Howdy Ags!

To state the obvious, the May newsletter is late, really, really late. I apologize for its tardiness. We all take pride in being Good Ags and Good Ags should get the newsletter out on time and the only acceptable answer should be, No Excuses Sir, when it is late.

But sometimes a little thing called life gets in the way. If all it took to be a good Ag was to get a newsletter out on time, we would all be publishers and trees would be extinct. That little thing called life gets pretty complicated at times because of other little things called conflicts. If we are Good Ags at times, that first little thing called life forces to deal with those other little things called conflicts. This month there were a lot of conflicts. When a Good Ag is forced to prioritize conflicts, family, jobs, church, Muster, other Club activities, and helping other Ags in a time of need will take precedence every time.

The Club has been busy, the Muster committee did a great job, the scholarship committee endured a miserable day of interviewing a group of fantastic young ladies and gentlemen to determine which 13 would receive scholarships, another group from the Club hosted a barbecue in Aggieland so area students could meet network and enjoy some home cooking and the Coach’s night crowd is working hard to ensure that event will be bigger, better and generate more money for scholarships than ever before.

All I can do is offer a sincere Thank You to the Ags involved with these projects and promise to try to do better next month.

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

June, 2016

June 1 - Regular Club Meeting
June 5 - White Belt Scholarship Applications Postmark Date
June 13 - Coach’s Night
June 13 - White Belt Scholarships Announced
June 17 - Board Meeting
June 17 - Aggie Happy Hour

July, 2016

July 4 - Happy Birthday America
July 6 - Regular Club Meeting
July 15 - Board Meeting
July 15 - Aggie Happy Hour

Coach’s Night
June 13, Abilene Women’s Club
Recapping our May Program

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.* She compiled an excellent overview of some of our previous scholarship recipients and what they are doing at A&M. If you missed the meeting this will bring you up to speed.

**Pate Hughes:** Kinesiology-Sport Conditioning, Aggie Men’s Club, Marine Officer Selections Program  
Big Event Staff Assistant 2016, Favorite Aggie experience: Honoring Granddad (Harold Hughes) at Muster 2016, Marine Corps Officer (upon graduation)

**Jacy Andrews:** Mays Business School, Studying Abroad- Cape Town, South Africa, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Aggies For Christ, ASSIST (Aggies Selflessly Serving in Shaping Tomorrow)

**Madison Moore:** Urban & Regional Planning w/concentration in Housing, Economic & Urban Development Association of Student Planners, Grace College Ministry, Texas A&M Fellowship of Christian Athletes  
Summer job in Cincinnati with Gossman Group working on a long term plan for Downtown Abilene.

**Peyton Sanders:** Sport Management, Delta Zeta, Captain: Intramural Basketball Team, DZ Bible Study, Loves football games, escapes to Lake Bryan and Breakaway Ministries, Interning with A&M Football Program and Bennie Wylie.

**Dakota Riggs:** Electronic Systems Engineering Technology, Corps of Cadets, Corps Center Guard, Favorite Aggie Experience was earning his outfit shirt and rank at March to the Brazos, Will work and take 10 hours this summer.

**Maggie Branch:** AgriBusiness, University Honors Program, Agriculture Economics Honors Program, Loves Aggie Basketball and singing The Aggie War Hymn with the crowd, $3 Student Movie Tickets, Summer job in Abilene.

**Leddy McBride:** Animal Science, Pre-Vet Society, Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society, Saddle & Sirloin, Loves Midnight Yell, Study Abroad to South Africa for Wildlife Health Program.

**Elizabeth Brown:** Biomedical Sciences (Maybe a 4.0 Freshman Year), Texas A&M Pre-Med Society, Aggies for Christ, iHouse-helps integrate international students, Biomedical Research Certificate Program. Favorite Aggie Experience was attending Silver Taps.
THE ABILENE A&M CLUB PRESENTS
THE 3RD ANNUAL COACH’S NIGHT
FEATURING:
COACH TERRY PRICE
TEXAS A&M FOOTBALL DEFENSIVE LINE COACH

Where: Abilene Women’s Club
3425 South 14th Street
Abilene, Texas 79605

When: Monday, June 13, 2016, at 6:00 p.m.

What: The event includes a steak dinner, silent auction, cash bar, and a Texas A&M football state-of-the-union presentation from Coach Price.

Tickets: $35.00 per person or $10.00 per current A&M student in advance (if ordered on or before Monday, June 6, 2016).
$50.00 per person thereafter or at the door.

Century Sponsor Package: $400.00 for a premium reserved table for 8 people, sponsorship mention in the event program, and an Abilene A&M Club Coach’s Night collectible glass mug for all 8 attendees.

Title Sponsor Package: $1,500.00 for the same as above Century Sponsor plus recognition as the Coach’s Night’s title sponsor and Coach Price sits at your table with you and your guests.

See the back for ticket or sponsorship ordering details.

Contact Nick Arrott at (214) 683-6154 if you have any questions. All proceeds benefit the Abilene A&M Club’s Scholarship Fund.
The Abilene A&M Club’s 3rd Annual Coach’s Night
Ticket and Sponsorship Order Form

TICKET ORDER FORM

Contact Name: 
Phone: 

I would like to reserve the following tickets:

Single Ticket(s)*: $35, $10, or $50 Each X = $ 

* $35 per ticket (or $10.00 if current A&M student) if ordered on or before Monday, June 6, 2016; $50 per ticket if ordered thereafter.

To reserve tickets in advance, either register online at txag/coachsnight OR mail or deliver your payment with this completed ticket form to: Nick Arritt, 2 Village Drive, Suite 101, Abilene, Texas 79606.

Please make checks payable to: The Abilene A&M Club

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Sponsor/Company Name:

Primary Contact: 
Phone: 

*All sponsorships paid before June 6, 2016, will be included in the Event Program.

If you are purchasing a table or multiple tickets, then please provide a list of names of attendees:

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GOOD BULL

We would like for our current Aggie students to be able to attend Coach’s night as a group. This is a time that they can get to know their Big Country Aggie family. We don’t want the event to be cost prohibitive for them. When you are purchasing your ticket for this event, please consider buying an additional ticket to give to a student. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Buy One Give One

Did You Know

Did you know that there will be over 9,000 degrees awarded in May of 2016 on the main campus alone? This number does not include the graduates from the Qatar, Galveston, or Kingsville campuses, or the Schools of Public Health, Medicine, Nursing, Law or Dentistry. Starting on May 5th with TAMU Qatar and concluding on the main campus May 21st and May 26th for Baylor Dentistry campus, A&M will conduct 16 graduation ceremonies.

A&M’s College Station campus will conduct eight ceremonies over the course of four days, beginning Wednesday the 11th and going through Saturday the 14th, with over 8,100 students expected to receive a degree. The first ceremony will be held Wednesday for students receiving their doctorates of veterinary medicine. Thursday, the largest number of degrees will be awarded to students in the College of Engineering, with 1,623 students. Three ceremonies on Friday will include graduate and undergraduate degrees for College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Geosciences, Architecture, Science, Veterinary Medicine, Biomedical Sciences, Bush School of Government and Public Service, and Education and Human Development. In addition, Fridays 2:00 p.m. ceremony will include the commissioning for all branches of service. Saturday the Mays Business School will award degrees to 1,544 students. Graduate and undergraduate degrees from Mays will be awarded at a 9:00 a.m. ceremony. The 2:00 p.m. ceremony will award degrees from the College of Liberal Arts.

When most of us were at A&M graduation was a simple ceremony. You asked your family and friends to come, you walked across the stage at G. Rolly or Reed and then most left for “real jobs” or a few stayed for graduate school. Now depending on the degree awarded you must show a printed invitation (some colleges only getting 5 per student) to even be admitted in to the ceremony. Some will cross a stage at Reed while some will be in Rudder. There are also two or three possible times each day of graduation. If you have more than one student graduating you may be sitting in the cushioned chairs for a while. In the 1970’s we sat through the entire graduating class, there were no padded seats, no snacks or drinks available, if there was air conditioning it didn’t work well. I remember everyone dressed up and the whole ceremony was almost like church Today graduations have more of a “sporting event” feel. The concession stands are open so you can enjoy your Pepsi while having a hamburger or hotdog or crunching on nachos or popcorn. The dress code is, well, everything from Sunday best to beach casual. I long for the old days when the graduates were shown “respect” for their accomplishments by treating the ceremony like it is important. Sorry. I am editorializing, back to the subject, as of May 26th there will be over 9,000 new members of the Association of Former Students and the Aggie Network. Congratulations to you all.

Roxanne Schoen ’74
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.
## Membership Application

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- **Home Fax:**
- **Home City & State:**
- **Home ZIP:**

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### Annual Dues

- **Individual:** $35/yr
- **Aggie couple:** $35/yr

### I want to help with:

- Scholarship Selections
- Mustard
- French Fry Booth
- Golf Tournament
- Board of Directors

### Optional Reveille Donations:

- $25
- $50
- $100

### Golden Reveille Donations:

- $250
- $500

### I wish to be acknowledged:

- $75.00/yr in the Newsletter
- $400.00/yr at the Golf Tournament

### Total Paid: $__________

**Statement of Purpose:** 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.