1,703 still living – oh the stories they can tell if we just would listen.

Here is the breakdown:

Class of ’40 - 161  Class of ’41 - 221  Class of ’42 - 285
Class of ’43 - 290  Class of ’44 - 366  Class of ’45 - 380
Abilene Aggies are Honored Guests at Senior Dine Out 2014

April 16, 2014, College Station Texas, Bethancourt Ballroom, Memorial Student Center was the scene of an elegant black tie affair. The gentlemen in their tuxedos or dress uniforms, the ladies in their satin, lace and pearls. The evening was to honor the 2014 graduating corps of cadets with a special meal, awards, and of course speeches thickly laced with words of encouragement and expectations. The Corps of Cadets Association hosts the event to recognize these future leaders and provide them with an opportunity to rub elbows with each other and glean wisdom from old Ags. There were people from all walks of life there to support the Corps of Cadets and the Corps of Cadets Association. There were several high ranking military men and women with plenty of medals to impress. There were doctors, and lawyers and regular folks who only wanted to support the Corps at Texas A&M,

This year's Dining Out was special for three of our Abilene Ags - the class of ’44 were invited as the C. C. A.’s guests of honor. Ed Melson, Dub Pritchett, and Harry Swofford dressed in their tuxes, met and visited with soon to be grads. Many took the time to visit for a while, wanting answers to questions that only the men from this generation could answer. The Ross Volunteers were lined up with sabers arched for each couple, pictures were presented as each entered the meet and greet area. Christina Perez ’14 a member of the Corps Staff was our guide, making introductions and maneuvering the maze of drink, food and picture areas.

General Joe Weber delivered a message of particular interest, he talked about not forgetting to help teach and mentor the next generation. He thanked several people including Abilene’s own Dub Pritchett who was his little league baseball coach, and stressed the importance of being available to those who will follow in your footsteps and being there as others were available to you. His speech was special moment for Dub as General Weber retires as the Vice President of Student Affairs of Texas A&M University.

Regent Anthony (Tony) Buzbee was the keynote speaker and gave an interesting view on the laws of probability. His point was don't try to second guess the laws of probability - who would have guessed that Texas A&M in its first year in the SEC would win any games in any sport.
There is an auction to raise money for the C.C.A., that will enable them to continue all the wonderful events throughout the year. The C.C.A. sponsors Rally to the Guidon every fall, Senior Dining Out in the spring, provide lunch for the corps during March to the Brazos, Aggie Eagle Banquets, Bataan Death March Competition, Fish Starter Kits, Female Cadets Reception and on and on. The C.C.A. was instrumental in obtaining the single donation that built the first LLC on the Quad. There are levels of membership open to anyone wanting to support the Corps of Cadets at Texas A&M.

For many years we have heard of the dwindling numbers of the Corps. Now its numbers are growing as an increasing number of students elect to be true Keepers of the Tradition. If the young people we met are any indication we have little to worry about, the Aggie Tradition is alive and well. One cadet will spend the summer working in the family garage and gas station - in the fall she will return to medical school. Another cadet will be going into the Air Force and will be stationed at Dyess. A couple will be commissioned and enter OCS, while others will go on to law school, nursing school, or return for their masters. These young men and women will go far whatever their path.

For the Abilene Class of ´44 the connection with the C.C.A. is a very special one. Dennis Davenport, has taken a special interest in these men. He contacts them regarding any event that he thinks they will be interested in attending, The Rally to Guidon in 2012 started what has become a fun and eventful friendship for them. In October 2013 Dub, Ed and Harry were asked to lead the Rally which they gladly agreed to do. Once the Abilene ´44s were past the reviewing stand they stepped next to it and also reviewed the Rally marchers.

It appears that Abilene may have the largest group from the Classes of ´43 and ´44 that is still active and fairly mobile. The Abilene ´44s have made a connection and friendships that are just beginning. Ed, Dud and Harry along with their protégé Roxanne deserve a special “Thank You” for serving as outstanding ambassadors of our Club, they epitomize the term “Good Ags.”
GOOD BULL

Scholarships!

Scholarships are our Club’s primary projects. We will have 2 events in June to help fund the program.

Our annual Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, June 6th at Diamondback Golf Course. Bobby and his crew are working hard to ensure another successful event.

First Annual Coaches Night, Tuesday, June 17th, featuring Coach B. J. Anderson, dinner and a silent auction.

Got any Good Bull? Send it to us!

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Abilene A&M Club Silver Taps
It is with deep regret that we acknowledge the passing of our fellow Aggies

Capt. William Allison '55 - February 6, 2014
Mr. Carroll Chapman '53 - March 13, 2014
Mr. C. Barber '47 - February 22, 2014

Please notify the Club of the passing of any members of the area’s Aggie family so that we may express our condolences and ensure the Association is notified.

Prayers and Concerns
It is with deep sorrow we acknowledge the loss of Andrew Turnbull’s father, Dr. Marshall Turnbull. Please keep Andrew and his family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Memorial Contributions
There are many ways to honor departed family members and friends. Should you select a memorial contribution that embodies the Aggie Spirit as a method to celebrate the life of a loved one, the Abilene A&M Club will consider it an honor to help ensure your wishes are met.

Local Club options include the Senior Ring & Boot Fund, the Freshman Scholarship Fund and the Class of ‘43 White Belt Scholarship Fund. If your preference is one of the numerous organizations on campus or an affiliate of the Aggie network, please do not hesitate to contact us for assistance.
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Annual Dues:
■ $35/yr Individual ■ $35/yr Aggie couple

I want to help with:
■ Scholarship Selections ■ Muster ■ French Fry Booth ■ Golf Tournament ■ Board of Directors

Optional Reveille Donations:
(above & beyond dues)
■ $25 ■ $50 ■ $100

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■ $250 ■ $500

I wish to be acknowledged:
■ in the Newsletter $75.00/yr ■ on Aggie Football Radio $400.00/yr ■ at the Golf Tournament

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Statement of Purpose: Primary functions of the Abilene A&M Club are serving as the focus of all organized alumni activity in the Abilene area, and providing scholarship funds for deserving area students who are attending Texas A&M. The Club currently offers scholarships funded by your Membership Dues, Reveille Donations, Newsletter Sponsorships, the Aggie French Fry Booth at the West Texas Fair, A&M Football on radio and the annual Golf Tournament. Donations may also be made directly to the Abilene Community Foundation Texas A&M University Scholarship Fund (tax-deductible) which is a perpetual fund using only the income generated for scholarships.

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