Howdy Ags!

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So here I am in Nashville with my family. It's my second time to come to the Grand Ole Opry. The main attraction was Charlie Daniels band. At 80 years young, he can still wow the crowd. Just like I remember back in the 80's on campus in Jolly Rollie. What a great show.

After the show as we were leaving, a young man whipped out to me! Boy did it catch me off guard. Then I remembered I had on an Aggie cap. My aha moment. Hopefully we'll see even more Aggies during our visit.

We had a great coach's night with a positive message from Coach Price. It sounds like he's doing things right and teaching some values and morals to our team. He invites them to his house to see how a family functions. And how to treat others with respect. I believe he takes them to church too. Wow! Nick, Trey, Roxanne and the committee did a fantastic job. Four Aggies from San Angelo attended and want to try to copy our event. Coach's Night has been a success for 3 years now, even with the committee’s dedication and hard work, it would not be possible without the generous support of the sponsors. Please join me in offering them a very big THANK YOU!

I knew that Aggies are a breed apart from any other school AND THE Nashville experience served as a confirmation. Our traditions are still alive and well. Bring a friend and join us for lunch. And start planning on selling some fighting Aggie fries.

Remember, Whip out Ags!
Andrew Turnbull ’84
2016 Abilene A&M Club Calendar

August, 2016

August 3 - Regular Club Meeting
August 11 - Aggie Happy Hour
August 18 - Board of Directors Meeting

September, 2016

September 6 - Counselor’s, Student’s & Parent’s Admissions Workshop
September 7 - Regular Club Meeting
September 8 - 17 - Aggie Fry Booth
September 8 - Aggie Happy Hour at the Fry Booth
September 15 - Board of Directors Meeting

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Recapping our July Program

Last month, our Speaker Wrangler, Alice Yates, presented an outstanding program entitled, *Where Our Money Goes, Empowering Aggies through Hard Work, Dedication and lots of Aggie Fries.* This month, that theme continued with a presentation about the Study Abroad Program.

We met Jacy Andrews ’19 at our May meeting. She is enrolled in Mays Business School and involved in Kappa Kappa Gamma, Aggies For Christ and ASSIST (Aggies Selflessly Serving in Shaping Tomorrow) to help her spend her spare time. She also participated in the Studying Abroad program.

This month Jacy shared the details of her 5 week trip to Cape Town, South Africa where she earned 6 semester hours of credit and an experience that will benefit her for the rest of her life. In spite of the academic demands, Jacy, like all good Ags, managed to squeeze a little bit of fun in. Additionally, like all good Ags, she took time to help someone else. Her mornings were spent in the classroom and her afternoons were spent interacting with the locals and mentoring area children.

Ags we work hard to fund our scholarship program. Yet when we hear from Aggies like Jacy, we know there is not a bank in the world that can come close to the return on our investment the young men and women we fund provide. Her Aggie Mom, and Our Club can rightfully be proud of Jacy, her commitment to service and many accomplishments.
Coach’s Night Recap


Coach Price graduated from Texas A&M in 1992, and he played football at A&M under Coaches Jackie Sherrill and R.C. Slocum. Coach Kevin Sumlin hired him as A&M’s defensive line coach as part of his first coaching staff at A&M. Coach Price gave the Club a lot of great insight into the current state of the football program and the upcoming football season.

Coach Price told the Club that he regularly hosts his players at his house for backyard BBQs in order to give them a sense of home in Aggieland. Additionally, and most impressively, he discussed his philosophy of mentoring the young men he coaches. Not only does we help them to become outstanding players, he mentors them to be good Aggies. Unlike many coaches, Coach Price stresses the importance of their college education and strives to prepare them for life after football. Coach Price is a great Aggie and a great representative of Texas A&M. It was a treat listening to his insight into the football program, his methods of recruiting players and preparing them for life both on and off of the field.

We had 93 people reserve tickets for this Third Annual Coach’s Night, which is an increase from 72 for the first year and 80 for the second year. A great time was had by all who attended, and the silent auction, cash bar, and prime rib dinner were all very well prepared and were an added bonus to Coach Price’s presentation. After three years of existence, Coach’s Night has raised almost $10,000.00 for the Abilene A&M Club scholarship fund. Thanks to everyone who attended, and we hope to see you again next year at the Fourth Annual Coach’s Night!

Gig ‘em,
Nick Arrott II ‘00
Okay Ags, it is time to start salivating, the Fightin’ Texas Aggie Football Team and the Fightin’ Texas Aggie Band will soon take the field for the 2016 season. The Band will be no surprise as they’ve never lost a halftime. On the other hand, Forrest Gump’s mamma’s analogy of life could apply. Sometimes Aggie football is like a box of chocolates, never know what you’re gonna get. Nonetheless, win, tie or outscored, it is Aggie football and Aggies will stand with, beside or behind our team.

2016 Texas A&M Football Schedule

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Gig ‘em Aggies
Did You Know

For 300 years, La Belle sat in a watery grave in Matagorda Bay as time ravaged the historic ship that once belonged to famed French explorer Robert de La Salle. State archaeologists discovered the shipwreck in 1995 and ultimately plucked it from the muck. The ship and its artifacts, everything from muskets to hair combs, were then trucked to Texas A&M University’s Conservation Research Laboratory, which focuses primarily on conserving material from historic shipwrecks. Now, after almost 19 years of painstaking effort to restore and preserve La Belle, archaeologists announced this week that work is finally done on the ship. Considered one of the most important nautical archaeological finds of the century, the La Belle has been on display at the Bullock Texas State History Museum in Austin since late 2015. Just a few weeks ago, however, restoration was completed on the ship’s interior bulkhead.

In a somewhat unusual move, museum visitors have been allowed to observe the archaeology team up close as it worked on La Belle in the museum’s atrium. This fishbowl approach probably slowed the work even more, project manager Fix said, but everyone who’s been involved in restoring La Belle is passionate about sharing the ship’s rich history with the public. "Yes, that meant there were a lot more distractions but the ooh's and ah's from the kids who came to see the ship made it all worth it," Fix said. "As an archaeologist, I'm not used to people wanting my autograph. Unless you're Indiana Jones, that's not something that happens."

The La Belle, meaning "the beautiful," was constructed in France in 1684. It was one of four ships under the command of Rene-Robert Cavelier, Sieur de La Salle who hoped to colonize the Gulf Coast area. He and 300 settlers left France on Aug. 1, 1684, but within two years all four ships – Le Joly, L'Aimable, St. Francois and La Belle – either returned to France, sank or were captured by pirates.

Once excavated from the bay, La Belle and all of her artifacts were extensively photographed so archaeologists could have a detailed blueprint to help restore them at the Texas A&M lab. Even then, it was no easy feat.

Roxanne Schoen ’74
GOOD BULL

Aggie Happy Hour has changed days. **Happy Hour will now be held on the Second Thursday of each month.**

The new day for Happy Hour kicked off this month at our very own Jason and Jessica Adam’s **Vagabond Pizza.** Ags enjoyed pizza, cold beverages, dominoes and great camaraderie in one of Abilene’s newest restaurants. They also feasted on Kim’s homemade blackberry cobbler to celebrate Andrew Turnbull’s birthday. **Vagabond** is located on North 2nd between Pine and Cypress Streets. For great food, drinks and atmosphere, go by this new Aggie owned business that is contributing to the revitalization of downtown Abilene.

Prayers and Concerns

*Please keep us informed of Ags needing our thoughts and prayers*

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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