Howdy!

June will be a busy month for our Club. Bobby is getting the golf tournament lined out for June 6th at Diamondback Golf Course and Nick has organized a new fundraiser for the scholarship program. Coach’s Night with Coach B. J. Anderson will be held on June 17th. Check out the Good Bull section on page 6 for more information!

I have always believed that if you are not constantly progressing, you are naturally regressing, for time never stands still. Without a doubt, our Club and our University are progressing well. I also believe you must honor the past and let history guide you on your journey into the future. You can’t live in the past, but you better dance with the one that brung you. Aggies excel at honoring their heritage, just try to list all of the Aggie Traditions. We recently celebrated Memorial Day, as Aggies, we have a deep understanding of the significance of a holiday that honors so many of our own.

On June 6th, when the Club gathers to socialize, share a meal and enjoy a round of golf to benefit the future of A&M. I hope we each take a moment to reflect back 70 years, to June 6, 1944. D-Day, the day many consider the greatest military operation in history, the day that Allied forces stormed a beach in Normandy France, the day that marked the beginning of restored freedom in Western Europe. No one involved had a good job that day, and an Aggie from Eden, Texas who dug ditches to help finance his College education had the worst. Lt. Col. James Earl Rudder ’32 epitomized the Aggie devotion to honor, duty and commitment when he lead a small force of Army Rangers against the most heavily defended section of the beach and scaled 50’ rock walls under withering enemy fire to take a critical position. Although wounded twice while leading a unit that suffered over a 50% casualty rate, Rudder and his Rangers persevered.

Rudder ended his military career with the Rank of Maj. Gen. and returned to private life. But in 1959, he and his leadership skills were recalled to the AMC of Texas as president, a job that would require the same dedication and tenacity he displayed in 1944. Rudder’s vision for the future and his ability to implement that vision may be as significant in A&M’s position as a modern, world class university today, as it was on Omaha Beach in 1944. Many of his changes were unpopular to say the least and, he did not endear himself to many former students. But, we must ask, “Where would A&M be today if it was still an all male college with mandatory participation in the Corps of Cadets”? Unfortunately, Rudder did not live to see the end result of his “radical policies” that were certain to destroy A&M. Hopefully though, we can emulate Gen. Rudder’s commitment to the future as we honor our Aggie heritage.

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

June
June 1 - Class '43 White Belt Applications Due
June 4 - Regular Club Meeting
June 5 - Pit Packin', Butt Rubbin' 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—General Ramirez, Speaker
July 17 - Board of Directors Meeting
July 17 - Aggie Happy Hour

August
August 6 - Regular Club Meeting
August 21 - Board of Directors Meeting
August 21 - Aggie Happy Hour

September
September 3- Regular Club Meeting
September 18 - Board of Directors Meeting
September 18 - Aggie Happy Hour

SEPTEMBER 5 - 13 FRENCH FRY BOOTH
Introducing our June Speaker

Mr. Kevin Patteson

Kevin Patteson was named Executive Administrator of the Texas Water Development Board on October 1, 2013. Immediately prior to being hired by the Board, he was appointed by Governor Perry and confirmed the Senate, to serve as Executive Director of the Texas Office of State-Federal Relations from 2011-2013. As Executive Director of OSFR, he acted as a liaison between the state and federal government, helping coordinate state and federal programs, and providing information to federal agencies and Congress about state implications of federal actions.

Patteson also served as special counsel on federal initiatives for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, which included relocating to Washington, D.C. He also served as TCEQ Chairman Bryan Shaw's Special Counsel for 3 years, providing legal and policy advice on a wide array of environmental matters including, permitting, contested cases, and ratemaking. Prior state service includes Deputy General Counsel for TWC, and Assistant General Counsel for Governor Perry's office for 6 years. For Governor Perry, Patteson also served as ethics officer and as lead counsel for the Texas Enterprise Fund and Emerging Technology Fund.

He is an attorney and a member of the State Bar of Texas and a past member of the State Employee Charitable Campaign Policy Committee, after being appointed by Governor Perry in 2008 and reappointed in 2010.

Patteson holds a bachelor's degree and a law degree from Baylor University. But his greatest accomplishment was marrying Dub Pritchett’s granddaughter, Shannon and giving Dub and Mary 3 wonderful grandchildren.
2014 Scholarship Recipients

With the exception of Muster, the scholarship program is our Club’s most important project and the one that requires the most effort and commitment. This year, Marta, Roxanne and Clay Williams accepted the unpleasant task of paring the list of 19 applicants down to the 14 that would receive an interview. On May 4th, Marta, Roxanna, Joe Pierce, Mel and Clay Deatherage had the honor of visiting with these 14 outstanding individuals followed by the equally unpleasant task of selecting 10 to receive scholarships. Scholarships are awarded based upon a combination of financial need, academic performance, leadership and extracurricular activities and communication skills exhibited in the interview. Our goal is to select well rounded young ladies and gentlemen that will be Good Aggies and representatives of our Club. Based upon the interviews, it is safe to say, “Mission Accomplished”. Each winner and their parents have been invited to the June meeting. We are proud to introduce these newest members of the Aggie family.

Hunter Gibson is the son of Tammy and the late Randall Gibson. He is 8th in his class at Jim Ned. Hunter will be majoring in electrical engineering.

Madison Homeyer is the daughter of Carl and Sheila Homeyer. She is 1st in her class at Haskell High School. Madison will be majoring in nuclear engineering and wants to work in radiology at a hospital.

Dayana Hansley is the daughter of Roderick and Erica Hansley. She is 25th in her class at Abilene High. Dayana plans on majoring in biomedical engineering and is especially interested in advancing the technology of electroencephalograms (EEG).

Morgan Smith is the son of Jerrell and Rachel Smith. He is 7th in his class at Jim Ned. Morgan plans on majoring in aerospace engineering. His major interest is doing something with fluid flow.

Tye Calhoun is the son of Denis and Jeana Calhoun. He is 17th in his class at Wylie High School. He will be majoring in kinesiology.
Madi Byerly is the daughter of Daniel and Kristi Byerly. She is 1st in her class at Hamlin High School. Madi will major in biomedical science with plans to go to medical school.

Leddy McBride is the daughter of Donald and Lisa McBride. She is 4th in her class at Jim Ned. Leddy will be majoring in animal science with plans to go to veterinary school.

Patrick Dolan was awarded the Jim and Kim Snyder scholarship. He is the son of Patrick and Leila Dolan and is 38th in his class at Wylie High School. Patrick will major in mechanical engineering and is interested in working in the automobile industry.

Devin Lubin was awarded the “Blue” Denham Scholarship. He is the son of Matthew and Marquietta Lubin and is 23rd in his class at Abilene High. Devin will be majoring in mechanical engineering and wants to work in the energy field.

Jared Husman received the Club’s CFA scholarship. He is the son of Danny and Linda Husman and is 5th in his class at Albany High. Jared will be majoring in chemical engineering and wants to work in the petroleum

Did YOU Know?

The Texas Higher Education Journal, a recently launched online journal focusing on higher education in the Lone Star State, recently published a list of the Texas universities with the best 4-year graduation rates. Texas A&M University is ranked second, with a 4-year graduation rate of 50.7 percent. At the top of the list is the University of Texas at Austin with a 53 percent 4-year graduation rate, and in third is The University of Texas at Dallas with a 40.4 percent graduation rate. Of the top three universities Texas A&M has the lowest annual tuition and fees by over $1,500. t. u. obviously just gives up and passes some students each year to get rid of them. Kindergarten can’t be that challenging.
GOOD BULL

Scholarship Fund Projects!

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. Players and Sponsors needed!

1st Annual **Coaches Night**, **Tuesday, June 17th, 6:00 pm**, **Abilene Woman's Club, 3425 South 14th Street**.

The event will feature Coach **B. J. Anderson**, a steak Dinner, cash bar and a silent auction.

Ags, if you can **help with auctions items**, Please **contact Trey Todd**!

**Got any Good Bull? Send it to us!**
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
Please notify us of any prayer requests or concerns regarding our Aggie Family.

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

**Golden Reveille Donations:**

- $250
- $500

**I wish to be acknowledged:**

- in the Newsletter $75.00/yr
- on Aggie Football Radio $400.00/yr
- at the Golf Tournament

**Total Paid:** $______________

**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.

**Become a Member Today!**

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