Howdy, Ags!

Well we didn't exactly finish football on a positive note. However the sun did rise the next day. We have so many things to be thankful for in our lives.

Our speaker will be Billy Libby talking about a new book about Aggies in Vietnam.

I'm excited for a new year to commence. We have many changes to adjust and adapt. There is a new club representative from A&M as well as new elected officials. However, I'm still here. I can always take constructive advice. If you have ideas for speakers or events, please share with us. If I had a door it would be open. Thanks and gig 'em.

Remember, Whip out Ags!
Andrew Turnbull ‘84
2017 Abilene A&M Club Calendar

FEBRUARY

1st - Monthly Meeting
9th - Happy Hour at Joe Allen’s
16th - Board of Directors Meeting

MARCH

1st - Monthly Meeting
9th - Happy Hour at Abuelo’s
16th - Board of Directors Meeting

Gig ‘Em, Ags!

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AGGIELAND SATURDAY—FEBRUARY 11TH

Bring future Aggies to Texas A&M for a campus-wide open house on Feb. 11!

Aggieland Saturday is a great way for prospective students and their families to learn what A&M is like, and The Association of Former Students is proud to support this event.

You can simply show up on campus and guide yourself through the events -- a schedule will be posted soon at admissions.tamu.edu/agsat. There will be Aggie students stationed around campus to help guide you; look for the "ASK ME" signs!

For example, your group might arrive in the morning, attend one of the admissions sessions to learn about getting into A&M, stop by a table for financial aid information, meet by a fountain for a campus tour, then buy lunch at one of the campus dining halls, restaurants or snack bars before visiting a dorm to get a peek at student life.

Drop by and visit The Association while you're on campus! You can pick up a new decal for your car or check out the collection of Aggie Rings stretching back to the newly discovered 1890 Aggie Ring!
# FEBRUARY 2017

## SPORTS TO WATCH

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Aggie Traditions: 12th Man

On Jan. 2, 1922, the heavily outgunned Aggies were facing the top-ranked Centre College Praying Colonels on the gridiron in the Dixie Classic in Dallas. An Aggie by the name of E. King Gill, a squad player for Texas A&M’s football team, was up in the press box helping reporters identify players on the field below — and what was happening on the field wasn’t pretty.

The Aggies found themselves plagued by injuries, with their reserves seemingly dwindling with every play. As Texas A&M Coach Dana X. Bible looked across his rapidly emptying bench, he suddenly remembered Gill’s presence in the stands. Bible waved Gill down to the sideline and told him to suit up. Gill ran under the bleachers and put on the uniform of injured running back Heine Weir, who had been knocked out of the game in the first quarter.

Gill returned to the sideline, where he stood ready to play for the entirety of the game. When the last play was run, the Aggies found that they had pulled off one of the greatest upsets in college football history, winning the game 22-14.

And Gill remained standing, the only player left on the team’s bench.

Gill’s willingness to serve his team in 1922 has passed down from generation to generation of Aggies for more than nine decades, as Texas A&M’s student section stands together during entire football and basketball games, a symbol of the 12th Man on the team.

The power of the 12th Man is echoed in the unity, the loyalty, and the willingness of Aggies to serve when called to do so. And it is the reason that Texas A&M has earned a name that embraces Gill’s simple gesture of service: Home of the 12th Man.
Did You Know

I am going to deviate a bit from the normal column by sharing a recent experience. I had the pleasure of attending New Student Conference for incoming spring transfer students on January 10 and 11. As I drove to College Station I thought a lot about what information would be presented, and how certain issues are handled at our beloved University. Many college campuses are in the news these days some offering safe zones, or not allowing specific words or discussions on campus, or offering counseling because of "distress" over seeing a flag, or a cross etc.

NSC consisted of new students and their parents/guardians being treated to two days of walking, information sessions, walking, lunch, walking, planning class schedules, and walking... (Wow the campus has grown.)

Day one the students and their families were all in Rudder auditorium together. We heard from various "service" departments on how to get help with your computer, pay your tuition, and where to eat on campus. Who would have ever thought there would be 20 different places to eat? At lunch they broke the student away from the families and we each had our own yell practice, and discussion groups. (It was pretty entertaining watching the non-Aggie parents trying to imitate all the motions of the yell leaders.) The afternoon session for the students was all about respect, honor, and all the attributes that are expected of an Aggie. They also had a session on diversity and political correctness which I was told was pretty short and well done.

The second day we broke up into the different colleges and taken to small lecture halls. My granddaughter is a History major which is part of the Liberal Arts Department. I figured this might be where my fairly conservative thoughts and feelings would be bruised. Dr. Oberhelman gave the welcome and orientation for Dean Matthews who was out of town. He STRESSED respect for other peoples thoughts, feelings, and ideas. Much to my relief he STRESSED that there would be open dialog and that you may not agree with some ones opinion but that you would respect it. He emphasized that there would be discussions that might make you uncomfortable but that the reason the students and professors were there was to make the student think critically, share ideas, and learn from people with differing opinions. He also suggested that if this type of atmosphere wasn't for you that now was the time to try another institution of higher learning. Dr. Oberhelman concluded with having each student sign a code of conduct contract before releasing them to their advisors.
We want your feedback!

Is there anything that you would like to see in next issue of The Abilene Aggie? Do you have any ideas for events or fundraising? We would love to hear about it! Please send any feedback to andrewmoto@suddenlink.net or 325-673-6707.

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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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, Re却ille 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.